

Overlord 1231

Chapter 1231: Have You Asked for My Permission?

Xia Liuhui, Liang Zhuangmin, Wu Zhijun, and Min Rourou had never felt so much despair before. They were already prepared to die. However, when Lin Fan voiced his intention to further humiliate Wu Zhijun and Min Rourou, they went mad with fury.

However, they were restricted by the Soul Foundation Realm experts and couldn't even budge. They were completely helpless. The two women were definitely unwilling to take such humiliation. They were about to kill themselves.

Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin were extremely vexed. As men, they had failed to protect their women, so they felt terrible. Fortunately, during this moment of crisis, a voice that was akin to the voice from heaven sounded. They were overjoyed.

Not far away, two figures were rapidly approaching them. One figure was in front, while the other was closely following behind. The person in front was none other than Xiang Shaoyun, and the other one was Devil Concubine.

They had run through the Devil Domain in this manner for an entire month. Wherever Xiang Shaoyun went, she would stick to him stubbornly. When they encountered devils, Xiang Shaoyun would kill the devils to gather contribution points while Devil Concubine would proceed to help him.

Xiang Shaoyun felt completely helpless and could only let her do as she wished. In any case, she was strong enough that he didn't need to actually take care of her. He only needed to focus on killing devils and looking for some silent place to rest and meditate on his gains for the day.

Devil Concubine would also do the same. It was as though she had turned into his shadow. Despite being together all the time, they had no interaction. Xiang Shaoyun had tried persuading her to leave, but she proved to be incredibly stubborn.

At one point, Xiang Shaoyun didn't even know what to say anymore. He considered moving at his fastest speed to break free from her, but a certain soft spot in his heart and the occasional flashbacks of a certain face made it so that he couldn't bring himself to do so. And thus, he allowed her to keep following him.

Naturally, many people had noticed the two traveling together. The nosy ones were even spreading some rumors about the two. Fortunately, this was the Devil Domain and not the surface world. Otherwise, Xiang Shaoyun would have already transformed into a life target for countless young men.

He had actually won their sweetheart's favor out of nowhere and was even giving her the cold shoulder. Anyone would find his behavior hateful.

Upon nearing the third layer's entrance, Xiang Shaoyun sensed some familiar auras.

Only then did he notice that Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin had encountered danger. He was instantly infuriated when he learned of their predicament. Both of them were his brothers. How could he allow any harm to come their way? Because of that, he issued a ruthless warning before he even reached them.

Lin Fan looked at Xiang Shaoyun and sneered, "So, there are more fools here to throw their lives away."

"I'll deal with him," said one of them as he charged Xiang Shaoyun.

The person charging was a sixth-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator. He hadn't done much in the battle, so this was the best opportunity for him to make some contributions by killing this rude kid. Lin Fan did not stop his subordinate, believing that his subordinate would be enough to instantly kill Xiang Shaoyun.

"A mere third-stage Soul Foundation Realm kid dares to speak such arrogant words? Die," said the sixth-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator as he swung his saber. He sent out a blue energy saber, and it tore through the air toward Xiang Shaoyun. He aimed to slice Xiang Shaoyun in half with this single attack.

A sneer formed on his face as he was confident that Xiang Shaoyun wouldn't be able to survive. But when he focused, he found that he had only been attacking an afterimage. The discovery astonished him slightly. By the time he reacted, Xiang Shaoyun had already appeared beside him. A hand reached out for his neck.

"Watch out!" Lin Fan warned. Unfortunately, the warning came too late, and the person's neck was already caught in Xiang Shaoyun's grip. This young man was too fast, to the point none of them could react in time.

Crack!

That man couldn't even begin his struggle before his neck was snapped. The crisp sound was incredibly piercing in the ears of Lin Fan's group.

Xiang Shaoyun then tossed the corpse aside like some stray dog and said, "Don't you know that they're this overlord's brothers? You dare lay your hands on them? Are you tired of living?"

