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Chapter 1181 Another Attempt

Bi You's words caused everyone's heart to turn heavy. Although it was a prediction that couldn't happen, they were all aware of her special talent. It was hard to stop thinking about it.

"Change the world?" Yun Lintian frowned slightly. He tried to think of the Golden Mountain ruins, but it didn't seem to be anything special. It was one of the Beyond Heaven Relics. Why did it relate to the world's fate?

He put this doubt aside and asked. "You said a black mist? Is it related to Abyssal Energy?"

Bi You shook her head. "It means someone who hides in the dark is watching you currently and waiting for you to go there."

Yun Lintian was even more confused. There shouldn't be other people inside the ruins, right? If it was the case, Qing Xiaoting, and Qingxuan probably noticed a long time ago.

It wasn't that Yun Lintian underestimated it, but he felt strange about it.

According to what he knew, the Golden Mountain used to be an ancient fortress and the last battlefield between the Beyond Heaven King's people and the enemy. Although it was likely to have some residual souls behind, he didn't think they could escape Qingxuan's perception.

Inside the Land of Beyond Heaven, Hongyue wore a serious expression when she heard Bi You's words. "This girl's talent is very rare... Come to think of it, this lower world is full of weirdness. There's the Imperishable Soul bearer, and now this Heavenly Fox girl who possesses the Nine-tails Heavenly Fox Soul.... What kind of secret is hiding here?"

Before this, Hongyue didn't think about it much. After all, the world that the previous Beyond Heaven King chose must be extraordinary on its own. However, as time passed, more and more strange things kept appearing to the point she almost believed that this world was one of the God Emperor Realms.

He turned to Lauya on the side and asked. "There's no memory about this?"

Lauya shook her head. "The previous Tree Spirit Queen's memory didn't contain this part. It's like she had deliberately erased it."

"..." Hongyue's brows involuntarily creased together upon hearing this.

Yun Lintian went silent for a moment and said. "I will be cautious."

Bi You didn't say anything further.

"Don't worry. I'll protect you, junior brother." Nantian Fengyu puffed her chest and said with a serious expression.

Yun Lintian laughed slightly and said. "Then I have to thank Fifth Sister."

Afterward, everyone changed a few words and went separately. Jin Yang and the others were going to send their juniors to the battlefield, while Guchang and Fan also planned to participate in it.

Yun Lintian had nothing to do at this moment. After checking the overall situation of the Misty Cloud Sect, he planned to rest for a few days and depart to the Central Continent.

In order to save time, he decided to use the grand teleporting formation directly. At the same time, he also brought another skyship for his own use.

Two days passed by. Currently, Yun Lintian was lying on a rocking chair, enjoying the waterfall scenery with Qingqing and Linlin.

During these two days, he didn't practice or anything. All he did was enjoy a rare leisure moment.

"Headmaster Yun." At this moment, Tang Suyin walked over and said.

Since she joined the Misty Cloud Sect as a teacher, she has changed the way she called Yun Lintian.

Yun Lintian tilted his head slightly and made an inviting gesture. "Senior Tang? Please take a seat."

He poured a cup of tea for her and asked. "Is there anything happening?"

Tang Suyin shook her head. "Nothing serious happens. I came here to send you this."

She then placed a letter on the table.

Yun Lintian opened it and read the content inside. Soon, a frown appeared between his brows as he said. "Again?"

The letter was about the alliance establishment. Compared to the grand conference like the last time, it was intended to wrap up quickly. Moreover, it was Xing Tengfei who personally issued the invitation this time.

Yun Lintian put the letter on the table and asked. "What do you think, Senior?"

Tang Suyin expressed her thoughts. "The Central Continent's situation is worse than ours, but in fact, they are capable enough to defend it. The reason they let it go on is that they want to use this matter to try to establish the alliance again."

"This time, I believe they will just forcibly set up and choose a leader without asking for anyone's opinion... Although the alliance seems meaningless, it can play a great role when a real battle erupts in the near future. For example, they can claim themselves as an orthodox group."

"They can also use this to suppress those outsiders who didn't join the alliance by cutting supplies, banning trades, and other methods. You have to know that those palaces will not let the chance of standing on top of everyone's head like this go. They have been in dominant positions for ages. How could they give us a chance?"

Yun Lintian slowly nodded his head. Xing Tengfei and the others were aware of the alliance between Yun Lintian and the other forces, like the Divine Phoenix Palace and the Shen Clan. They certainly didn't want to see this happen.

The only way they could come up with was to establish an alliance themselves and quickly claim the world's leading position before Yun Lintian did. At that time, people would believe them more than Yun Lintian's alliance.

Unfortunately, Xing Tengfei miscalculated one thing. Yun Lintian didn't lack any resources. He could provide them for his allies with almost unlimited. Hence, those underhand methods were useless against his group.

"Since he is aware of our group, why would he invite me again?" Yun Lintian asked in puzzlement.

"It's tricky here." Tang Suyin explained. "If you didn't go, they could tell the world that we didn't care about the world's situation. But if we participated, they would probably try to break our group apart. Even if they couldn't do it, in the eyes of the others, we had already become a second group under them by then."

Yun Lintian frowned deeply and soon relaxed. "Well, it doesn't matter. They can do whatever they want. It's a waste of time for me."

"Reputation? I don't care about it. I went there last time simply because I wanted to expose them to the world, and I already did."

Tang Suyin didn't seem to be surprised by Yun Lintian's decision.

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Yun Lintian took a sip of tea and said. "No matter what they do, we don't have to care about it. What we should do right now is continue to strengthen ourselves. I reckon that the war will erupt in a year."

Hearing this, Tang Suyin frowned slightly. The current overall situation of the Northern Continent was developing in a good direction. However, increasing one's profound strength couldn't be done in a year, even though countless resources were placed in front of them.

Yun Lintian naturally knew what she was worried about. He said. "Besides increasing one's profound strength, we should try to set up formations as much as possible. I have already told Lingwei to take care of this matter. We will fill the entire continent with the protective and killing formations."

Tang Suyin was surprised and said. "This is a good idea."

If it was the past, it would be difficult to do it. After all, there were many forces around the continent. However, those rebellious forces had been eradicated now. No one would raise an objection to this.

She couldn't help sighing. "No one has ever come up with such an idea. This is definitely the first one."

Setting up formations throughout the entire continent would consume tons of resources; even the nine palace treasuries combined might not be enough to do it.

However, Yun Lintian was different. The Moon Garden could basically grow every magical plant here. Not to mention the seemingly unlimited best-grade Profound Stones.

Perhaps he was the only one in this world that could realize such a crazy idea.

Yun Lintian smiled and said. "The Northern Continent will be the safest place in this world. Even if the Central Continent falls, this place will stand still to the very end."

Tang Suyin nodded. "I believe that."

