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Chapter 991: Parents' Revival

The final step of fusing the soul with the body required some time. It was not as fast as the two previous steps.

Bi Yuntian's entire body became enveloped in a bright white light. The light gradually permeated the ice caskets before enveloping it completely. Her soul slowly re-entered her body with the help of the Radiant Saint Force origin energy inside her head.

Jian Chen, Tian Jian, and the others watched Bi Yuntian fixedly. They were all filled with anticipation.

The mercenaries entering and leaving the city noticed the powerful white light from the origin energy. It immediately drew many of them over, but before they could approach the region, they were blocked by an invisible force.

However, this did not reduce the mercenaries' curiosity at all. They watched from afar, which caused more and more people to gather in the end. Very soon, it had even attracted a few old, knowledgeable mercenaries who cried out.

"That's the Radiant Saint Force that can only be controlled by Radiant Saint Master. Look at the coffin before the caster. Is it a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master resurrecting the dead, making the people in the coffin live again?"

As a chain reaction, all the mercenaries who watched on out of interest became stunned. They all looked toward Jian Chen's group with respect and admiration that they struggled to hide.

Ordinary Radiant Saint Masters were probably extremely commonly seen in Mercenary City, it would not attract anyone's attention. However, it would be a different story if they were Class 7.

This was because there were just too few Class 7 Radiant Saint Masters on the Tian Yuan Continent. There were only twenty or so of them, even with the whole continent in perspective. As such, they were even rarer than Saint Kings. Meanwhile, a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master had just appeared outside Mercenary City, currently casting the technique to resurrect the dead. This was something so rare that could never be seen even across thousands of years.

The news of a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master bringing back the dead outside Mercenary City spread very quickly, immediately creating a huge disturbance. Even more people hurried out from the city. They all wanted to see the heaven-defying abilities of a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master.

Some individuals from larger clans even considered pulling the Class 7 Radiant Saint Master to their side or recruiting them.

Very quickly, a huge, densely-packed crowd gathered outside the city. All of them watched on from five kilometers away, while a few Heaven Saint Masters took to the skies. They watched from high up, not because they did not want to approach Jian Chen's group, but because no one had the power to cross the five kilometer boundary.

Although Jian Chen's group knew what was happening in the surroundings, no one cared about it. All of them devoted their attention to Bi Yuntian inside the ice casket.

Time passed slowly. Night fell and day broke once more. Twenty four hours had passed in the blink of an eye and during this time, nothing happened to the light around Bi Yuntian. Jian Chen and the others stood like statues for the entire day.

A great group of people had gathered from Mercenary City. Although a whole day had passed, their numbers failed to decrease and had even increased. They formed a densely-packed encirclement around Jian Chen and the others.

At this moment, the milky-white light around Bi Yuntian began to fade and disappeared at a visible rate. Those with sharp eyes could tell that the light was not actually vanishing, but rather slowly entering Bi Yuntian's body. She was absorbing it.

Bi Yuntian's change caused Jian Chen's eyes to freeze. Then, he closed his eyes, using the three soul-techniques to check on the condition of Bi Yuntian's soul. When he opened his eyes once again, delight filled his face.

"It succeeded, it succeeded. My mother's soul has successfully fused with her body," Jian Chen said with a trembling voice. He was so ecstatic that he became rather unnatural. He had looked forward to this day for far too long.

Ming Dong, Tie Ta, and the others all smiled as well. They were happy for Jian Chen, that he could revive his parents.

The milky-white light completely disappeared and the paleness slowly receded from Bi Yuntian's face. It was replaced by a rosy red, but she did not wake up.

"According to the records of the three techniques, those who do not wake up immediately have their souls in an extremely weak form, which can't support their bodies. The souls need to be nourished for a period of time, with a maximum length of three days," Jian Chen murmured excitedly. Without any hesitation, he used the three techniques once more to revive Changyang Ba.

After another day, Jian Chen successfully gathered Changyang Ba's soul and fused it into this body. However, he did not wake up either. Both their souls were very weak and needed to be nourished in the body for a period of time before they were able to wake up.

Jian Chen's excitement had already peaked with the revival of his parents. He struggled to calm down even after quite a lengthy amount of time.

"Jian Chen, let's bring your parents into the city first. They can slowly awaken there," Tian Jian said as he saw more and more people gather in the surroundings.

Jian Chen agreed without any hesitation to this suggestion. He wanted to find a peaceful place for his parents to awaken.

Afterward, Jian Chen's group took to the air as Jian Chen carried the ice casket. They flew toward the city, directly entering it through the air.

Mercenary City had an iron rule that no one could fly within the city, or they would suffer the punishment of the barrier spirit. As a result, all the mercenaries became wide-eyed when they saw Jian

Chen's group enter directly through the air. They did not suffer any punishment, which caused the gazes of all the mercenaries to be filled with admiration.

"They must be part of the upper echelon of Mercenary City. Only the upper echelon have the right to fly in the city," discussed quite a few people.

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Jian Chen did not return to the divine hall. Instead, he went to another independent space under Tian Jian's lead. He settled down in a luxurious palace, quietly waiting for his parents to wake up.

Rui Jin and Hei Yu remained outside. Xiao Ling was already extremely merciful for letting the two of them into the city. No foreign race could enter the spaces carved open within Mercenary City.

Jian Chen, Ming Dong, and Tie Ta waited beside Bi Yuntian and Changyang Ba for the two to wake up. After two whole days, Bi Yuntian's finger finally twitched slightly. Then, her eyes slowly opened; her eyes were filled with confusion.

"Mother, you've finally woken up," Jian Chen called out with a trembling voice. Tears began to well uncontrollably in his eyes.

Bi Yuntian's eyes froze when she heard this familiar voice. The confusion quickly vanished from her eyes and she looked toward the direction of the voice. She immediately discovered Jian Chen's face, a face she was most familiar with.

"Xiang'er..." Bi Yuntian cried out. Her memories surged forth like a flood, before they stopped at the moment when old man Situ and his four other cronies had come to caused trouble for the Changyang clan.

Bi Yuntian's face changed abruptly when her memories reached there. She cried out, "Xiang'er, go. There are Saint Ruler coming to get you." Bi Yuntian had no idea she was no longer in the Changyang clan as she had just woken up. She subconsciously wanted to stand up from the bed, but as soon as she moved, she discovered that she was completely powerless. She could not even stand up.

"Mother, just lie there and don't move. Rest well first. The matters from before have already past. Those Saint Rulers can no longer oppress me," Jian Chen said gently as he hurried to urged Bi Yuntian to lie down.

These slight movements seemed to have consumed all the power left in Bi Yuntian. She collapsed powerlessly onto the bed and heaved heavily for quite a while. Then, she asked, "Xiang'er, just what has happened to me? Why don't I have any power?" Bi Yuntian's eyes suddenly narrowed as she said that. She became shocked and murmured, "I clearly remember that I died to the hands of that Saint Ruler, so how am I still alive? Xiang'er, what is this all about? And where is this place? It doesn't seem like the Changyang clan."

"Mother, this is Mercenary City..." Jian Chen started to explain everything from start to end.

"What did you say!? Xiang'er, it has already been ten years since then? And my life was resurrected by your abilities as a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master?" Bi Yuntian became tongue-tied after she learned everything that had happened in all those years. She became filled with disbelief.

Jian Chen nodded and replied, "Mother, there's also father. Father has been saved by me as well, but he's currently unconscious. He should wake up shortly."

Afterward, Jian Chen, Ming Dong, and Tie Ta sat down beside Bi Yuntian and began talking with her. They told her the matters that had occurred in the past ten years as well as the changes to the Changyang clan bit by bit. However, they did hide some parts.

Half a day later, Changyang Ba woke up as well. He learned about his current situation from Jian Chen very quickly, and also became tongue-tied. He struggled to calm down after a very long time.

The one most excited was definitely Jian Chen as his parents both woke up. Jian Chen had never been so happy even with all the years that had passed.

Jian Chen spoke some more with his parents, before leaving with Ming Dong and Tie Ta. He left them in a safe environment to rest well. This was also to give them some time to accept what was going on.

In the next few days, Jian Chen made soup from hundred-year-old heavenly resources, which possessed a mild medicinal effect to nourish his parent's body. Afterward, he slowly increased it to several-hundred-year-old heavenly resources, and then thousand-year-old and several-thousand-year-old heavenly resources.

His parents had just been resurrected. Their souls and bodies had been separated for so long. Although their bodies had been maintained perfectly and had been nourished by the origin energy of Radiant Saint Force, a huge disparity still existed if they were compared to the bodily conditions of ordinary people. They needed to slowly recuperate.

Bi Yuntian and Changyang Ba recovered quickly under the medicine made from the heavenly resources. They made a full recovery in just half a month.

The two of them had completely accepted the unbelievable facts that lay before them after the half a month of buffering. They knew that they had died once already.

Chapter 992: Whereabouts of Seven Beast Furs

Jian Chen finally completely his greatest wish with the revival of his parents. He was extremely happy in the past few days.

Half a month later, Jian Chen gathered with Bi Yuntian and Changyang Ba. The two had fully recovered. However, something heavy seemed to be weighing on their minds.

"Xiang'er, we've stayed at Mercenary City for so long. It's about time we leave. We'll be returning to the Changyang clan," said Bi Yuntian.