He spoke domineeringly, displaying a valiant front that momentarily stunned Lin Fan and the others. Xiang Shaoyun was only a third-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator. How had he killed a sixth-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator so easily?

While they were still dazed, Xiang Shaoyun's body flickered and reappeared beside Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin. Only then did Lin Fan recover from his shock. He roared, "I don't care who you are. Today, you die here. Kill!"

At his command, the people from his side surrounded Xiang Shaoyun and the others. They unleashed a barrage of attacks at them. The joint attack of so many Soul Foundation Realm Sovereigns was incredibly powerful. It wouldn't be an easy task for Xiang Shaoyun to keep Xia Liuhui and the others safe in the face of this onslaught.

Just as Xiang Shaoyun was about to unleash his Nether Soul Domain, Devil Concubine said something so incredible Xiang Shaoyun staggered.

"You dare touch my man? Have you asked for my permission?" Devil Concubine roared as her sword erupted with strength and swung toward Lin Fan's group.

One ought to admit that Devil Concubine was truly a powerful combatant. She had actually decided to face multiple opponents all by herself, and her performance was incredibly overbearing. Xiang Shaoyun recovered from his daze and hurriedly blocked the incoming attacks as he protected Xia Liuhui and the others while they retreated.

"Boss, you're amazing. You managed to conquer even the True Martial Academy's number one beauty! Hahaha, with this, I have gained yet another impressive sister-in-law," said Xia Liuhui.

Xiang Shaoyun already had a decent number of women by his side. Xia Liuhui had always envied him greatly. Now that he had obtained yet another absolute beauty of great reputation, Xia Liuhui's reverence for him grew to a brand new level.

"Shaoyun, ignore us. Go give our sister-in-law a hand," said Liang Zhuangmin.

"There's no need. She should be able to handle them alone," said Xiang Shaoyun calmly.

At this time, Wu Zhijun exclaimed, "Is she Devil Concubine from the True Martial Academy?"

"If there is no other person with the same name, then yes, she is," said Xiang Shaoyun with a shrug.

Chapter 1232: Self-Proclaimed Overlord, Xiang Shaoyun

As the True Martial Academy's number two prodigy, her strength was second only to Dugu Qiubai. Her Yin Yang Physique was unrivaled, and she had even touched upon the surface of the dao of time. She unleashed several stunning sword techniques, forcing Lin Fan's group to retreat repeatedly.

Lin Fan had not imagined that a mere fourth-stage lady could actually be their match. He was greatly shocked.

"Hateful woman, do you really think we can't do anything to you? Die!" Lin Fan wasn't exactly weak. Devil Concubine wouldn't be able to substantially harm him for the time being. When his companions started getting killed, he was forced to use his trump card.

A pearl appeared in his hand, which he threw toward Devil Concubine. A green mist burst out of the pearl, flooding the area with a unique smell. Within the mist, one's vision would grow fuzzy, and the smell could sink one into an illusion. Even a peak Soul Foundation Realm expert wouldn't be able to escape it.

Devil Concubine was able to react, but she couldn't break free of the green mist either. She could no longer keep attacking and was forced to defend herself as she retreated rapidly. She didn't give anyone the chance to mount a sneak attack on her.

But since this was Lin Fan's trump card, he had naturally prepared a follow-up. A green cloak appeared on his body, helping him to become one with the mist. Like a mobile mist, he charged Devil Concubine.

Xiang Shaoyun had been observing the battle. The moment he saw Lin Fan's actions, he said, "A cheap trick."

Xiang Shaoyun transformed into a fiery streak as he dashed toward the green mist. Just as Lin Fan was about to attack Devil Concubine's vitals, Xiang Shaoyun's fiery attack arrived behind him.

"Trying to harm her? Have you asked for my permission?" Xiang Shaoyun was furious.