The two chatted for a while before Tang Suyin excused herself.

Yun Lintian had nothing to do. He leisurely watched the waterfall until the sun gradually disappeared at the horizon.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, Nantian Fengyu appeared beside him and quickly sat in Tang Suyin's original seat.

Yun Lintian looked at her and asked. "How's Master?"

"She's fine. There are Big Sister and Third Sister with her. She won't be lonely." Nantian Fengyu said while pouring herself a cup of tea.

Since Lin Zixuan returned to the Northern Continent, she didn't stay in the Moon Garden but instead chose to go back to Moonlight Peak. Jiang Yingyue and Long Feiyan also accompanied her.

"But Master seems quiet lately." Nantian Fengyu said with a frown.

Hearing this, Yun Lintian remained silent. Lin Zixuan's greatest wish was to rescue Jiang Yingyue from the forced marriage, and it was he who did it in the end. Since then, she seemed to lose her motivation.

However, Yun Lintian knew that there was another wish she had yet to accomplish. That was to kill Weilan Tianjun.

Without a doubt, she must plan something in her heart and didn't want him to interfere this time.

"When are you going to leave?" Nantian Fengyu changed the topic.

Yun Lintian stretched his body lazily before getting up from the rocking chair and said. "How about now?"

Nantian Fengyu's eyes lit up. "Let's go!"

She had stayed inside the Divine Phoenix Ancestral Land for a long time and couldn't wait to go out adventuring. Especially with her good junior brother.

Yun Lintian turned to Linlin and Qingqing. "Is there anything you want to bring along?"

Swoosh!

Suddenly, Qingqing disappeared from the place and returned with a bunch of snacks in her tiny arms, causing Yun Lintian to laugh.

At this moment, Yun Qianxue, Han Bingling, and Lin Xinyao appeared on the scene. Perhaps they had seen Qingqing earlier and guessed that Yun Lintian was about to leave.

Yun Lintian looked at them and said. "I'll leave now."

"Take good care of yourself." Yun Qianxue said softly.

"You can put your heart at ease. Don't worry about this place." Han Bingling said.

Meanwhile, Lin Xinyao didn't say anything. She calmly looked at him, just like she used to watch him go on a mission back to Earth.

Compared to Yun Qianxue and Han Bingling, she wasn't worried about his safety, as she was confident that nothing would happen to him. This absolute trust in him was something unique that belonged to her.

Yun Lintian smiled and brought Linlin, Qingqing, and Nantian Fengyu to the grand teleporting formation on the Moon Garden before disappearing into it under the three women's gazes.

"I don't know why I feel strange this time." Han Bingling suddenly said as she stared at the formation that slowly closed.

Yun Qianxue's brows raised slightly. For some reason, she also had a bad premonition in her heart. As if something was going to happen to Yun Lintian this time.

"He will be fine." Lin Xinyao said calmly. "Nothing can hurt him."

As she spoke, she turned around and left without looking back.

Han Bingling and Yun Qianxue glanced at each other and fell into silence.

"Roar!"

On the eastern side of the Central Continent, the thronging black mass of profound beasts looked like roiling black clouds as they surged toward Sunshine City, one of many coastal cities.

All of them swarmed onto the wharf and attacked the protective barrier and the profound practitioners who tried to block them in a frenzied manner.

In front of this absolutely terrifying tide of profound beasts, those profound practitioners who were resisting with all their might seemed exceptionally tiny and insignificant.

They destroyed wave after wave of profound beasts for a whole month, but the profound beasts that lay in wait seemed to be absolutely endless. As a result, they exhausted their energy, suffered serious injuries, and started losing their lives one by one.

The outermost layer of the barrier started to violently sway under the mass assault of the profound beasts as an increasingly heavy and gloomy aura of despair engulfed this once bustling city.

"We can't hold it anymore! Where's the reinforcement!? How come they still haven't arrived yet?"

"We have already sent a sound transmission to beg for help from all the nearby sects that we can seek help from. But none of them give us a response! F*ck those bastards!"

"What about the Heavenly Sword Palace!? Are they going to watch like this?"

Swish!

All of a sudden, several sharp sword beams appeared in the sky and bombarded the profound beasts, tearing them into pieces...

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The profound practitioners returned to their senses and quickly looked toward the sky.

"It's Young Master Jian!" Many people in the crowd shouted loudly upon seeing the newcomer. That person was no other than the true successor of the Heavenly Sword Palace, Jian Feng.

Jian Feng stared at the group of profound beasts calmly while holding his sword. Behind him were five elders, and all of them were at the peak of the Monarch Profound Realm.

Jian Feng turned to the elders and said calmly. "I'll have to trouble all of you, Elders."

One of the elders smiled and said. "It's our duty. No need to be polite, Young Master."

As he finished his sentence, the five quickly spread out and released their aura.

All the profound practitioners below quickly retreated into the barrier and watched the five elders slaughter all the profound beasts.

The battle lasted for a full two minutes, and the seemingly endless beasts earlier were almost wiped out, leaving a few lucky ones behind.

Seeing this scene, all the profound practitioners let out a loud cheer. Even though they were exhausted, they didn't hold back and continued to shout loudly.

The tension they faced was immediately gone. Although there would be a next round of beast tide, at least they finally had a chance to catch a breather.

Jian Feng scanned the battlefield briefly and saw that most of the major threats had been cleaned up. As for those small flies, he would leave them to the practitioners below.

Just as he was about to say something, a sound transmission suddenly entered his ears.

"Young Master, the secret formation is activated."

Jian Feng's expression changed slightly. The secret formation was naturally referred to as the grand teleporting formation that Yun Lintian set up.

He turned to the five elders and said. "Please take care of this place first. I have something to do."

"Do you want us to go with you, Young Master?" The elder asked.

Jian Feng shook his head. "No. It's Master's instruction."

Hearing the word "Master," the five elders didn't speak anymore.

When Jian Feng arrived at the place where the formation was located, he saw Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu walking out of the bright white light.

"Brother Yun." Jian Feng quickly greeted them.

"Brother Jian?" Yun Lintian was surprised to see Jian Feng here.

Under Qing Xiaoting's intensive training, Jian Feng's strength had already reached the third level of the Monarch Profound Realm, and his sword intent had become terrifying.

When Yun Lintian looked at Jian Feng, he felt as though he was looking at a sharp sword instead.

"Your strength has improved again?" Jian Feng said in shock, as he could feel a fatal threat from Yun Lintian.

It was only a month since the last time he saw Yun Lintian, yet his strength had improved by leaps and bounds. What kind of speed was this? Heaven-defying was probably the wrong word to describe it.

Yun Lintian smiled and changed the topic. "I can see a bloody aura from you. Did you just come back from the battlefield?"