"Sigh, so much time has passed in the blink of an eye. Xiang'er, we've left the Changyang clan for just too long. We learned about some of the situations the Changyang clan experienced, but we're still impatient to return. Since, that's our home," Changyang Ba said as well. The thought of going home had laid in the couples' minds the whole time they rested. They were just too weak before, so they did not mention it.

Jian Chen agreed without any hesitation after hearing this. He said, "Mother, Father, since you want to return so much, let's leave Mercenary City as soon as possible." Jian Chen seemed to think of something

as he spoke up to there. He hesitated slightly before speaking with mixed emotions, "Mother Father, the clan has changed greatly now. Because I wanted you to recuperate peacefully after having your souls fuse into your bodies, I hid some things from you."

Jian Chen had indeed explained the situation of the Changyang clan to the couple roughly in the past few days, but he did not go into detail. He hid a lot of matters and did not mention the protector clans at all. He did this so that his recently revived parents could recover peacefully. After all, it would just be too shocking for the two if he recounted the connection between the Changyang clan of Lore City and the protector Changyang clan.

Jian Chen no longer had any worries now that Bi Yuntian and Changyang Ba had both made full recoveries. He narrated everything regarding the Changyang clan in a more complete fashion, including the situation with the Changyang clan of the protector clans and the return of the founder, Changyang Zu Yunkong.

Changyang Ba and Bi Yuntian were about to return to the clan, so Jian Chen only wanted to let them know about the situation beforehand. This would allow them to mentally prepare themselves. That way, they would not become dumbfounded after they returned.

Changyang Ba and Bi Yuntian both become dumbstruck once again after learning these matters. Their hearts churned, and they struggled to calm down even after a very long time.

The two of them had never thought that the clan would have such a profound history, much less think that the founder was actually a member of the ten protector clans of the continent.

Jian Chen left the room, providing his parents with a peaceful environment so that they could accept everything. Jian Chen only skimmed over what he had gone through in the past ten years with a few sentences and did not go into the details. He had experienced quite a lot of bloodshed and danced between the edge of life and death many times. He did not plan on telling his parents about this, as it would make them worry.

At the same time, Jian Chen did not tell them about his conflict with the ten protector clans. That was not something for the couple to interfere with at all, so if he told them about it, it would only burden them.

Afterward, Jian Chen found Ming Dong and Tie Ta. He had learned from Tian Jian that Ming Dong had reached the peak of Heaven Saint Master long ago and had always been stuck at the obstacle of reaching Saint Ruler, unable to break through.

Jian Chen pulled out three pieces of white beast fur and a scroll from his Space Ring. Then, he passed these things to Ming Dong. He said, "Ming Dong, these items can assist you in the comprehension of the mysteries of the world and thus help you with your breakthrough. I relied on them to reach Saint Ruler before. You should stay in Mercenary City and work hard on cultivation in the next few days so you can reach Saint Ruler as fast as possible."

Ming Dong did not try to turn these items down out of politeness and took the three beast furs and the scroll from Jian Chen. He nodded determinedly and said, "Don't worry Jian Chen. The next time we meet, I would have definitely already become a Saint Ruler."

At this moment, Tian Jian walked in from outside. He casually glanced at the items in Ming Dong's hand. At the very start, he paid no mind to it, but in the next moment, his eyes suddenly narrowed. He began to stare fixedly at the three white beast furs. With a slight movement, he immediately arrived before Ming Dong. Afterward, he took the three furs from Ming Dong's hands and began to examine them. He was surprised.

Ming Dong, Jian Chen, and Tie Ta all became stunned with how Tian Jian had reacted. Afterward, Jian Chen seemed to realize something and a gleam of light flashed through his eyes. He asked, "Senior Tian Jian, do you recognize these three beast furs?"

Tian Jian did not reply immediately. He caressed the beast furs for quite some time before nodding slightly. He looked toward Jian Chen in interest and asked, "Where did you get these three pieces of beast fur, Jian Chen?"

"I obtained them from various places years before. Senior Tian Jian, do you know the secret that's hidden within them?" Jian Chen asked. He had already learned some basic information regarding the furs from Mo Tianyun, but it was limited. He knew nothing else other than the fact that there were eighteen in total and only a Saint Emperor's soul could fuse them back together.

Jian Chen had always been extremely curious toward the secret hidden within these beast furs.

After a while of thought, Tian Jian said, "Mercenary City also has a piece of beast fur. An elder accidentally obtained it several hundred thousand years ago, and we've kept it all the way until now. The mysterious and powerful energy is hidden within the beast fur and as it oscillates, no one can sense it. But when it awakens, it can display the mysteries of the world. It's extremely wondrous. However, the beast fur is extremely tough. No one in the world can tear it apart. Even I can't."

"Many of my predecessors of Mercenary City have tried guessing the secret of the beast furs before. However, they said nothing other than guessing that it came from the Winged Tiger God of the ancient times."

Tian Jian rubbed the beast furs gently and mumbled, "Mercenary City has one piece, the ten protector clans hold onto six pieces and with the three pieces in your possession, there's a total of ten that has appeared now. I wonder just how many there are in total."

Jian Chen could not help but feel disappointed after he failed to learn anything substantial from Tian Jian. However, he did learn one thing; at least he learned the whereabouts of seven other pieces. One was with Mercenary City and six were with the protector clans. Only the locations of the remaining eight were unknown.

"These beast furs can only be fused with the soul of a Saint Emperor. There's no need to hurry!" Jian Chen thought. He made up his mind; he needed to gather all the pieces somehow in the future.

Tian Jian passed the beast furs to Ming Dong once again and said, "It should only be a matter of time before you reach Saint Ruler with these three beast furs. It's a pity that the beast fur in Mercenary City's possession is in the divine hall left behind by the city lord. A Saint Emperor grand elder left it there all those years ago, so I cannot retrieve it at all. Otherwise, I would have lend it to you long ago so that you could reach Saint Ruler as soon as possible."

Then, Tian Jian looked toward Jian Chen and said, “Jian Chen, I know you need to leave. Go with your parents. Ming Dong and Tie Ta will stay here. Once Ming Dong reaches Saint Ruler, he will go looking for you. Tie Ta’s identity is relatively special though. His constitution as the war god has already awakened completely, and his special characteristics have become even more obvious. Meanwhile, you’ll be coming into contact with the protector clans very often in the coming period of time, so Tie Ta cannot go with you. Even I won’t be able to do anything once he gets recognized by the protector clans. After all, he’s not a member of the human race, and the protector clans have a vendetta against the previous war god.”

Jian Chen nodded silently. Tian Jian was right. Tie Ta’s identity was just too special. His strength was still not enough to contend with the protector clans, so it would be best if he did not interact with the protector clans. Jian Chen would definitely stand with Tie Ta if his identity was exposed. However, once he helped out Tie Ta, the protector clans that hated him would probably brand him as a traitor. Even the Changyang clan of Lore City would be pulled into the matter and would result in extremely severe consequences.

Tie Ta’s face immediately darkened after he heard Tian Jian’s words. He became extremely heavy-hearted.

Jian Chen patted Tie Ta’s chest and said, “Tie Ta, just cultivate here at ease. I will come back in the next few days.”

Tie Ta nodded silently.

After bidding farewell to the two of them, Jian Chen left with Bi Yuntian and Changyang Ba, along with Rui Jin and Hei Yu. Xiao Ling naturally tried to persuade him to stay before he had left. It took up a great effort before Jian Chen managed to convince Xiao Ling.

Chapter 993: You Yue’s Feelings

Thanks to the assistance of Rui Jin and Hei Yu, Jian Chen’s journey was extremely easy. Hei Yu directly ripped open a Space Gate, crossing over a million kilometers in a mere step. They directly arrived in the space above the Changyang clan in Lore City.

Right now, Jian Chen was completely certain that Rui Jin and Hei Yu only followed him to protect the Winged Tiger God. He had already grown accustomed to them following him closely everywhere.

Jian Chen originally wanted to visit the Tianqin clan in Walaurent City to see Qin Xiao. However, he gave up on the idea after considering that it was just too inconvenient with his parents as well as Rui Jin and Hei Yu. He decided to spend the next period of time dealing with the matters at hand, before proceeding to the Tianqin clan to find Qin Xiao. He had no idea how Qin Xiao was after they had separated for ten years—was he married? Did he have children? What level of strength did he grow to?

Jian Chen brought Bi Yuntian and Changyang Ba back with Rui Jin and Hei Yu, which immediately led to a very large uproar in the clan. Very few people in the clan knew that Jian Chen was a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master, so many of them felt utterly astounded with Bi Yuntian and Changyang Ba’s resurrection.

Changyang Zu Yunxiao and Changyang Zu Yunkong viewed Changyang Ba and Bi Yuntian's return with great importance. They set aside their lofty statuses and personally went up to receive them. They were extremely polite, and did not display the haughtiness commonly seen between different generations.

After all, they had given birth to the pride of the clan, Jian Chen.

As Changyang Ba and Bi Yuntian already had some prior understanding of the clan before they had arrived, they did not panic or become surprised when they saw Changyang Zu Yunxiao, Changyang Zu Yeyun, or the Changyang clan ancestor. They greeted the three of them as juniors, as they were Changyang Zu Yunkong's descendants after all.

Bi Yuntian and Changyang Ba were nimble-minded people. When they saw how politely the esteemed Changyang Zu Yunxiao and Changyang Zu Yeyun treated them, they immediately understood that it was all because of their son. They could not help but feel extremely proud, but in no way did they become arrogant.