He might have been giving Devil Concubine the cold shoulder, but he had still been somewhat touched by her persistence in following him. Furthermore, a certain person had occasionally appeared in his memories. Thus, when he saw her being bullied, he grew furious.

Yun Flame was a power of extreme yang, a perfect nemesis to something like Lin Fan's green mist. When Xiang Shaoyun utilized the profundity of flame, the entire world seemed to burn. He thrust his palm at Lin Fan repeatedly, crushing Lin Fan with an ocean of flame.

The palm attacks were incredibly powerful and left Lin Fan with no room to evade, forcing him to withstand the attack. Lin Fan had not imagined that Xiang Shaoyun would be able to locate him within the mist. His green cloak could merge his body into the mist, and nobody should be able to detect him in this situation.

Lin Fan did not have any time to think about it either. He had to immediately erect his defenses to block the incoming attacks. Their energies collided, creating a blast that cleared the green mist from their surroundings. Devil Concubine was able to safely retreat. She took this chance to attack the others, not giving them the chance to trouble Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin.

Xiang Shaoyun did not hold back once he decided to attack. Each of his attacks was incredibly ferocious, forcing Lin Fan to retreat repeatedly. Lin Fan had to release his nine-layered soul foundation and put all his might into battling Xiang Shaoyun.

"I don't care who you are. You're dying today!" said Lin Fan as he sent his soul power crashing forward. As a peak Soul Foundation Realm cultivator, his strength was naturally not to be underestimated.

Since Xiang Shaoyun was only using one star at a time, this wasn't an easy fight for him. Fortunately, his saint soul was strong enough that the nine-layered soul foundation couldn't do anything to him. He could restrain Lin Fan with his flame power, but it was almost impossible for him to defeat Lin Fan with just fire. He needed more power if he wanted to prevail.

Fiery Lightning Storm!

Instantly, Xiang Shaoyun unleashed three different energies. First, lightning and flame erupted. Then, a gale followed. It was as though a natural calamity had arrived, wreaking destruction all around him.

Lin Fan was alarmed. He could sense a great danger approaching him. Retreating was no longer possible, so he was once again forced to withstand the incoming attack with all he had.

However, his wood energy was completely restrained by the flame and lightning energies. With the wind energy increasing their might, Lin Fan was completely helpless. It did not take him long to suffer grave injuries.

Not far away, Xia Liuhui, Liang Zhuangmin, Wu Zhijun, and Min Rourou were completely dumbstruck as they witnessed the battle.

Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin knew that Xiang Shaoyun was strong, but they hadn't seen him in a while. Thus, they were dumbstruck after seeing that he had grown stronger yet again.

As for Wu Zhijun and Min Rourou, they were still shocked by Devil Concubine's earlier words. Xiang Shaoyun had seen Xia Liuhui before, but not Min Rourou. However, Min Rourou had heard a lot about him from Xia Liuhui and had wanted to see just what kind of a man he was.

She personally thought that Xia Liuhui was exaggerating when he described Xiang Shaoyun as the perfect man. She had never believed it. But when she finally met him, she found that not only was Xia Liuhui not exaggerating, but he had also undersold Xiang Shaoyun. This here was a flawless man, a man akin to a child of the heavens.

Both Wu Zhijun and Min Rourou knew who Devil Concubine was. Thus, it was inconceivable that a man would actually catch her attention. Not only was Devil Concubine someone with amazing

cultivation talent, but she also had a powerful background. Nobody had ever won her favor before. It was incredibly impressive of Xiang Shaoyun to be able to make her admit that he was her man.

Nobody could stop the combination of Xiang Shaoyun and Devil Concubine. Lin Fan and his allies were quickly killed off. Some disciples watching the battle from far away recognized Devil Concubine.

"That's the True Martial Academy's Devil Concubine! She has a man already? This is shocking news!"

"Who's that kid? His strength is terrifying. He even cultivates so many powers. For cultivators of multiple powers, it is impressive for him to reach this far."