Jian Feng recovered from the shock and nodded. "The number of beasts has been increasing daily. If we hadn't intervened, those coastal cities would have fallen by now. Master doesn't want to see such a scene."

Yun Lintian nodded slowly and asked. "Where's your master? I have something to talk to her about."

"Follow me." Jian Feng said something to the guards and brought Yun Lintian to the Heavenly Sword Peak, where Qing Xiaoting lived.

When they arrived, Qing Xiaoting seemed to know it beforehand as she had already brewed a pot of tea, waiting for them.

"Senior." Yun Lintian greeted her politely and sat down opposite her, followed by Nantian Fengyu.

"Are you here for the alliance?" Qing Xiaoting poured them cups of tea and asked.

Yun Lintian shook his head. "I won't go this time. Let them do whatever they want."

"I see." Qing Xiaoting didn't seem surprised by his answer, as she had the same idea as him.

"I'm here for the Golden Mountain Ruins. I heard that Senior often went there in the past. Can you introduce it to me?" Yun Lintian went straight to the topic.

Qing Xiaoting frowned slightly. "Are you sure? That place is very dangerous."

Yun Lintian nodded. "I have to go."

Qing Xiaoting stared at Yun Lintian for a while and finally said. "Fine... What should I say? The place is indeed called a mountain, but in fact, it is a vast underground dungeon."

"Over there, you will encounter a lot of traps and restrictions. Each one of them is capable of killing any Divine Foundation Realm expert. I almost died many times back then."

"Those artifacts I found are mostly located in the outer area. And that is my limit. I cannot go deeper."

"Traps? Can you elaborate more? What kind of trap?" Yun Lintian asked.

"It's varied. Some of them are seals and formations. There's also something like a barrier, which is beyond my knowledge." Qing Xiaoting replied.

"Seals and formations?...." Yun Lintian slowly nodded his head.

He couldn't say he was one hundred percent confident in solving all of them, but his proficiency in this regard was very high. At least, it should be higher than anybody in this world. Hence, he wasn't afraid of the traps much.

"Moreover, the aura of that place is very strong... I don't know how to describe it. It's very ancient and filled with a dread atmosphere, giving me a feeling that countless divine beings have been buried in that place." Qing Xiaoting said solemnly. A trace of fear could be seen in the depths of her eyes.

Yun Lintian didn't surprise much about this as he knew the Golden Mountain was the ancient battlefield. Who knows how many divine beings have lost their lives over there in the past? Ten thousand? Or perhaps a hundred thousand?

Yun Lintian asked. "How long did the Golden Mountain Ruins appear here?"

Qing Xiaoting shook her head. "No one knows. It has been existing before me and the rest of us."

Yun Lintian was surprised and asked in his mind. "Why did the Golden Mountain come to this world before the other relics?"

Hongyue's eyes flickered slightly as she answered. "No idea."

However, Yun Lintian could feel that she must hide something from him again... This made him think of the long-buried question again. What exactly happened to the Beyond Heaven King?

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The only thing Yun Lintian knew was that the Beyond Heaven King was hunted by basically the entire upper echelons of the Divine Realm. Even though many of them didn't have an enmity with him, his legacy was too tempting to resist.

At the same time, there were many forces like Hongyue, Xia Nongyue, and Qingxuan on his side. Hence, he wasn't alone.

According to Hongyue's words, the Golden Mountain was like a fortress. Since it was the case, what did it protect? The Beyond Heaven King probably didn't stay in the Golden Mountain and waited for the enemy to come, right?

The more he thought, the more confused he became.

"Do you want me to go with you?" Qing Xiaoting asked.

Yun Lintian shook his head. "Lesser people, easier to escape."

He paused briefly and asked. "Have you ever gone to the Chaotic Sea Region?"

Qing Xiaoting nodded. "Many times. The spatial turbulence over there is very strong. You will never know when and where it's going to appear. Unless you are proficient with the spatial technique, I don't recommend you to go."

"However, it's starting to get weaker now. This also means Yin Weizhe is about to come out at any moment... There are a lot of people watching over that place. If there's anything happens, we will know it right away."

"I see." Yun Lintian said.

He took a sip of tea and got up, preparing to leave. "We will leave first. If there's no mistake, we will return within a month."

"Alright." Qing Xiaoting nodded. "Do you want me to send you there?"

"No need." Yun Lintian said and waved his hand.

Immediately, a white-colored profound skyship appeared in the empty space nearby. This scene immediately stunned Qing Xiaoting and Jian Feng. They couldn't help looking at Yun Lintian. What kind of storage ring he has to be able to store such a huge skyship?

Under the two's gazes, Yun Lintian brought Nantian Fengyu, Linlin, and Qingqing into the skyship and immediately set off toward the southwest.

While Yun Lintian was heading toward the Golden Mountain Ruins, the Azure Ancient City was bustling. People from all over the continent flocked into the city as the new Azure Alliance Conference was about to be held here.

The conference took place in the Azure Arena on the northern side of the city. At this moment, many people had already taken their seats.

However, compared to the previous conference, the number of participants was obviously much lower.

This time, the host was Weilan Tianjun instead of Xing Yongnian.

"They don't come?" Weilan Tianjun asked a middle-aged man in front of him with a frown after hearing the report.

"Yes, Palace Master. There's no movement from either of them." The middle-aged man said respectfully.

Weilan Tianjun sneered. "Heh. They probably know something and are too afraid to come."

"This is good as well. We will never know what kind of trick Yun Lintian comes up with again." Sitting on the side, Du Xiaotian said calmly.

Yun Lintian left a scar on his reputation last time. Although no one dared to say anything to him, this matter had already spread out. People would know what he had done in the past.

During this past month, many second-rated forces clearly distanced themselves from the Myriad Pill Palace. Even if it wasn't entirely, their stance was obvious. They didn't trust the Myriad Pill Palace anymore.

This made the Myriad Pill Palace lose a lot of businesses and resources.

"Since it's the case, we should wrap it up quickly." Xing Yongnian said.

"Alright." Weilan Tianjun beckoned the middle-aged man, and the latter quickly went out, announcing the start of the conference.

Soon, Weilan Tianjun quickly introduced the purpose of this conference to the crowd and asked people whether they wanted to join in.

At this moment, Xie Jing of the Rising Sun Sect suddenly stood up and cupped his fists. "Please forgive me for interrupting you, Palace Master Weilan. May I ask a question?"

Weilan Tianjun looked at Xie Jing and said with a smile. "Go ahead. I will try my best to answer you."

"Forgive me for my bluntness. As everyone knows that we have been facing the profound beast tides recently. However, except for the Heavenly Sword Palace, why don't we see the other four palaces taking action at all?" Xie Jing asked.

It was not only him, who wanted to ask this question. Everyone present was the same. Many of them had suffered a great loss from the beast tides, and they had already asked for help. Unfortunately, none of these four palaces responded to them.