Later that night, Changyang Zu Yunxiao personally held a banquet to welcome back Changyang Ba and Bi Yuntian. Even the king of the Gesun Kingdom ran over from a very great distance and warmly greeted Changyang Ba and Bi Yuntian. He made his mind up to establish a tight relationship with the clan, as he was only on friendly terms with Changyang Ba and Bi Yuntian in the clan other than Jian Chen.

The king mentioned the marriage between his daughter and Jian Chen once again to Changyang Ba and Bi Yuntian during the banquet. He used various excuses in an attempt to make the marriage occur earlier. He was eager for Jian Chen to become his son-in-law.

Changyang Ba and Bi Yuntian naturally agreed with the king's suggestions. They were also eager for Jian Chen to marry You Yue, but with Jian Chen's present day status, they could no longer force him into the marriage. They still needed to ask Jian Chen himself.

Jian Chen had just returned to the continent, so he had a lot of matters to attend to. The white tiger's mother, Rum Guinness, needed to be saved, and the white tiger also needed to take its revenge. Jian Chen also needed to take revenge for the massacre of the Bi clan, deal with Tie Ta's identity, deal with the threats from the Beast God Continent, deal with the sea goddess' task and so on. These matters would all take a large amount of time to complete, so he could not afford to think about matters of love. As a result, he pushed it back time and time again. He knew that this was very unfair to You Yue, but he could do nothing about it.

You Yue, who sat beside Jian Chen, naturally became extremely happy as soon as she heard her father mention the marriage with Jian Chen. She was filled with anticipation, but she still became extremely disappointed in the end.

"Xiang'er, you're not young anymore. It's about time you consider marriage. Yue'er has already waited for you for over a decade. Do you still want to keep her waiting?" said Bi Yuntian, as she persuaded him earnestly. She liked You Yue very much as a daughter-in-law.

Jian Chen also became filled with uneasiness. He said, "Mother, I'll find some time to marry Yue'er after I deal with the matters at hand." After these words left his mouth, he could not help but think about Huang Luan who he was in love with, as well as the Heavenly Enchantress who he ended up sleeping with since they had no other choice. His emotions immediately became mixed.

“Mother-in-law, let’s talk about it after Jian Chen deals with his matters. Yue’er is busy with the Flame Mercenaries right now as well, so I’m not in the mood to deal with marriage at this time either,” You Yue said gently. Her soft voice was as pleasant as a lark’s call. Although she said this, You Yue’s gaze toward Jian Chen still hid a deep bitterness.

At the banquet, Changyang Zu Yunkong formally announced Changyang Ba as the patriarch once again. Changyang Ba would be dealing with all the matters of the clan. The position of patriarch was finally passed on officially.

The position did not mean anything, but it at least showed Changyang Zu Yunkong’s acceptance and respect for Changyang Ba.

The sun had set completely after the banquet ended. However, the Changyang clan was still completely bright. Groups of guards patrolled the surroundings with their chest held high. They were in fine spirits, constantly looking around sharply like eagles.

Jian Chen and You Yue walked around in the slightly-dark back garden. They walked together slowly and said nothing. Jian Chen was calm and revealed an expression of thought from time to time. He seemed to have a lot that weighed on his mind. Meanwhile, You Yue looked toward Jian Chen from time to time. Her eyes were bright and enchanting.

In the end, Jian Chen and You Yue arrived in the pavilion of the garden. The night breeze was gentle. Jian Chen stood in the pavilion with his arms crossed behind his back, as he looked at the fishes within the lake. His luxurious white robes fluttered gently in the wind.

“Jian Chen, is there something on your mind?” said You Yue gently, as she looked at Jian Chen brightly.

“You Yue, I’ve really let you down. I’ve made you wait for so long in the past few years, but I really do have a lot of things to attend to right now...” Jian Chen said apologetically. He felt riddled with guilt.

You Yue raised her arm gently and used her thin fingers to cover Jian Chen’s mouth. She stopped what Jian Chen wanted to say next and looked toward Jian Chen with tender affection. She said softly, “Jian Chen, don’t say any more. I know it has been very hard for you in the past few years. You seem extremely glorious on the surface, but all that glory was exchanged from risking your life. In the past few years, you’ve worked very hard to increase your strength, almost dying countless times. It has been harder for you than anyone. Those hair-raising situations you’ve been in exceeds anything we can imagine.”

“Jian Chen, go attend to your matters without worry. I am weak and cannot help you with anything, but I will wait for you silently. I will stand behind you quietly and follow your shadow, and quietly support you from behind.”

Suddenly, Jian Chen looked at You Yue’s face when he heard these words. He was deeply moved once again as he looked at her weary face.

“Yue’er...” Jian Chen said gently. He opened his arms and hugged You Yue tightly. Immediately, a faint fragrance entered his nose. Coupled with You Yue’s petite body, Jian Chen felt enchanted.

A sliver of visible panic appeared in You Yue’s eyes when Jian Chen suddenly pulled her in, but she calmed down very quickly. A faint red flush immediately dyed her cheeks. She extended her arms to

embrace Jian Chen as well and gently placed her head on his chest. She slowly closed her eyes to enjoy this lovely moment in all of its detail.

In this moment, You Yue felt like she had obtained the world. There was nothing more wonderful than embracing her most beloved person.

A while later, You Yue said gently, "Jian Chen, I know you won't be able to stay at the clan for very long. Can you tell me when you will be leaving?"

After a slight pause, Jian Chen said with difficulty, "Tomorrow."

You Yue's body shook. She looked toward Jian Chen, unwilling for him to go. "You just returned. Can't you stay for a few days longer?"

Jian Chen shook his head slowly and said, "I need to deal with some matters as soon as possible."

You Yue embraced Jian Chen even more tightly. She said after a period of hesitation, "Jian Chen, I want to be with you. If there's no danger, please bring me with you."

Jian Chen hesitated when he heard this. After a period of thought, he realized that what he would be doing was nothing dangerous. Also, he had Rui Jin and Hei Yu by his side, as well as the protection from the Octoterra Divine Hall and the saint artifact. As a result, it was unlikely that You Yue would be in any danger, so he agreed.

He had owed You Yue enough. It really was hard for Jian Chen to turn down such a small request from her.

Chapter 994: Rum Guinness

You Yue immediately became emotional when she saw Jian Chen accept her small request. She was extremely happy.

In the morning of the next day, Jian Chen took You Yue with him as he left the Changyang clan with Rui Jin and Hei Yu.

The wild wind whistled in the sky as it blew past them like a gale at sea. It was terrifyingly loud, almost like thunder.

Jian Chen held You Yue's thin waist as he flew through the sky, flying in a straight line toward an unknown location. A barrier formed from World Force staved off the wind around them.

You Yue became slightly flushed from Jian Chen's embrace. However, happiness filled her as well. She smiled slightly as she looked at the receding landscape below and Jian Chen's face.

"Jian Chen, where are we going next? Will it be dangerous?" You Yue's voice was filled with excitement as she looked at Jian Chen brightly. This was the first time she had wandered the Tian Yuan Continent in her entire life, and it was with her most beloved and most admirable partner. It was impossible for her to be unexcited.

Jian Chen flipped his hand, and a white tiger hair suddenly appeared in his palm. This hair was originally left behind by Xiao Bai's mother—Rum Guinness. She left it behind so that they could find her in the future.

Jian Chen gently brought the hair to the white tiger that lied gently on his shoulder. He said, "Xiao Bai, it'll all be up to you if you can find your mother or not."

The white tiger's interest was immediately piqued. Suddenly, it stood up. It stared unblinkingly at the white hair in Jian Chen's hands with its eyes wide open. Rare, mixed emotions began to pour from its pure eyes.

The white tiger could not even open its eyes when it had left its mother—it probably did not even know what she looked like. However, it was impossible for it to mistake his mother's scent, because this was a natural instinct of magical beasts that humans did not possess.

"Grrrr..." The white tiger produced a throaty growl as if it was crying in anguish. It also seemed to be talking to Jian Chen, even though he could not understand it at all. The white tiger appeared to miss its mother after catching a whiff of her scent.

The white tiger was currently a Class 7 Magical Beast, but the time since its birth was just too short. His current mind was even more undeveloped than Xiao Ling from Mercenary City.

The white tiger gently raised its furry front paw and opened its mouth slightly. A wind blade shot out and cut its paw. Immediately, a droplet of bright red blood dripped out and fell accurately onto the hair in Jian Chen's hand.

Only the blood from the white tiger could activate the hair that Rum Guinness left behind.

The hair immediately turned completely red after it absorbed the blood. It began to glow with a demonic red light, before it broke free from Jian Chen's grasp. It shot off into the distance with lightning speed.

Jian Chen tightened his arm around You Yue and fused with the surrounding space. He used Spatial Force to travel, turning into a blur as he chased after the tiger hair.

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In the northern parts of the continent, there was a marsh perpetually covered by a layer of poisonous gas. Countless poisonous bug and feral beasts lived in the marsh, and there were plenty of Class 6 Magical Beasts.

The marsh was in an extremely desolate region, as the poisonous gas there was just too potent. Even Earth Saint Masters were not resistant to it, and most detoxifying pills were ineffective. As a result, it became labeled as a forbidden region to most mercenaries. Only Heaven Saint Masters could survive within it.