"A man picked by Devil Concubine definitely isn't a nobody. I believe someone will know who he is. But from their physical appearances alone, the two are truly meant for each other."

"I know who he is! He's the Dragon Phoenix Academy's abandoned disciple! Back then, he had emerged as the champion of the competition between the four academies. He is the self-proclaimed overlord, Xiang Shaoyun."

"It's him? I heard he had fused nine different powers. Is that true?"

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When Xiang Shaoyun's identity was uncovered, his reputation started rising yet again. Naturally, he also attracted some hostility due to his relationship with Devil Concubine.

Chapter 1233: How Am I a Player?

After killing Lin Fan and the others, Xiang Shaoyun looted their corpses.

Instead of keeping the spoils for himself, he gave them to Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin and said, "Take these. Consider this a compensation for your mental distress they had caused."

The storage rings of several Soul Foundation Realm cultivators amounted to a considerable sum of wealth. One could see just how generous Xiang Shaoyun was for him to give them all to his brothers without a care. When Devil Concubine saw, her eyes flickered.

Xiang Shaoyun was good-looking and domineering. Now that he was demonstrating his generosity, he looked more and more like the perfect man for her. She had been observing him for an entire month, and she was starting to believe that he really was an upright gentleman. Through her observations, she developed a sort of attraction toward him.

She had seen way too many outstanding men, but Xiang Shaoyun was the first to give her this kind of feeling, which was why she had suddenly decided that Xiang Shaoyun was her man. She didn't do that just because he had seen her bathing but because he had defeated her in combat as well. Since her defeat, she had admired his strength.

Even after she tried killing him so many times, he did not take advantage of her moment of danger. Rather, he had saved her and had even agreed to take a stab from her. That was when she started believing he was a decent man.

As she spent time with him, she found that he might seem uncaring, but whenever she was in danger, he would help. Some of the dangers were situations she had intentionally placed herself in, but through that, she managed to ascertain that he really did care about her.

Hence, she was not about to give up on a man like him. Yes, he had a wife and a son. So what?

Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin did not stand on ceremony and accepted the storage rings. They even shared the spoils with Min Rourou and Wu Zhijun.

"H-how can we do this? Return it to him!" said Min Rourou, embarrassed.

"Just accept it. Consider this a gift from my boss for your first meeting. My boss is rich," said Xia Liuhui as he stuffed the storage ring into Min Rourou's hands.

Min Rourou insisted, "No. There are definitely many treasures inside. I can't take it!"

At this time, Xiang Shaoyun walked over and asked, "Liuhui, who is this?"

"Boss, this is the beautiful and gentle sister-in-law of yours, Min Rourou. Rourou, greet my boss. His name is Xiang Shaoyun. With his care, nobody will dare to bully us!" introduced Xia Liuhui.

Xia Liuhui seemed excessively proud, as though he was flaunting to his boss that he had finally found a beautiful partner.

Min Rourou blushed and said, "H-hello, Xiang Shaoyun. Y-you're even more remarkable than what Liuhui had said about you. You're too handsome and cool."

Xia Liuhui nearly fainted. He hurriedly hugged Min Rourou and said, "Rourou, don't get yourself poisoned by my boss! He has a lot of beauties already. Don't get involved! You can only be mine!"

Xia Liuhui had personally seen how every single woman by Xiang Shaoyun's side was as beautiful as a fairy. He didn't even dare to doubt Xiang Shaoyun's attractiveness. He was truly afraid that Min Rourou would also fall for Xiang Shaoyun. If that happened, he would probably cry himself to death.

Xiang Shaoyun rubbed his nose and said, "Calm down, Liuhui. She was only showing me some admiration. She's still loyal to you. In any case, I already have a woman sticking to me."

He had no choice but to use Devil Concubine as a shield. He did not want to see his brother's woman fall for him, which wouldn't be good. Devil Concubine played along and stepped forth to hug Xiang Shaoyun's arm, demonstrating her ownership over him.