Weilan Tianjun smiled and answered calmly. "First of all, I believe everyone here knows that our cities suffered the despicable attacks from the Poison Valley last time. Even though we managed to stop the loss in time, the damage was too great. We needed more time to recover. And this process consumed a lot of manpower."

"Secondly, all of you might not be aware of this. In fact, we didn't stand idle during this period. We sent a lot of our people to investigate deep in the Endless Sea to find out the actual source of the beast tides. And yes, we have successfully destroyed a few of them."

He paused briefly and looked at everyone. "It can be said we might face even more profound beast tides without our secret operation."

Everyone in the crowd below glanced at each other, appearing skeptical. They had never known or heard of such a thing before. Not even a tiny trace of it.

"But this doesn't deny the fact that the four palaces have ignored our request for help." Xie Jing said solemnly. "I don't know if Palace Master Weilan knows this? The reason why all the coastal cities could withstand to this date was that the Heavenly Sword Palace and the Long Clan had sent their people to help us deal with the beast tides."

"Their manpower is obviously several times lower than the four palaces combined together. However, they have managed to take care of every coastal city throughout the continent."

Xie Jing took a deep breath and stared straight at Weilan Tianjun. "This makes me wonder whether it is because of the reason Palace Master Weilan said earlier or because the four palaces don't really want to help?"

As his voice fell, Weilan Tianjun's eyes gradually turned cold. "What are you trying to say?"

The surrounding temperature dropped sharply as he finished his sentence...

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Although Xie Jing's heart trembled from the sudden pressure, he didn't lose his courage as he said solemnly. "What I want to say is that. What's the point in joining the alliance when the leading forces like them clearly don't even care about us from the beginning?"

"What's the benefit we will get from this when we have to fend for ourselves in the end?"

Hiss—

When the words came out, people in the crowd sucked in cold breath one after another. They looked at Xie Jing in disbelief as well as admiration.

"It seems you don't listen to what I said earlier." Weilan Tianjun said with a cold smile.

Xie Jing shook his head. "I heard what Palace Master Weilan says clearly. Everybody here heard it as well. However, to me, it sounds like a cheap excuse."

He looked around and said further. "Among the four major cities, the Azure Ancient City suffered the surprised attack the least. It can be said that not even a single scratch could be seen here. So, when you said that you lack manpower, I don't think it makes sense."

"As for the claim about destroying the source of the beast tide. In all respects, this is an even more ridiculous excuse than the first one."

Xie Jing raised his hand, and the Dark Crystal immediately appeared. "This is the source of the Abyssal Poison that we found deep in the Endless Sea. There are countless of them over there."

He looked at Weilan Tianjun fearlessly and asked. "I went to check the seabed nearby the coastal cities, and it is still filling with these crystals. Is this what you are saying that you have destroyed the source, Palace Master Weilan?"

Weilan Tianjun's face became terrifyingly gloomy. He, who stood at the top of the world, was actually being questioned by a mere ant?

Just when his anger was about to explode, Du Xiaotian suddenly said. "I understand your feeling, Sect Master Xie. This is indeed our negligence. We will make up for it."

Everyone quickly turned to look at Du Xiaotian, and the latter said further. "I may not be able to represent the four palaces, but my Myriad Pill Palace can promise everyone here that we will provide you the necessary medicines without charging a single tael in this battle."

The audience glanced at each other in surprise. Although the medicines Du Xiaotian said should be low-level healing pills and so on, to provide everyone for free, it would certainly consume a lot of materials. It could be seen how generous he was.

"My Star Pavilion will also provide information related to the enemy for free. Everyone can go to the pavilion and inquire about it at any time." Xing Yongnian suddenly said.

"Our Divine Thunder Palace will provide everyone the Thunder Bead for free. I think everyone here knows how powerful it is. It can save a lot of lives in a critical moment." Lei Yubai echoed.

Seeing this, Weilan Tianjun made a decision on the spot. "My Azure Palace will send a monarch-level expert to station in everyone's territory. Once the enemy comes, they will help all of you in the battle."

He then turned to Xie Jing. "Is this enough to prove our sincerity?"

Xie Jing immediately went silent. Even if he knew that these four people simply used a benefit to cover their own faults, retorting them on the spot was impossible. After all, there should be many people here satisfied with it.

Xie Jing took a deep breath and cupped his fists. "I thank the four palace masters for your generosity. This will save a lot of our lives."

Seeing Xie Jing finally submit, the dissatisfaction in Weilan Tianjun's heart lessened by several degrees. However, Xie Jin's following sentence immediately gave birth to a killing intent in his heart.

"However, please forgive me. The Rising Sun Sect and I will not join the alliance."

As Xie Jing's voice fell, the audience immediately looked at him in shock.

"I know you are dissatisfied with the previous four palaces' mistakes. But can't you let the bygones be bygones, Sect Master Xie? You see, they are willing to make up for it now." One of the audience who seemed to know Xie Jing said.

"That's right, Sect Master Xie. You have to think about it carefully. Without the help of the four palaces, your Rising Sun Sect may not be able to seek help from the others later."

"Yeah, Brother Xie. There's nothing to lose by joining in."

One after another. Those who knew Xie Jing spoke out. They were trying to persuade him to join the alliance.

Xie Jing cupped his fists toward everyone and said. "I thank everyone for your goodwill. However, I cannot join the alliance because of personal reasons."

He looked at Weilan Tianjun and the other three palace masters. "In the previous beast tides, several of my sect members have lost their lives to protect people in the coastal area. Many of them had tried to seek help from the Azure Palace and were rejected mercilessly."

"Because of this, they could not hold on and had to sacrifice themselves to let the others escape."

He took a deep breath and said solemnly. "I should indeed join the alliance for the sake of my sect, but I cannot let them be wronged by betraying them like this. Otherwise, how can their souls rest in peace?"

He bowed his head and said. "I shall excuse myself."

As he finished his sentence, he turned around and walked toward the entrance without looking back.

"Did I let you go?" Suddenly, Weilan Tianjun's voice resounded, causing Xie Jing to stop his track.

Xie Jing turned around and said fearlessly. "If Palace Master Weilan wants to deal with me, I have no objection."

Weilan Tianjun stared at Xie Jing for a while without saying anything.

Seeing this, Xie Jing cupped his fists and said. "Since Palace Master Weilan has no further instruction, I will leave now."

BOOM!

The moment Xie Jing turned around and prepared to leave, his entire body was instantly shrouded with terrifying azure-colored profound lights. And before he could react, his Origin Core was shattered directly as he was thrown into the air and smashed onto the floor.

"Do you really think I don't dare to do anything?" Weilan Tianjun retracted his hand and said with a cold smile.

His cold gaze swept over everyone in the arena as he asked. "Is there anyone who wants to leave?"