In the center of the marsh, powerful booms constantly rang out despite the thick, green poisonous gas that clouded the area. It caused the gas to churn constantly as violent ripples of energy radiated outward.

More than ten experts floated in the air at the center. They rained down powerful attacks one after another, striking the marshland below.

Their wild attacks formed a huge ditch. It revealed a dull barrier that enveloped an underground cavern. It seemed to shake more and more under the rain of attacks. There were signs of it almost breaking.

“Put in some effort, everyone. There’s not enough energy in the barrier. It’ll break very soon.” A gray-haired old man in luxurious golden robes floated high up in the sky as he stared coldly toward the shaking barrier. He directed the Heaven Saint Masters to attack the barrier in turns, which constantly ate away at the barrier’s energy.

The old man was a former patriarch of a large clan nearby. He was also the most powerful person in the group and had reached Saint Ruler already. However, he only belonged to the First Heavenly Layer.

“Old man Hou, are you sure there’s a heavily-injured Class 7 Magical Beast hiding behind the barrier? A Class 7 Magical Beast is on the same level of cultivation as you, and magical beasts are just innately more powerful than us. If we break the barrier, we’ll definitely aggravate the magical beast inside. If it isn’t as weak as you anticipated, it would be a disaster,” a Heaven Saint Master asked out of worry as he attacked the barrier.

The old man referred to as old man Hou coldly glanced at the Heaven Saint Master. His gaze was like a sharp knife and pierced the Heaven Saint Master’s heart. It immediately made him tremble, and fear rose from the bottom of his heart.

All those below Saint Ruler were ants. Even though old man Hou was only at the First Heavenly Layer, the Heaven Saint Masters were as weak as ants before him.

“Don’t worry. Ever since I discovered something odd here, I’ve always kept an eye out. I’m certain that it’s an injured Class 7 Magical Beast hiding in the barrier. It must be healing here, so it can’t threaten us at all,” old man Hou said nonchalantly. He was filled with confidence. He could tell that the magical beast that hid behind the barrier was much stronger than himself. If it were not injured, he definitely would not have come to provoke it. He did not take part in breaking the barrier, as he needed to remain in top condition in order to deal with the magical beast’s counterattacks.

“Class 7 Monster Cores are like great treasures on the Tian Yuan Continent. They’re invaluable. If I can obtain a Class 7 Monster Core and absorb all the energy inside it, my strength will be elevated to another level,” old man Hou thought.

A snow-white, three-meter long tiger lied weakly on the ground inside the dark cave protected by the barrier. It stared powerlessly at the constantly-shaking barrier as despair filled her eyes.

She was Xiao Bai’s mother, Rum Guinness.

When the tiger king from the Gilligan clan initially injured her, she was already at the edge of death and extremely weak. The tiger king had also deposited his power into her body, and only a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master could cleanse it. It had been sealed up by Jian Chen’s power as a Class 6 Radiant Saint Master before. However, this had limited her strength and her recovery speed at the same time.

She needed to devote all her strength to suppressing the dark energy, or it would break through the Radiant Saint Force seal. She would be dead for sure at that point.

It had consumed a lot of her strength to maintain the seal over the years. She had less than a hundredth of her peak power. As such, once the barrier broke, even Heaven Saint Masters could kill her off, let alone Saint Rulers.

As soon as she tried fighting back, the tiger king's energy would destroy the Radiant Saint Force seal that Jian Chen left behind.

Chapter 995: Imminent Danger

"My child, it's a pity that I can't see you one last time. I wonder how you are right now. Did following that human make you suffer?" Rum Guinness thought inside. Despair had already filled her heart. She knew that the barrier would not last much longer without more support from her. She was dead for sure after it had broken.

Although she was a powerful Class 7 Magical Beast, she was no longer in her peak condition. She did not possess her previous strength.

At this moment before death, she missed and worried about her child the most.

Outside, the booms from the barrier constantly rang out. The Heaven Saint Masters rained the barrier with attacks under the directions of the Saint Ruler. This made the barrier's power rapidly decrease.

Old man Hou floated in the air. He stared coldly at the barrier below as caution flooded his eyes. He had already charged up his strength, secretly ready to strike out at any moment. He made his preparations so that the Class 7 Magical Beast hiding in the barrier would be unable to attack him suddenly.

Far away, Jian Chen tailed the white tiger hair as he carried You Yue. The white tiger stood on his shoulder. He traveled toward the north of the continent, where Rum Guinness had hidden herself.

At the side, Rui Jin and Hei Yu followed him closely. Although they could rip open Space Gates, they had no idea of the precise locations as there was only the tiger hair as a guide. As a result, all they could do was follow the tiger hair.

However, they were still extremely fast even though they were flying.

In the blink of an eye, several days had passed. Jian Chen's group had crossed through countless kingdoms of various sizes as well as many mountain ranges. They flew constantly and approached the north after they traveled for tens of millions of kilometers.

At the same time, the Heaven Saint Masters finally broke through Rum Guinness' barrier. The barrier had repelled their attacks for over ten days, and this consumed all its energy. It revealed the dark entrance to the cavern.

The Heaven Saint Masters immediately retreated after the barrier broke. Old Hou entered the cavern carefully alone. He saw the powerless Rum Guinness on the floor at first glance.

Rum Guinness' eyes were filled with weakness and were dull. She glanced at old Hou, before she slowly closed her eyes. She had already accepted death now, as she did not have the power to flee in her current condition. Even if she made a final, full-powered retaliation regardless of the consequences, she would not be able to injure a Saint Ruler in peak condition.

Old Hou stood cautiously as he stared fixedly at Rum Guinness for a while. Only after he confirmed that the Class 7 Magical Beast was actually heavily injured did he relax slightly. However, he was still unwilling to be careless. With a wave of his hand, he gathered a powerful energy, shooting it toward Rum Guinness with lightning speed.

Boom!

Rum Guinness was sent flying without any resistance. She collided against the cavern wall behind her heavily before she fell to the ground. A few mouthfuls of blood immediately spurted from her mouth. A terrifying injury had formed on her body as blood flowed from it. It dyed her snow-white fur red.

Rum Guinness' eyes darkened once more. She became even weaker.

Old Hou could not help but laugh aloud when he saw this. He said, "Looks like my worry was unneeded. Your injuries are far worse than I had imagined. Looks like I'll be able to obtain a Class 7 Monster Core and a magical beast corpse with ease today."

As he spoke, energy began to gather in old Hou's hands once more. He struck toward Rum Guinness again. He was unwilling to approach Rum Guinness at all out of caution, afraid that she was faking it all.

The white tiger that stood silently on Jian Chen's shoulder suddenly trembled when Rum Guinness was injured. Two streaks of light immediately shone from its eyes and the vast presence of a Class 7 Magical Beast began to radiate from its tiny body. The presence contained a burning fury.

Roar! The white tiger roared loudly at the sky. It was not like its earlier growl, but a true tiger's roar. It was deafening and basically spread through the entire sky.

Afterward, the white tiger leaped off Jian Chen's shoulder. Its curled-up wings suddenly unfurled and began to flap. The white tiger turned into a white streak as it shot off with unbelievable speed. It disappeared in an instant, almost like teleportation. It was moving as fast as it could.

The white tiger's sudden actions caused Jian Chen and the others to become stunned. However, Jian Chen realized something very quickly and his face sank. He hoarsely said, "Xiao Bai's mother is likely to be in danger right now. Let's hurry."

"Jian Chen, your comprehension of the mysteries of the world is just far too limited. Let me take you," Hei Yu said. With a wave of his arm, an invisible force instantly surrounded Jian Chen and You Yue. Afterward, it did not hold back at all, fusing them with the surrounding space even more. Through the use of Spatial Force, they turned into a blur with Rui Jin and Hei Yu. They passed the tiger hair instantly as they chased after the white tiger.

Rum Guinness had taken several heavy attacks in the marshland. She lay on the ground on her last legs, as blood had dyed her completely red. The blood on the ground had already formed a pool, while her eyes were dark. She seemed to almost close her eyes.

Old Hou smiled ruthlessly. He no longer had any fear now and a curved blade appeared in his hand. He planned on giving Rum Guinness a final strike to completely end her life.

Roar!

At this moment, a great roar boomed from afar. The sound began near the horizon and rapidly grew louder and arrived nearby in an instant.

The roar possessed a great pressure like the angry roar of a lord. All the magical beasts living in the poisonous marshland were frightened, collapsing onto the ground as they trembled.

Even the Heaven Saint Masters and old Hou were frightened by the roar. However, the effect was not as heavy as they were humans.

“T- that’s a Class 7 Magical Beast. Another Class 7 Magical Beast has actually come.” Old Hou’s expression changed drastically, becoming extremely ugly.

Chapter 996: Hanging by a Thread

Old man Hou stood in the cavern dumbstruck. He was no longer as complacent as he seemed before, and deep fear completely enveloped him.

As a Saint Ruler, old man Hou was extremely knowledgeable. He knew quite a lot regarding Class 7 Magical Beasts. They were naturally more powerful than humans of the same cultivation level. The chances of a human’s victory were pitiful if they fought a magical beast with a similar cultivation level. He was a Saint Ruler, but he did not possess any powerful battle skills. All he could do was probably flee if he came across a Class 7 Magical Beast, and he could tell from the roar that the magical beast hurrying over was far stronger than him. This made it even more difficult for him to deal with the current situation.

“How is this possible? How can another Class 7 Magical Beast appear here?” Old man Hou murmured with a trembling voice. Without any hesitation, he no longer bothered to kill Rum Guinness in the cavern. Instead, he turned into a blur and fled at his greatest speed.

At the same time, the stunned Heaven Saint Masters outside returned to their senses. They immediately began to flee as fast as they could without anyone’s orders. They could tell from the great roars that the Class 7 Magical Beast was in top condition, unlike the heavily injured one in the cave. Even the esteemed old man Hou was not the opponent of a peak condition Class 7 Magical Beast.

The Heaven Saint Masters fled into the distance at virtually the same time as old man Hou. Old man Hou fused with the surrounding space and hurried along with his abilities as a Saint Ruler, so he was extremely fast. Meanwhile, the Heaven Saint Masters could only fly slowly.

In the blink of an eye, old man Hou was about to disappear into the horizon, but a white figure rushed over from behind with a speed countless times faster than old man Hou. It crossed through several dozen kilometers in the blink of an eye and blocked old man Hou. To no surprise, it was a huge, thirty-meter-long white tiger with wings on its back.

The white tiger floated impressively in the air as it blocked old man Hou’s path. Its eyes no longer shone with a pure light. Instead, a vicious light glowed in its eyes. It seemed like a bloodthirsty beast.

The white tiger’s incomparable speed immediately caused old man Hou to pale from fright. The strength of the Class 7 Magical Beast before him was beyond his imaginations.

Roar! The white tiger roared at the sky angrily and did not give old man Hou any more time to flee. It swung its front paw directly toward old man Hou's neck.

As soon as old man Hou wanted to dodge, he discovered with fright that the space around him had been frozen unknowingly. It immobilized him.

Shwt! The white tiger's sharp claws ripped the hopeless old man's throat in half. The white tiger had beheaded him, and his body fell while his head remained in the sky.

The white tiger growled constantly. It opened its mouth, and an energy ball that radiated with powerful ripples shot out. The ball directly collided with old man Hou's head.

The old man's head immediately exploded with a boom; the tiger had directly wiped out his soul. Saint Rulers were rather difficult to kill, but that was only the case when the opponent had a similar strength. Ordinary Saint Rulers could not even flee before the Winged Tiger God.

The white tiger's fury did not decrease at all after it killed off the old man. He continued to chase down the remaining Heaven Saint Masters with surging killing intent. Even though they had all used a very smart tactic and dispersed, they were nowhere as fast as the Winged Tiger God. The white tiger caught them one by one. With a flurry of its paws, the white tiger ripped the Heaven Saint Masters into pieces. Their blood dyed the sky red.

Although the white tiger was young, it had experienced quite a few events as it followed Jian Chen in all these years. It rarely ever fought, but bloody scenes like these were common to it. As a result, it was not soft-hearted at all when it came to killing people.

The white tiger still seemed to be angry after it killed the Heaven Saint Masters. It produced a deafening roar at the sky once again, which frightened all the magical beasts in the marsh. All of them were on the ground; they trembled as fear filled their eyes.

Rum Guinness lay in her own blood within the cave as she faced death. She opened her darkened eyes with difficulty. Even though she was weak, this did not hide the excitement and emotions within her eyes. As a magical beast, and a high class magical beast in particular, Rum Guinness could naturally feel a special connection with her kindred. She knew that her child that she had not seen for many years had returned since the first roar.

"My child, my child, my child has come back," Rum Guinness said in the human tongue. Her voice was so soft and weak that it was barely audible, but indescribable emotions filled it. Blood constantly flowed from her mouth as she spoke, which made her seem extremely miserable.

The white tiger outside the cave constantly shrank before it became a meter in length as it entered the cavern step by step. Its pair of snow-white wings were slightly unfurled as they flickered with a soft white light. It seemed extremely impressive.

Growl! The white tiger produced a throaty, trembling growl in anguish when it saw Rum Guinness who lied in a pool of her own blood. The white tiger seemed to be crying, as it could clearly feel that its mother's presence was becoming weaker and weaker. Her life force drained away constantly.

Rum Guinness was heavily injured now, so she no longer had any power to keep up the seal within her body. The dark energy broke through as it constantly ravaged her body.

“Child, my child. I thought that I would never be able to see you again. Now that I can see you right before I die, I can die without regrets,” Rum Guinness said in the human tongue. Her voice was so weak and soft that it was barely audible. She struggled to open her eyes, and she looked at the impressive white tiger before her with deep love. Pride filled her eyes.

At this moment, Jian Chen, You Yue, Rui Jin, and Hei Yu also arrived. Jian Chen’s expression immediately changed when he saw Rum Guinness’ condition. He appeared before her in the blink of an eye. A golden streak of light shot out from the center of his eyebrows and landed in his hand as a palm-sized golden tower.

“Human, I haven’t misjudged you. I can feel that my child has grown to Class 7. I thank you for looking after my child for all these years.” Rum Guinness looked toward Jian Chen with gratitude.

“Don’t talk for now. I’ll save you immediately,” said Jian Chen.

“The seal within me has broken. The dark energy a king from the Gilligan clan deposited in my body is currently invading my soul, so my soul will be wiped out very soon. It’s too late,” Rum Guinness said disjointedly.

“I’ll protect your soul with a strand of Radiant Saint Force origin energy. Don’t worry, you’ll be saved.” With a thought from Jian Chen, a strand of origin energy emerged from the top of his head and quickly floated to the tip of his finger. He extended his finger and the strand of energy immediately disappeared into Rum Guinness. It prevented the dark energy within her from tunneling deeper.

Afterward, Jian Chen immediately contacted the artifact spirit to bring Rum Guinness into the artifact space without any hesitation. Right now, Rum Guinness was in an extremely dangerous situation. He could heal her with his abilities as a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master, but the artifact spirit’s abilities were even greater. He chose to let the artifact spirit heal her personally as a safety measure.

The white tiger nervously stared at the saint artifact that floated in the air. It produced a deep growl as if it was pleading the artifact to save his mother.

Jian Chen rubbed the white tiger’s head and said, “Xiao Bai, don’t worry. It’s not like you don’t know what the artifact spirit is capable of. Don’t worry, he’ll definitely save your mother. Your mother will be fine. Let’s go. We should enter the artifact space as well.”

Afterward, Jian Chen entered the artifact space with You Yue and the white tiger. Only Rui Jin and Hei Yu remained outside as they kept guard.

Chapter 997: Recovery

Rum Guinness lied on the floor in the very center of the huge hall within the artifact space. She was at the edge of death, and her breathing was extremely weak.

In the form of a middle-aged man, the white-robed artifact spirit had already received Jian Chen’s orders. It appeared out of nowhere beside her and extended a finger. Then, a strand of extremely pure Radiant Saint Force origin energy entered Rum Guinness’ body. Immediately, a thick layer of white light enveloped her entire body. It was impossible to tell what was happening inside.

Jian Chen, You Yue, and the white tiger appeared out in the hall. Jian Chen and the white tiger stared unblinkingly at Rum Guinness, who was covered by the white light. At the same time, You Yue constantly looked around in curiosity, as this was the first time she had come to this place. She observed everything present.

Rum Guinness' body was in an extremely horrible condition. The dark energy left behind by the king from the Gilligan clan ravaged her body constantly, and it slowly extended toward her soul. If Jian Chen had not arrived in time and used a stand of origin energy to guard Rum Guinness' soul, she would have faced grim possibilities. It would make it very difficult to say that she could survive.

Although Class 7 Radiant Saint Masters could revive the dead, that only applied when the soul still existed. If the soul was killed off as well, even the one and only Class 8 Radiant Saint Master from the ancient times would have been unable to revive them, let alone Class 7 Radiant Saint Masters.

The hall fell into an awkward silence. Jian Chen and the white tiger stared unblinkingly at Rum Guinness and made no sounds at all.

After she looked around a few times out of curiosity, You Yue gradually lost interest as well. She also focused her gaze on Rum Guinness and thought, "Is that Xiao Bai's mother? She can speak human tongue. It also looks like she's at least a Class 7 Magical Beast."

The origin energy under the artifact spirit's control was much more powerful and pure than Jian Chen's. Rum Guinness' condition took a good turn very quickly under the personal treatment of the artifact spirit. Her body, originally riddled with injuries, slowly began to return to its previous condition. Even the dark energy within her was completely purged.

Four hours later, the white light around Rum Guinness finally disappeared. Her fur was no longer bloody. Instead, she now had a layer of beautiful, snow-white fur. Her dull, weak eyes also shone with spirit once again and became bright once more.

The artifact spirit's origin energy was far beyond anything that Jian Chen could match up to. Not only did it completely heal a Class 7 Magical Beast at the edge of death in such a short time, it had even recovered her soul to its peak condition.

Rum Guinness slowly rose up from the ground. Although her injuries had been completely healed, her energy had not been replenished at all. As a result, she was still drained and very weak, which made it rather difficult even when she just tried to stand up.

Rum Guinness' body changed, and she turned into her human form very quickly. She became an extremely sturdy middle-aged woman.

"I thank you for saving my life. Not only would I have failed to see my child ever again if you hadn't made it on time, I would not even be able to survive any longer. The kindness you have shown the two of us is so great that I cannot return it even with my life," Rum Guinness thanked Jian Chen.