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Weilan Tianjun's cold voice penetrated the audience's hearts, causing them to shudder involuntarily.

Seeing that no one spoke, Weilan Tianjun glanced at Xie Jing, who was struggling to get up from the ground, and said coldly. "Since there's no objection, I shall announce the establishment of the Azure Alliance. From today onward, everyone here is a member of the alliance. We will move forward, retreat together, and fight the enemy to the end!"

"Fight the enemy to the end!" A small group of people in the crowd echoed, and the others quickly followed suit.

Xie Jing spat out a mouthful of blood as he looked at this scene. He didn't regret a single bit of the decision.

A smile suddenly appeared on his face as his consciousness gradually blurred. Before coming here, he had arranged everything for his sect. They had already taken refuge in the Heavenly Sword Palace and the Long Clan. This was also the reason why he came here alone.

He looked at everyone and said with difficulty. "Everyone can see it clearly... I wonder how long this kind of alliance will last?"

As he finished his sentence, his head gradually drooped as the last trace of his vitality disappeared.

Everyone looked at his lifeless body with complicated emotions. Of course, they knew that Weilan Tianjun and the others would treat them as a cannon-fodder in the upcoming war, but what else could they do?

Xie Jing was a prime example here. Once any of them chose to leave, their fate would be the same as his.

Weilan Tianjun sneered and paid no heed to Xie Jing further.

"So this is the famous Golden Mountain Ruins?" Standing on the deck, Nantian Fengyu looked at the vast golden land below in amazement.

She always thought that the gold in the name was simply a gimmick that people came up with. Who would have thought that the whole place was actually covered with genuine gold?

Meanwhile, Yun Lintian looked at the scene calmly. According to his knowledge, the Golden Mountain was the relic that represented the metal element, and gold itself was considered a precious metal. Hence, he wasn't surprised about it much.

Rumble—

As the skyship approached the ruins, it suddenly crashed onto an invisible wall, causing the entire skyship to tremble.

Yun Lintian's expression changed, and he quickly stopped the skyship.

"A no-fly zone?" Yun Lintian muttered to himself. He was naturally familiar with such a formation. However, he didn't expect it to be this powerful.

Without thinking further, Yun Lintian immediately controlled the skyship to land on the ground.

"This place is really weird. My blood has become active all of a sudden." After jumping down from the skyship, Nantian Fengyu said while looking at the endless golden land in front of her.

Yun Lintian put the skyship away and scanned the surroundings, trying to find any trace of a formation here.

"Big Brother Yun, I can feel my kins here." Linlin, who sat on Yun Lintian's shoulder, suddenly said.

"Your kins?" Yun Lintian frowned slightly.

"Mhm. However, they have already gone." Linlin's eyes dimmed slightly when she spoke this.

As her strength grew, the memory sealed in her soul gradually emerged, letting her know her identity.

Her mother, Bai Xiaoyun, was the founder of the White Tiger God Clan. She had spent countless years condensing her power and gave birth to her.

This process consumed a lot of Bai Xiaoyun's power and damaged her foundation. Because of this, her strength had dropped to a certain degree, making her unable to resist the enemy.

In the end, the severely injured Bai Xiaoyun came to this world under the Beyond Heaven King's arrangement and waited for Yun Lintian to appear.

Linlin felt that everything was because of her. If her mother didn't give birth to her, she wouldn't have ended up being forced to retreat by the enemy.

Feeling her sadness, Yun Lintian gently patted her back and said softly. "I'm here with you."

Linlin regained her composure and said with a smile. "Don't worry. I'm not that sad. I have Big Brother Yun now."

Yun Lintian smiled and said. "Perhaps there will be some survivors. We will find out later."

"Mhm!" Linlin nodded gently and looked toward the distant golden land.

On the side, Qingqing tilted her head slightly and said. "Big Brother Yun. This place is very strange."

"How strange?" Yun Lintian asked.

Qingqing pointed in the east direction and said. "A few people are hiding there. It's like they are waiting for us."

As Qingqing's strength had reached a terrifying height, she could gain information through the wind. No matter how good the opponent's concealing method was, it was almost impossible to escape her perception in such an open space.

"Oh? A group of people?" Yun Lintian was surprised slightly. Why would someone camp here and wait for him?

"However, they should be a group of scouts. Their strength isn't good." Qingqing said softly while making a grasping gesture.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, a terrifying windstorm blew out from the east, sending the four people hiding in the distance flying over. Their faces were full of horror as they realized that Yun Lintian had already discovered them.

Immediately, they tried their best to release their power, but the windstorm was too powerful. They were unable to resist it and were involuntarily brought toward Yun Lintian.

Bang!

Nantian Fengyu suddenly sent a few flame clusters toward the four and directly injured them to several degrees, making them unable to muster any strength.

"Who sent you here?" Yun Lintian looked at them and asked calmly.

A middle-aged man with a long beard who seemed to be the group leader struggled to speak. "This is a misunderstanding, Sect Master Yun. We come from the Mystic Pavilion. You can check the tokens in our pockets."

"Mystic Pavilion?" Yun Lintian frowned slightly. He rummaged through the middle-aged man's pocket and found a familiar-looking token with the word "Mystic." Without a doubt, it was issued by the Mystic Pavilion.

Seeing this, Yun Lintian threw them a bottle of the best-grade healing pills and asked. "Why are you coming here? Moreover, you seem to wait for me."

The middle-aged man stuffed the pill into his mouth and replied. "Thank you for showing mercy... We came here under Young Miss's instruction. She wanted us to convey to you a message that Xing Chen is waiting for you here and you should be careful."

"Xing Chen?" Yun Lintian's eyes narrowed slightly upon hearing this name.

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"Yes." The middle-aged man nodded heavily. "Young Miss has us monitored Xing Chen's movement for the past few months. Although he was secretive and cautious enough, we managed to find something in the end."

"We have been hiding here for a long time and saw Xing Chen arrive here two weeks ago with the old man Lan Cao."

Yun Lintian's brows raised slightly. "How did he know that I would come here?"

The middle-aged man smiled wryly. "Sect Master Yun might not notice this, but everyone who pays attention to you has already figured out your movement patterns. You always move from a mythical realm to another one."

Yun Lintian touched his chin and said. "I see... Since he knows that I am coming here. Why did he bring only Lan Cao with him?"

"We are curious about it as well. With the strength Sect Master Yun displayed recently, we didn't think the two of them could be your opponent." The middle-aged man said with a puzzled expression.

Yun Lintian didn't think that Xing Chen had underestimated him. A cautious person like him wouldn't do anything he wasn't sure of. Obviously, there was something tricky about this.

He put this matter aside and said. "Thank you for telling me this. How's Fourth Sister?... Well, I mean your Young Miss."