Jian Chen smiled calmly and replied, "Senior, you don't need to be so polite. I sure have made you suffer though, making you wait so long before I could heal your injuries completely." Jian Chen looked at the white tiger when he reached this point, before he continued, "Senior, you have not seen your son in so

many years. You must have a lot to say, so I won't disturb you any longer. The two of you should catch up properly."

With that, Jian Chen and You Yue directly left the hall. They gave the two of them plenty of space.

After Jian Chen and You Yue had left, Rum Guinness looked at the impressive white tiger. She could naturally tell at first glance that her son was a Class 7 Magical Beast already.

When the white tiger had first left her side, it was still a cub that could not even open its eyes. Now, it had become a powerful Class 7 Magical Beast. Its growth speed was so great that even Rum Guinness felt extremely shocked. She also felt great excitement and happiness.

Jian Chen and You Yue walked beside each other and arrived on a nearby slope. Jian Chen looked into the distance. Then, he sighed deeply. Jian Chen had finally completed a task that had burdened his mind for many years. Rum Guinness was finally healed, and Xiao Bai had reunited with her.

You Yue stood silently beside him. She hugged Jian Chen's arm as the light in her eyes flickered. She constantly observed the weird world inside the saint artifact. It was clearly different in some aspects compared to the world outside.

"Jian Chen, where is this place?" You Yue asked. Her voice was as pleasant as a lark's call.

"This is the space within the saint artifact," Jian Chen explained the matter of the artifact space to You Yue. It immediately allowed her to come to an understanding and widened her horizons. She was amazed.

At this moment, a powerful ripple of energy surged through the entire artifact space from the hall. All the Class 7 Magical Beast sensed this and looked toward the palace in suspicion immediately.

Jian Chen also looked toward the direction where the energy ripples came from. He could feel a vague pressure of the world hidden within. Only the use of Heaven or Saint Tier Battle Skills would cause this phenomenon.

"It's Nubis. Looks like he's already achieved some success with his research of the Saint Tier Battle Skill," murmured Jian Chen. However, he also knew just how profound Saint Tier Battle Skills were. They could not be learned so easily. Not to mention that Nubis was changing the battle skill to suit himself, which made it even more difficult. Although he had achieved some success, there would still be quite some time before he completely succeeded.

Not long afterward, a white figure shot over. It was the white tiger, pulling his mother to Jian Chen's side. As soon as they arrived before Jian Chen, Rum Guinness knelt down toward Jian Chen and bowed her head. "Savior, thank you for protecting my child. I have already learned what the savior has experienced from my child. Not only did the savior face the pursuit of the king from the Gilligan clan to protect my child, the ten protector clans even forced you to leave the continent. Savior's kindness is so great that I, Rum Guinness, will use my life to return to the favor. I am willing to work like a slave for savior..."

"Senior, please get up." Jian Chen quickly helped Rum Guinness off her knees. Although he was stronger than her now, Jian Chen still felt some respect toward Rum Guinness, which was why he still referred to her as senior.

Rum Guinness was a great mother. Just that was enough for Jian Chen to respect her.

Afterward, Jian Chen said a few polite words to Rum Guinness, before getting her to recuperate properly. She would leave after she had completely recovered.

Growl! The white tiger produced a deep growl as he looked at Rum Guinness. Hatred filled his eyes.

Rum Guinness rubbed the white tiger's head and said, "Child, of course, you need to take revenge for your father, but the king of the Gilligan clan is powerful. He's a Class 8 Magical Beast, and we are not his opponent with our current strength. Child, once you become a Class 8 Magical Beast, we'll kill our way into the Gilligan clan together and avenge your father." Rum Guinness' voice also became filled with hatred as she reached the end of these words.

Years ago, her husband had died at the hands of the king from the Gilligan clan to protect her and her child. His soul had been wiped out.

Jian Chen's eyes turned cold when he heard this. He said with a deep voice, "Senior, the tiger king from the Gilligan clan almost killed me years ago. I have an absolutely irreconcilable enmity with him. Once you recover, we'll kill our way into the Gilligan clan together."

Chapter 998: Calling on a Helper

Rum Guinness glanced at Jian Chen with suspicion, as if she wanted to see through Jian Chen's strength. However, she could not see through him with her level of cultivation, so Jian Chen seemed like an ordinary person before her.

"The two of us are extremely grateful that the savior could help us, but the king of the Gilligan clan is just too powerful. Also, he has the support of many Class 7 Magical Beast elders. We will definitely not risk this so easily until we are sure that we can achieve victory," said Rum Guinness. Although she had learned many of the things Jian Chen had gone through throughout the years from the white tiger, she was still unsure of Jian Chen's exact strength.

However, Rum Guinness could guess. When she first saw Jian Chen, he was still an Earth Saint Master. He was unworthy of any importance in her eyes. To her, it was impossible for him to surpass her in this time no matter how great his talent was.

Rum Guinness credited it all to some protective treasure on Jian Chen as to why she could not perceive his strength. After all, the saint artifact was a very good example of a protective treasure.

Jian Chen could not help but smile when he saw Rum Guinness's lack of confidence. "Senior is over-worrying. The king of the Gilligan clan may be a Class 8 Magical Beast, something equal to human Saint Kings, but he can still be considered as a weaker Saint King. I naturally have my methods of dealing with him. He cannot threaten us."

"Really? Do you really have the power to defeat the Gilligan clan?" Rum Guinness said in surprise. She became delighted.

Jian Chen nodded and said, "Senior, recuperate your strength first. Once you're in peak condition again, we'll head to the Cross Mountains immediately and kill our way into the Gilligan clan. We'll take revenge for your husband and Xiao Bai's father."

Afterward, Rum Guinness returned to the hall to recuperate. Jian Chen did not disturb Nubis who was comprehending the battle skill, so he strolled around the artifact space at leisure with You Yue.

The artifact space had existed for hundreds of thousands of years. After such a long time, the place had become filled with countless magical beasts. Many Class 7 ones still remained even though all the Class 8 ones had left.

The Class 7 Magical Beasts were born in the artifact space and also died inside there. They knew that there was a world outside the artifact space, but they could not leave at all to their dismay. They were essentially trapped in the artifact space, unless they reached Class 9 and became an existence on par with Saint Emperors. Otherwise, they would never be able to see the outside world.

“There are quite a lot of Class 7 Magical Beasts inside the saint artifact. If I use them correctly, they can be an extremely powerful force,” Jian Chen thought. He began to think of using the Class 7 Magical Beasts, but he dismissed it temporarily after some careful consideration.

If he let out all those Class 7 Magical Beasts, the first people to stop him would probably be the ten protector clans. He knew very well that the protector clans would definitely let so many Class 7 Magical Beasts appear on the Tian Yuan Continent, much less give him control over so many and let the protector Changyang clan’s power increase.

He no longer feared the ten protector clans, but this was all because Rui Jin and Hei Yu were supporting him. If the two of them were not present, it would be very hard to contend with the other protector clans with just the Changyang clan and themselves.

“I’ll subdue those Class 7 Magical Beasts after I become powerful enough to take the protector clans head-on. There’ll be a day where they’ll become useful to me,” thought Jian Chen. He became extremely determined. He was unwilling to waste the huge force inside the artifact space.

He just could not use it right now.

The artifact space also contained many heavenly resources. Jian Chen was able to conduct a harvest properly over the next few days and collected a large amount of heavenly resources. He planned on bringing them to an alchemist and refining them into pills in the future. This would allow the Flame Mercenaries to grow stronger and simultaneously raise the people who were loyal to him.

He had poured all the heavenly resources he had obtained from Tian Jian before into the white tiger with not a single one remaining. Other than the aged Dragon’s Saliva he had kept before, he possessed no other heavenly resources.

Jian Chen met the Class 7 crow king once again during these few days. Jian Chen had once killed many of the crow king’s descendants when he competed within the artifact space as a Radiant Saint Master. This made it hold quite the grudge against him. If it were not for the fact that all the Class 7 Magical Beasts and above were trapped by the artifact spirit before, he probably would have been ripped into pieces long ago by the crow king.

However, it was different from before now. When Jian Chen met the Class 7 Magical Beast once again, it did not dare to show any dissatisfaction toward Jian Chen at all. Instead, it bowed politely to him, while

Jian Chen did not make any trouble for it either. After all, it was possible for the crow king to become a general under him in the future.

Several days later, Rum Guinness' strength fully recovered. She was back at her peak. Then, she left with Jian Chen.

Jian Chen brought You Yue, the white tiger, and Rum Guinness out of the artifact space and returned to the cavern. He noticed Rui Jin and Hei Yu meditating nearby as soon as he emerged. The two of them had always been guarding the area for the past few days.

Rui Jin and Hei Yu opened their eyes slowly and stood up at the same time. They looked at Rum Guinness nonchalantly as a sliver of interest flickered through the depths of their eyes. Although Rum Guinness' strength was insignificant before the two, her status as the Winged Tiger God's mother was enough to deserve special respect.

"Senior, now that we've found Xiao Bai's mother, let's go take revenge at the Cross Mountains. Please help me pave a convenient path there," Jian Chen said to the two of them.

Rui Jin spoke up after some thought, "In the few days we spent in Mercenary City, we gained a rough understanding of the current situation on the Tian Yuan Continent. The Cross Mountains possesses a force from the Beast God Continent, so if you provoke them so openly, it's extremely likely that the Beast God Continent will react violently. We're also almost the enemies of both the Tian Yuan Continent and the Beast God Continent simultaneously now, while the Beast God Continent has three Class 9 Magical Beasts. Two of them have always been trying to get their hands on the Winged Tiger God, while the other is not trustworthy even though it has stood on the side of the Winged Tiger God."

"There is also the human Saint Emperor from the Tian Yuan Continent. Although his soul attacks cannot do anything to Hei Yu and me, his target is the Winged Tiger God as well. If he works together with the Class 9 Magical Beasts of the Beast God Continent, it'll be very hard for us to deal with them with just Hei Yu and me. As such, we want to increase our power."

"Senior Rui Jin, do you want to gather the other Class 8 Magical Beasts that left the artifact space with you?" Jian Chen felt pleasantly surprised.

"I'm not talking about them. They can't deal with Class 9 Magical Beasts even if they gather together. I was talking about that Scorching Divine Phoenix of the Divine Phoenix clan," said Rui Jin. Then, he turned to Hei Yu and said, "Hei Yu, go with Jian Chen to the Cross Mountains. I'll go find Hong Lian. If there's anything you can't deal with, contact me through the secret technique."

Hei Yu nodded silently.

Rui Jin meant it when he said he was going. He immediately ripped open a Space Gate and left. Hei Yu did not tarry either, also ripping open a Space Gate to the Cross Mountains and leaving with Jian Chen and the others.

Jian Chen passed through the Space Gate with You Yue, and they traversed several million kilometers in an instant. Soon, they arrived at the edge of the Cross Mountains. Afterward, they all flew toward the depths of the mountain range.

The high-ranked members of the nine other protector clans were all gathered together right now, excluding the protector Changyang clan. Other than the nonchalant expressions of the people from the Pure Heart Pavilion, everyone else had their brows furrowed and were stern.

This was not the first meeting they had held in the past few years. However, the intent was the same for all of them whenever they held one. If it were not about the Winged Tiger God, it would be about Jian Chen and the Changyang clan.

Jian Chen had returned with the advantage of a divine hall, and even Saint Kings at Great Perfection could not harm him at all. They all felt extremely threatened by him as the Winged Tiger God followed him as well, along with his connection to the Changyang clan. They felt even more uneasy now that Jian Chen had the two supreme experts, Rui Jin and Hei Yu, beside him.

Although the protector clans were the ultimate force that protected the continent, a balance formed between them at the same time. They restrained each other, so even if a certain clan became powerful, they were unable to surpass a certain level. However, the current Changyang clan had already surpassed what they could allow or endure.

If the Changyang clan obtained the help of Rui Jin and Hei Yu, they could not be suppressed even if all nine other clans worked together. They had a lot of hidden power, but this could only be used against invading foreigners or when they came across existences that they could not repel.

Kaiser and the tiger emperor Lankyros gathered on the ninety-eighth floor of the Beast God Hall in the center of the continent. They were both sunken-faced.

“Cangqiong actually hindered me in the most crucial moment. If he had done something on that day, the Winged Tiger God would have fallen into our hands long ago.” Kaiser clenched his fist tightly. He was extremely angry.

Chapter 999: Returning Mightily

Lankyros’s face was also ugly, as he stood with his chest bare opposite of Kaiser. The light in his eyes flickered, and he said coldly, “Cangqiong treats the Winged Tiger God in a completely different manner to us. If he’s present, he’ll ruin our plans sooner or later. His existence is a great latent danger.”

Kaiser’s eyes also flickered. He growled after a while, “If it were possible, I really would like to eliminate Cangqiong. However, he’s one of the three rulers of the continent. If he falls, our continent’s power will be greatly affected as well. Also, how difficult is it to kill a Class 9 Magical Beast? Not to mention, Cangqiong is part of the Peng clan. Their speed is the greatest in the world, so he can move around as he wishes. If he wants to flee, neither of us can stop him.”

“Then what do we do now? Do we just watch the Winged Tiger God grow rapidly in the hands of that human youngster?” Lankyros furrowed his brows. He was extremely stern. “The Winged Tiger God is growing much faster than we expected in the hands of that human youngster. I never thought it would reach Class 7 so quickly. If it has some more time, it probably won’t take long before the Winged Tiger God grows to a level that we can’t deal with. At that time, it’ll become our calamity. We did try to harm it before after all, and its father’s death is connected to me in a way I cannot hide.”

Kaiser also furrowed his brows tightly when he heard that. He was confident in his own strength and feared no one. Origin energy had also ceased in the world, so breaking through was much more difficult than before, which made it impossible to surpass Saint Emperor. As a result, it was almost impossible that the Winged Tiger God could grow to a point where it could threaten him.

However, the Winged Tiger God's fame was just too great. It was the irrefutable beast god since the ancient times, and its scariness and talent were indescribable. Beasts of antiquity could not compare with it, which was why Kaiser felt a little worried as well.

Kaiser stood silently for a very long time in the center of the ninety-eighth floor in thought. His eyes flickered, as he appeared hesitant.

A while later, he seemed to finally make up his mind. His eyes suddenly stopped wavering, and he growled, "We can't drag out the matter of the Winged Tiger God any further. The human Saint Emperor just happens to want the Winged Tiger God as well. We have similar intentions to him, so maybe we can work together."

Lankyros hesitated, "Will he agree?"

"He wants to benefit from the Winged Tiger God, which will be impossible for him unless he works with us. After all, that human youngster has the protection from two experts that I can't deal with," Kaiser growled.

"Alright then. We'll go discuss it with the path lord of carnal desires later," Lankyros said helplessly.

Afterward, Kaiser and Lankyros left the Beast God Hall together. They ripped open a Space Gate and proceeded to the Tian Yuan Continent.

With their strength as Saint Emperors, the protector clans could not discover them when they went to the Tian Yuan Continent as long as they did not create too great of a disturbance. As a result, the agreement of no trespassing between the Beast God Continent and the Tian Yuan Continent was purely ornamental to two of them, existing but without any real function.

A ruddy old man silently appeared outside the ninety-seventh floor of the Beast God Hall after Kaiser and Lankyros had departed. He looked deeply in the direction that they traveled off to, as his expression changed constantly.

He was one of the three rulers of the Beast God Continent, the peng emperor Cangqiong.

Cangqiong floated in the air as he stared off in the direction of the Tian Yuan Continent for a very long time. In the end, he sighed gently and shook his head, before returning to the Beast God Hall. He murmured gently, "The Winged Tiger God has the protection of the dragon king, the Divine Golden Dragon. It shouldn't face any dangers."

"But where did they get their origin energy armor and weapons from? I wonder about the Sacred Dragon's Spear and Sacred Dragon's Armor in the hands of the Golden Divine Dragon in particular. They are holy items of the Dragon clan that vanished with the disappearance of the Dragon clan and the Divine Phoenix clan all those years ago. Why would it suddenly appear in his hands?"

“And according to my understanding from the records about the Dragon clan, the two items don’t possess origin energy at all...”

A majestic palace stood in the depths of the Cross Mountains. Class 6 Magical Beasts would constantly move around in its surroundings, entering and exiting from time to time. There was a plentiful number of them.

The rare Class 6 Magical Beasts on the continent could be seen everywhere here, because this was where all the high class magical beasts gathered. There were even quite a number of the Class 7 Magical Beasts, existences that were otherwise almost extinct on the rest of the continent.

This was where all the power of Cross Mountains gathered, the Gilligan clan.

A burly, middle-aged and bare-chested man meditated in a room within the Gilligan clan as he cultivated. Powerful ripples of energy permeated his surroundings, which caused the space in the room to constantly tremble.

He was the tiger king of the two kings of the Gilligan clan that had almost killed Jian Chen back when he left the Cross Mountains.

The terrifying energy slowly settled down and a while later, he opened his eyes gradually. A sliver of weakness was hidden deep within his eyes.

“I wonder when I can finally recover my strength at the Second Heavenly Layer,” the tiger king murmured to himself. When he went to deal with Jian Chen all those years ago, a great expert of the human race injured him in the crucial moment, which forced him to resort to a self-cannibalizing secret technique to flee. He was extremely injured, while his strength at the Second Heavenly Layer had also fallen to the first. This made it extremely difficult to heal, where even after so much time, he still had yet to make a full recovery.

The tiger king stood up from the icy-cold floor. He paced around the room with his brows furrowed. He seemed rather stern.

“I suddenly felt uneasy a few days ago, as if something big is going to happen, something extremely bad for me. Just what is going to happen?” he murmured to himself. His eyes flickered as he revealed an expression of thought. He recollected everything that had happened in the past few years several times.

Suddenly, his eyes froze and, he mumbled, “Is it because of the Winged Tiger God? Impossible. The Winged Tiger God is still young and weak. It’s already extremely fortunate to be able to survive from the threat of the ten protector clans, so why would it make me feel uneasy?”

The tiger king had always remained in seclusion to recover in the recent years, and had basically cut himself off from the outside world. His understanding of what had happened on the continent was rather limited. He knew that the ten protector clans had basically scoured the continent for the Winged Tiger God, but he had no idea that Jian Chen had already returned forcefully with the Winged Tiger God.

The barrier around the room suddenly disappeared. The door of the room opened, and the tiger king disappeared.