The middle-aged man smiled and said. "The business of the Mystic Pavilion has been blooming recently. She's busy holding auctions."

"Alright. Please say hi to her for me." Yun Lintian said with a smile.

"I will." The middle-aged man cupped his fists. "We will stand by here for another week. If there's anything we can help with, please tell us directly."

"Thank you." Yun Lintian didn't refuse.

He looked toward the golden hill where a cave entrance could be seen briefly and said to Nantian Fengyu. "Let's go."

The moment Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu stepped into the golden land, they immediately felt an ancient aura floating everywhere. It was very solemn, causing the hearts of Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu to turn heavy.

"What a terrible atmosphere." Nantian Fengyu said with a rare serious expression. "It's like countless people have been buried in this place."

Yun Lintian closed his eyes and tried to feel the Golden Mountain Relic's position. However, he couldn't find anything in the end.

"What's wrong?" Hongyue's voice resounded in his mind.

"I can't feel the relic's position." Yun Lintian replied with a frown. "Maybe it's because of the restrictions here."

"Yeah. You have to solve them first to feel it." Hongyue said.

Yun Lintian didn't think about it further. He quickly walked toward the cave entrance in the distance.

When the two arrived before the entrance, the ancient aura had become heavy. A terrible smell of blood was lingering all over the place, making Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu feel like they were about to enter an abyss of death.

Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu didn't say anything. They glanced at each other and stepped into the dark passage.

In the distance, the middle-aged man and the others watched this scene with solemn expressions.

"Brother, should we report to Young Miss?" One of the other three asked.

The middle-aged man shook his head. "No need. Since she didn't give us other instructions, she must have expected this already."

He took a deep look at the cave entrance one last time before bringing the others away.

During this month, he had witnessed a lot of bravadoes who wanted to try their luck here, and none of them had ever come out after entering the ruins. Although he was aware of Yun Lintian's strength, he wasn't confident that Yun Lintian could come out later.

Inside the dark passage, Nantian Fengyu raised her finger slightly, and a small fireball appeared in the air, dispelling the surrounding darkness.

Yun Lintian looked at the wall and found it was made of gold, similar to the outside terrain. Except for the aging trace, he didn't see anything in particular.

Seeing this, the two continued to move forward with caution until they arrived at a small open area.

In front of them were a few passages leading to different directions, and each one gave off the same feeling, leaving Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu with no clue on how to choose.

"Which way should we choose?" Nantian Fengyu asked.

Yun Lintian activated the Eyes of Heaven, trying to find a clue, but he failed to find anything in the end. This gave him a headache, as he felt like he had just entered a gigantic maze.

"The left one, Big Brother Yun." Linlin suddenly said. "I can feel my kins' aura over there."

Yun Lintian thought for a moment and said. "Let's go."

Nantian Fengyu naturally had no objection. She quickly followed Yun Lintian to the leftmost passage.

What they didn't know was that the moment they disappeared into the passage, the other passages were suddenly twisted and shuffled their positions randomly before calming down as if nothing had happened...

"Hmm?" Suddenly, Yun Lintian halted his track and looked back with a frown as he felt something moving. However, he didn't see anything through his Eyes of Heaven.

"What is it, junior brother?" Nantian Fengyu controlled the fireball and looked back in puzzlement.

Yun Lintian shook his head. "Nothing. We have to be more cautious."

Nantian Fengyu nodded, and the two resumed their journey.

As the two ventured deeper, the atmosphere gradually became heavier to the point Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu had to circulate their profound energy to soothe themselves.

At the same time, they saw a lot of bloodstains on the wall. Some of them were new, and some were very old. This scene immediately made the two slow their track down and look around with great caution.

"Something is wrong." Yun Lintian raised his hand to stop Nantian Fengyu and thoroughly scanned the place with his Eyes of Heaven.

Even though he didn't see anything wrong here, his intuition told him otherwise. Since there was no trap or formation here, how could these new bloodstains appear here?

Furthermore, the way they splashed onto the wall was obviously coming from the bottom to the top, vertically.

To make the bloodstains like this, the attack must come from the ground. This was why Yun Lintian stopped Nantian Fengyu from walking further.

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"Don't move from the place, Fifth Sister." Yun Lintian said and squatted down, carefully checking every inch of the ground.

While both sides of the passage were made of gold, the ground here was actually filled with soil. Strange enough, there wasn't any footprint here despite the bloodstains on the wall. And not a single drop of blood could be seen as well.

"There's no trace on it, which means there's something wrong with this ground. Counting how many people came here in the past, it is impossible to leave no trace." Yun Lintian began to analyze the situation. "The only possibility is that the ground can erase the trace by itself... But how?"

No matter how Yun Lintian looked at the ground, he didn't find anything strange about it. Not even a single rune could be seen... How did it work?

While Yun Lintian was thinking, Nantian Fengyu was bored and looked around casually. However, she suddenly caught a glimpse of something through the corner of her eyes. And when she looked over, she saw a shadowy figure run away as if it was being caught by her.

"Junior brother." Nantian Fengyu nudged Yun Lintian and pointed at the dark passage ahead. "I saw someone over there."

Yun Lintian was taken aback and quickly threw a fireball ahead.

"Arghhh!"

Suddenly, a shrill scream echoed throughout the passage. It was a scream of a creature they had never heard before. It possessed a very high pitch that human was incapable of doing it.

"What is that?" Nantian Fengyu's hair stood as she subconsciously drew closer to Yun Lintian out of fear.

Yun Lintian frowned deeply. "Could it be a ghost?"

"A ghost?" Nantian Fengyu's face turned pale. Even though she knew a ghost existed, it didn't prevent her from being afraid.

"I don't know. It's just my guess." Yun Lintian said. "There are various strange creatures we don't know in this world. It could be anything."

He turned to Qingqing, who was licking her lollipop on his shoulder and asked. "Do you see anything?"

Surprisingly, Qingqing nodded. "It's a shadow monster."

"Shadow monster?" Yun Lintian was puzzled.

"Mhm! I have seen it in the book that Aunty Qingrou gave me." Qingqing tilted her head slightly, pondering. "It should be something called a hell creature encyclopedia."

Yun Lintian's face twitched slightly. What did Yun Qingrou give a little girl to read?

Without thinking further, he asked in his mind. "Lauya, do you know about this?"

"The Shadow Monster is a creature born from fear and eats fear as its food. Usually, we would find it in a place where countless lives have met their ending." Lauya replied.

"Oh?" Yun Lintian was surprised slightly.

He turned to Nantian Fengyu and explained about it.

"You mean it will get stronger if I am afraid of it?" Nantian Fengyu asked.

"Should be." Yun Lintian nodded.

"Then that's easy." Hearing this, Nantian Fengyu regained her confidence and was no longer afraid of a ghost she initially believed.

While the two were talking, they didn't notice a shadow of long claws gradually approaching them from behind.