At the same time, a group of unwelcomed guests had arrived in the depths of the Cross Mountains that was known to be forbidden to humans. Jian Chen entered the depths of the Cross Mountains with You Yue, Hei Yu, Rum Guinness, and the white tiger brazenly. They flew toward the Gilligan clan in a threatening manner.

They flew extremely quickly, shooting across the sky like comets. They disappeared in the blink of an eye.

There were quite a few Class 7 Magical Beasts in the depths of the mountain range, so their threatening manner of arrival naturally alarmed many of them. Powerful presences immediately appeared in many areas and six Class 7 Magical Beasts in human form shot toward Jian Chen's group from afar with lightning speed. They blocked the path of Jian Chen's group.

A magical beast glanced across the five of them sharply and growled, "There are humans among you. Don't you know it's forbidden for humans to enter the Cross Mountains? All those who trespass the depths of the mountain range are to be killed without mercy." When he reached this point, he suddenly paused. He stared at Rum Guinness with shining eyes and cried out of surprise, "Rum Guinness, how is it you?"

The other magical beasts all looked toward Rum Guinness as well. Their expressions changed and became extremely mixed. There was animosity as well as regret.

Rum Guinness slowly made her way to the front. She looked at the Class 7 Magical Beasts with some emotions and said bitterly, "Elders, long time no see. I hope you are still well.

The magical beasts all looked at each other. Then, someone stepped forward. He pointed toward her and started to curse, "Rum Guinness, the river king said that your couple was working with humans, wanting to do horrible things to the Gilligan clan. We didn't really believe it at first, but by the looks of things, he was right. You really are working with humans."

"Working with humans," muttered Rum Guinness. Afterward, she smiled sadly and said, "It's fine if the tiger king tried to kill us. I never thought he'd incriminate us with such a great crime as well."

"Rum Guinness, since you've become a traitor of the Gilligan clan, you're our enemy. Elders, let's do it. Kill the traitor." Powerful ripples of energy immediately began to permeate from the Class 7 Magical Beasts as soon as they finished these words. They were about to attack. Although they could not see through Jian Chen and Hei Yu's strength, the Cross Mountains were their territory, so they feared nothing.

Jian Chen's eyes grew cold. Just as he was about to draw his Emperor Armament, an earth-shaking tiger roar suddenly rang out from behind. It was extremely loud and echoed through the surroundings. It almost rang through the entire mountain range.

The tiger roar possessed a great pressure, like the descent of a supreme lord. It was enough to make all bow down.

This was the pressure of the Winged Tiger God. It possessed an ability to suppress magical beasts on a spirit level, so with the white tiger's roar, the entire mountain range became silent. All the Class 6 Magical Beasts and those below collapsed on the ground as fear filled their eyes.

Even the Class 7 Magical Beasts they faced up against were stunned. They all forgot to attack, and stared at the white tiger by Rum Guinness' side in shock.

A white-robed, middle-aged man suddenly snapped open his eyes as he cultivated inside the Gilligan clan. He leaped up from the ground and stared off into the distance in shock. He cried out, "The Winged Tiger God!"

At the same time, the tiger king also trembled violently when he heard the great roar right after he had left his room. Disbelief flooded his eyes and, he called out involuntarily, "The Winged Tiger God. It's the call of the Winged Tiger God. It has actually come to the Cross Mountains."

Chapter 1000: Revelation

The white tiger's angry roar shocked the entire mountain range. Its effects were undoubtedly earth-shaking; not only did the expressions of all the Class 7 Magical Beasts inside the Gilligan clan change drastically, even the two kings were shocked.

The Class 7 Magical Beasts that wanted to deal with Rum Guinness all changed drastically in expression. They stared at the awe-inspiring white tiger that had its wings unfolded in mid-air as shock and disbelief flooded their eyes.

"I- i- is this the Winged Tiger God!?" A human form Class 7 Magical Beast elder growled. The pressure from the white tiger caused his soul to tremble, and the two wings on its back had basically allowed them to realize the white tiger's identity in that instant.

They were all magical beasts after all and high ranking Class 7 Magical Beasts as a matter of fact. A human would probably not recognize the white tiger at first glance, but its identity was no secret if it appeared before any Class 7 Magical Beast, unless the white tiger had erased its presence.

"How is this possible? Just how is this possible? The great beast god has actually appeared once more," a Class 7 Magical Beast cried out.

"A pair of wings on its back and able to make my soul shudder. It can't be wrong. It can't be wrong. It is indeed a Winged Tiger God that has only appeared in the ancient times."

"Our great beast god has actually appeared once again..."

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The Class 7 Magical Beasts all cried out emotionally. The Winged Tiger God's supreme status was irreplaceable among magical beasts, to the point where even the three supreme experts of the Beast God Continent came nowhere close to replacing it. This was because it was the indisputable god of the Beast God Continent, and the god in the eyes of all magical beasts. Even after countless years, its prestige had not suffered at all.

As a result, the Class 7 Magical Beasts became emotional and excited after they confirmed the white tiger's identity. They had ceased to be threatening like before long ago.

"We greet the great beast god." The magical beasts all knelt down to greet the white tiger. Their voices were filled with respect.

“Elders, please rise.” The speaker was Rum Guinness, who stood behind the white tiger.

However, the elders ignored her. One of them glared at Rum Guinness angrily and called out furiously, “Do you still have any rights to talk to us as a traitor of the magical beasts, Rum Guinness? Our god is right here. Just wait until you face the stern judgment of the beast god.”

Anguish filled Rum Guinness’ eyes. She slowly walked up to the white tiger’s side and gently rubbed its head, placating the white tiger’s anger.

The white tiger did not resist. Its great presence slowly subsided, and it closed its eyes comfortably.

The magical beasts all watched this scene unfolded in a dumbstruck fashion as they knelt in the air. They all became filled with shock and disbelief. With its pride and status as a beast god, how could the Winged Tiger God let anyone touch it like that? Yet, not only did it fail to show any signs of resistance, it even closed its eyes comfortably. The magical beasts on their knees directly began to doubt their eyes when they saw this.

“Rum Guinness actually has such a close relationship with the Winged Tiger God. Is this good or bad? How are we going to deal with Rum Guinness’ betrayal this way?” Similar worries appeared in the minds of the elders.

“Elders, do you really believe that I, Rum Guinness, has betrayed the magical beasts? Have you never doubted the truthfulness of the tiger king’s words?” Rum Guinness said painfully.

The magical beasts immediately began to stare blankly after they heard these words. They looked at each other, and one of them asked, “Rum Guinness, does that mean that there’s another story to your betrayal of the Gilligan clan?”

All of them focused their gazes on Rum Guinness and waited for her answer.

She nodded her head and said, “There are indeed a hidden truth to this matter. The betrayal of my husband and I—our betrayal of the Gilligan clan—was completely a lie forged by the tiger king. The tiger king wanted to eliminate our family. You’ve all been deceived by the tiger king.”

The magical beast elders all became surprised with what Rum Guinness had said. “What? Lies forged by the tiger king? The tiger king wanted to eliminate you? Rum Guinness, are you sure you’re not trying to trick us?”

“Rum Guinness, may I ask if you have any evidence regarding this? The tiger king has no ill feelings toward your couple, let alone the fact that your husband was the brother of the tiger king. Why would he want to eliminate your family?”

“Rum Guinness, if you don’t give us a logical explanation, we won’t be believing you.”

The elders all spoke out. Very few of them believed Rum Guinness’ words. After all, the tiger king was one of the two kings of the clan. The prestige he possessed was just too great in the eyes of the elders.

Rum Guinness looked toward the white tiger beside her, and her face immediately became kind. She said slowly, “ It’s all because of my child, because my child is the Winged Tiger God.”

“What! The Winged Tiger God is your child!” The elders all cried out in shock and disbelief as soon as Rum Guinness finished speaking. They all glanced past the Winged Tiger God and Rum Guinness once again in surprise.

This piece of information was just too astounding to them, in no way less surprising than an actual bolt from the blue. The shock in the elders’ hearts had peaked at this moment in time. They all struggled to believe that the Winged Tiger God was actually Rum Guinness’ child.

At this moment, several dozen tremendous presences appeared in all directions. The white tiger’s roar had rung through the entire mountain range and alerted all the high class magical beasts in the area. All the Class 7 Magical Beasts made their way toward the group.

In that instant, more than forty individuals of various ages had gathered around Jian Chen’s group. They all radiated with a great presence, all Class 7 Magical Beasts in human form.

You Yue became rather nervous as soon as she became surrounded by them. However, she relaxed slightly after she saw how calm Jian Chen was as he stood beside her. After all, she did not face up against a group of humans this time, but a group of Class 7 Magical Beasts in the Cross Mountains that were known to be forbidden to humans.

As soon as the magical beasts gathered, they all looked toward the awe-inspiring Winged Tiger God with no exception. Surprise and doubt flooded their eyes.

“It’s the Winged Tiger God. It really is the Winged Tiger God...”

“That’s the Winged Tiger God of our Magical Beast race. I never thought that our beast god would finally appear once more after so many years.”

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Very quickly, a few of the Class 7 Magical Beasts recognized the Winged Tiger God’s identity and immediately cried out emotionally. They were ecstatic. However, there were other Class 7 Magical Beasts among them who became rather ugly in expression as well.

Jian Chen glanced past all the Class 7 Magical Beasts nonchalantly and silently took note of their expressions. He paid particular attention to the ones who revealed rather ugly expressions once they saw the Winged Tiger God. He memorized them in detail.