Unfortunately, it didn't escape Linlin and Qingqing's perception.

As the claws were about to touch Yun Lintian and Nantian Feng's ankles, Linlin snorted coldly and sent a few lightning arrows onto them.

Boom! Boom!

The claws were immediately scattered under the lightning arrows, accompanied by an ear-piercing scream.

"What's going on?" Yun Lintian quickly asked while looking at the ground behind him.

"They had almost caught Big Brother Yun earlier," Qingqing explained.

Hearing this, Yun Lintian's expression changed slightly. This Shadow Monster could actually avoid his perception.

"Thank you. You two are very powerful." Yun Lintian rubbed Linlin and Qingqing's heads gently. Without them, he would have been caught in trouble by now.

Linlin and Qingqing smiled happily as they were being praised.

"What should we do, junior brother?" Nantian Fengyu asked. She wasn't afraid of the Shadow Monster, but the problem was that it was difficult to find it.

"Let's do this." Yun Lintian thought for a moment and took a bunch of iron arrows out before injecting the lightning power into them.

He then pierced the arrow onto both sides of the wall, the ground, and the ceiling as he moved forward. Once the Shadow Monster appeared, they would be greeted by the residual lightning power within these arrows.

Although it was a manual way to counter the Shadow Monster, it was very effective and cheap as Yun Lintian didn't have to cover himself with the lightning energy all the time.

Moreover, these arrows would become a milestone for him. He could use it to prove the doubt in his heart as he believed something was wrong with the ground.

As the two walked further, the Shadow Monster didn't appear again, as if they were afraid of the arrows Yun Lintian had left behind.

Snap!

"Hmm?" Suddenly, a snapping sound could be heard from behind. Yun Lintian immediately stopped his track and turned around to see the arrow he left on the ground snapped in half.

Furthermore, the snapped arrow's position had obviously changed. It actually moved to the side as if being kicked away.

Snap! Snap! Snap!

The arrows on the ground continued to snap one after another as if something had run past them. At the same time, he could feel the ground shake. Although it was very light, he was certain the ground trembled like someone was jumping on it.

Seeing this, Yun Lintian instinctively stuck his fist out, sending a virtual lightning dragon toward whatever was coming.

Roar—

The lightning dragon let out a deafening cry while rushing through the dark passage.

The next moment, it crashed into something, and a shrill scream instantly echoed throughout the passage.

At this moment, Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu finally saw a floor-to-ceiling tall shadowy creature in a human shape being struck by the lightning dragon.

It kept punching the lightning dragon while screaming toward Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu as if it couldn't wait to eat them alive.

"Hmph! Dare to sneak on us?" Nantian Fengyu snorted coldly and stuck her palm, sending a Divine Phoenix-shaped flame cluster toward the shadowy creature.

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Scree—

The phoenix's cry resonated as the flame cluster traveled across the passage and engulfed the Shadow Monster entirely.

"Arghhh!" The Shadow Monster screamed painfully as its shadowy body was burning. The scream lasted for ten seconds before gradually subsided, and the shadowy figure was nowhere to be seen.

Yun Lintian threw a few fireballs in the distance to check whether the enemy was still there. However, except for the scattered arrows, nothing could be seen. It was as if the Shadow Monster had never appeared before.

"This monster is not strong, but it's very difficult to detect. Our Spiritual Sense is useless against it." Nantian Fengyu said with a frown.

"It can also ignore the residual lightning energy I left in the arrows. This will be troublesome to guard against it." Yun Lintian said while touching his chin.

At this moment, Qingqing seemed to see something and pointed at the path behind. "Big Brother Yun, look."

Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu turned around and were immediately taken aback. The original single passage suddenly turned into four passages without them knowing... What the hell was this?

"Can you still feel the aura, Linlin?" Yun Lintian asked.

"Not anymore," Linlin replied in confusion. "It's like our position has completely changed."

Yun Lintian frowned deeply and scanned the place through the Eyes of Heaven carefully. The scene surprised him greatly. Except for the profound energy flow, another energy flow came into his vision. It was yellow in color. Without a doubt, it was the earth energy.

After obtaining The Earth, Yun Lintian had never used it properly as its power was a bit weak. Furthermore, most of the earth-related techniques were inclined toward a defense, which was pretty much useless for him as he didn't have the chance to use it.

Thinking of this, Yun Lintian squatted down, placing his hand on the ground and trying to feel the source of the earth energy.

Soon, he opened his eyes, and a trace of surprise could be seen in them. "There is an earth vein ahead in the second from the left passage. And it's the best-grade one."

"Best grade Earth vein?" Nantian Fengyu was surprised.

To her knowledge, the Earth Vein contained pure earth energy. It could be used as an energy source for any formation as well as for improving the land. The higher the quality of the vein, the purer energy it could emit.

Normally, a low-grade one was already regarded as a rare heaven and earth treasure, but Yun Lintian actually said it was the best grade one. Once this best-grade Earth Vein went out, it could easily cause a bloodbath.

"However, such a thing definitely has a trap around it. Otherwise, it won't be able to last this long." Yun Lintian said.

"Do you want to go?" Nantian Fengyu asked.

Yun Lintian said with a frown. "I can't feel anything from the other three passages. Instead of walking blindly, we better choose the one we know."

He looked around and said further. "This place is like a giant maze. It definitely has an energy source. Maybe this Earth Vein can give us some clues."

"Let's go." After checking carefully for one last time, Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu immediately walked into the said passage.

This time, Yun Lintian deliberately stopped after passing through the entrance. Sure enough. The moment he stepped into the passage, the entrance behind instantly closed, becoming a dead end with no way to retreat.

This scene immediately gave Yun Lintian an idea. As someone who studied the Myriad Formation Scripture for a long time, he naturally knew a lot about the formations.

This kind of maze-like position-changing formation was one of the highest-rank formations in the Divine Realm. It was known as Labyrinth Formation.

The Labyrinth Formation was extremely popular among the Divine Realm's practitioners. It was often used to protect their treasury or fortress.

The only downside of this formation was that it consumed a hefty amount of energy. Not to mention a formation master on that level was very difficult to find. Hence, only those huge clans could afford to deploy it.

Yun Lintian's brows involuntarily creased together when he thought of this. If this was the Labyrinth Formation as he guessed, it would be extremely troublesome because the only way to break it was to find the energy source.

Boom!

While Yun Lintian was thinking, Nantian Fengyu noticed another Shadow Monster approaching them. She didn't hesitate to launch her attack on it.

"Hmm?" Nantian Fengyu suddenly noticed that this Shadow Monster was stronger than the last one. Her earlier attack could easily kill any Ruler Profound Realm's practitioner, but this Shadow Monster could actually resist it.

"How about this?"

Suddenly, a pair of fiery phoenix wings appeared behind Nantian Fengyu. She quickly flapped them, sending a storm of fiery feathers toward the Shadow Monster.

This time, the Shadow Monster was immediately torn apart and disappeared, along with a painful scream.

"This one's strength is on the same level as the middle level of the Saint Profound Realm's practitioner." Nantian Fengyu said while retracting the wings.

Yun Lintian frowned slightly. "It seems my guess is correct. There should be some guardians protecting the Earth Vein. Let's go."

Yun Lintian didn't hesitate to cover himself and Nantian Fengyu with the Divine Phoenix flame clusters and move forward along the passage.

The deeper they went in, the more Shadow Monsters they encountered. This further confirmed Yun Lintian's conjecture.

After walking for a full ten minutes, Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu immediately arrived at a lush open space filled with grasses. A small pond could be seen in the middle, but the water inside was pitch-black, exuding an unpleasant smell.

Yun Lintian stopped Nantian Fengyu from moving forward and carefully scanned the place through the Eyes of Heaven.

Immediately, his expression turned solemn as he discovered countless bones beneath these grasses. Most of them were buried here for ages, while a small portion was very recent.

Furthermore, Yun Lintian could see a terrifying aura coming from them. Without a doubt, they were definitely Divine Realm's practitioners and very powerful ones. Perhaps some of them had even reached the Divine Emperor Realm!

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Yun Lintian's heart became heavy when he realized this. The first question that popped up in his mind was how did they end up losing their lives here? Did they kill each other, or did something take their lives away?

"What's wrong, junior brother?" Nantian Fengyu asked as she saw Yun Lintian's face grow heavy.

"There are a lot of bones of divine beings under this place. They have been here for a long, long time. Maybe more than ten thousand years." Yun Lintian replied.

Nantian Fengyu was shocked and subconsciously stepped back. She couldn't believe that a fairy-like place like this was actually a graveyard. What was more? It wasn't an ordinary graveyard but a graveyard of divine beings!

"No wonder the Earth Vein could reach this grade." Yun Lintian said further as he stared at the Earth Vein at the pond's center.

It had grown into this grade because of the residual power left behind by these divine beings' corpses.

Yun Lintian put the matter of the bones of divine beings aside and looked at the recently buried bones. From their shapes, these bones were pretty much intact, which meant the owners died without even putting up a fight.

Obviously, there must be something tricky in this place.

"There's no a single Shadow Monster here." Nantian Fengyu suddenly said.

Yun Lintian glanced around and frowned deeply. He tried to find any seal or formation, but nothing could be seen here. This puzzled him greatly.

His gaze finally landed on the black pond. Through the Eyes of Heaven, except for a small trace of the dark element, he didn't see anything else. The problem was that, with the Earth Vein here, how could the water in the pond become this black?

Thinking of this, Yun Lintian took a small dagger out and prepared to throw it into the pond. However, Hongyue's voice suddenly resounded.

"Don't touch the pond."

Yun Lintian halted his movement and asked. "Do you know something?"

"This is the burial ground, and the pond is served as a seal to suppress the resentment of these people in this place. Once you touch it, you will immediately be attacked by it." Hongyue explained. "The resentment of a Divine Emperor is no joke. Your soul might be devoured by it instantly."

Yun Lintian immediately understood. It was no wonder the owners of those recent bones died without any physical injury.

"Those Shadow Monsters you saw before should have consumed a lot of fear from this place," Hongyue said. "Well, it seems you can't take this Earth Vein away."

Yun Lintian nodded gently and explained everything to Nantian Fengyu.

Upon hearing this, Nantian Fengyu asked. "What should we do? This place is clearly a dead end."

Yun Lintian thought for a moment and said. "Maybe we can try to walk back. Perhaps our position will change again."

Nantian Fengyu nodded and prepared to leave.

Suddenly, Hongyue's expression changed as she noticed a spatial fluctuation in the air above the pond. "Watch out!"

Yun Lintian jolted up by Hongyue's sudden cry and looked toward the pond. At this moment, he saw a huge stone appear out of thin air and fall into the pond.

Arghhhh—

Immediately, the entire space was filled with endlessly painful wails and roars, causing Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu to clutch their heads in pain. They felt as though countless blades stung into their souls, trying to tear them into pieces.

"Big Brother Yun!" Linlin cried out and released her power, filling everything around Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu with lightning sparks.

However, her effort was futile. It didn't stop the attack in the slightest.

Seeing Yun Lintian in pain, Qingqing was so angry. She jumped out of his shoulder as her entire body glowed in a deep green light. "How dare you hurt Big Brother Yun!?"

An apocalyptic windstorm abruptly filled the space, sweeping every blade of grass and bone away.

In that instant, the pain in Yun Lintian's soul eased a lot. Without thinking further, he summoned the Gate of Beyond Heaven and dragged everyone into it.

Thud!

Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu landed heavily nearby Misty Lake with blood flowing out of their eyes, ears, mouth, and nose.

"Big Brother Yun!" Linlin and Qingqing cried anxiously when they saw this scene.

Swoosh!

Hongyue and Lauya immediately appeared beside them. Without thinking further, Hongyue waved her hand, sending Yun Lintian and Nantian Fengyu into the soul lake in the distance.

Lauya quickly touched their foreheads and injected her wood energy into them.

The injury on their souls was not light. If it was late for another few seconds, they would have become lifeless corpses by now.

While Lauya was treating them, Hongyue recalled the earlier scene in her mind. The stone that suddenly appeared above the pond was, without a doubt, a meticulous trap planned by someone.

The person who did this must understand the formation art and the Golden Mountain very well. Otherwise, it was impossible to know Yun Lintian's position and activate the trap.

Who could it be?

"Hmm? He actually survives?" Somewhere in the Golden Mountain Ruins, Xing Chen said in surprise while sitting on a chair.

Beside him was the old man, Lan Cao.

The two of them had come here with one purpose, which was to borrow the power of this place to kill Yun Lintian.

A worn-out book was opened on the table before them, and a rough map could be seen in it. If one looked closely, it seemed to be the map of the Golden Mountain Ruins.

Xing Chen was confident in killing Yun Lintian here because of this.

After failing to kill Yun Lintian last time, Xing Chen had spent all his time studying Yun Lintian's movement in the past. He then figured out a pattern. Yun Lintian seemed to chase after the mythical realms and a place where elemental energy gathered heavily, such as the Boundless Desert.

Since he knew this, he made a guess that Yun Lintian would come to the Golden Mountain Ruins one day. This made him come up with such a killing method.

The book in front of him had been kept inside the Star Gazing Palace's library for ages. Although it wasn't complete, it was enough for Xing Chen to understand the structure of the Golden Mountain's entry-level.

It also allowed him to master some formations and seals in this place. The trap Yun Lintian faced earlier was naturally his handwriting.