Xiang Shaoyun rubbed his nose and transmitted to her, "Can you not be so blunt?"

"No, you said it yourself. I'm your woman," said Devil Concubine as her lips curled into a smile. She wasn't transmitting her voice. Everyone heard her clearly.

Xia Liuhui hurriedly said, "Rourou, see, the sister-in-law is here. Don't even think about my boss anymore."

Min Rourou blushed and said, "I-I never said I liked him. I-I only admire him. What nonsense are you talking about!"

"Only admiration?" Xia Liuhui asked solemnly.

"Of course! Haven't you always bragged about how amazing your boss is? After meeting him, I found that he is even better than you have described. I couldn't help but voice my praise for him," explained Min Rourou shyly.

"Good, that's good. My boss is too much of a player. He won't be a good match for you. Only a loyal lover like me is suited for you," said Xia Liuhui.

Xiang Shaoyun cursed inwardly, How am I a player?

"Shaoyun, after several years, you have grown stronger yet again. Looks like there is no way we can catch up to you anymore," said Liang Zhuangmin with a sigh.

He had been placing a lot of effort into cultivating and had also obtained some decent fortuitous encounters. However, he was still a seventh-stage Dragon Ascension Realm expert. His cultivation was lower than Xia Liuhui and an entire realm lower than Wu Zhijun. Witnessing Xiang Shaoyun's strength dealt him an even bigger blow.

However, he wasn't someone whose heart would waver so easily. He continued encouraging himself, telling himself that he would definitely catch up to them one day.

"Don't say that, big brother. You have been growing quickly, too. It won't be long before you become even stronger," said Xiang Shaoyun. He looked at Wu Zhijun and said, "Long time, sister-in-law. You have become prettier. No wonder my big brother can never forget you."

Wu Zhijun smiled and said, "You sure have your way with words. No wonder even Devil Concubine has fallen for you."

Xiang Shaoyun felt somewhat awkward. Devil Concubine's infatuation with him did not seem related to words.

"Yes, he's a smooth talker. I really like him," agreed Devil Concubine bluntly.

Xiang Shaoyun almost fainted. He could swear that he had not exchanged more than 10 words with her during the month he spent with her. How was he suddenly a smooth talker?

"Sister, you're so beautiful. You must have a lot of pursuers," said Min Rourou curiously.

She was right. Devil Concubine was too beautiful. She was comparable with Yu Caidie in terms of beauty. Furthermore, the cold way she carried herself made her look like a domineering queen, a woman that proved fatal to many men. Many men would love to conquer a woman like her since it would grant them an immense sense of accomplishment.

Devil Concubine replied nonchalantly, "I don't know. He will be my only man."

Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin were filled with reverence toward Xiang Shaoyun when they heard her. Xiang Shaoyun was probably the only man that could make her say something like that.

Chapter 1234: Devil Concubine's Fan Club

Xiang Shaoyun brought them to a silent place to rest. Since it had been a while since they had last met, they needed some time to properly catch up as well. With some liquor and snacks, they chatted while drinking. With beauties by their side, they were in an excellent mood despite being in the cruel Devil Domain.

While they were drinking, a group from the True Martial Academy was heading toward them. They were all elite disciples from the True Martial Academy and were known as the Devil Concubine's Fan Club, which was filled with Devil Concubine's admirers. Each of them dreamed of getting her for himself.

They had voluntarily formed the fan club, agreeing that each member would pursue Devil Concubine with his own ability. Up until now, none of them had succeeded. Thus, they couldn't accept it when they heard that an outsider had succeeded.

Each person in this fan club had extraordinary strength, especially the group's five leaders. The leaders were all in the Soul Foundation Realm, and one of them was Zhou Haoyu, a person Xiang Shaoyun had once defeated.

He was once ranked fifth on the True Martial Academy's ranking. Despite his strength, he was only ranked third in this fan club. There were two stronger individuals than him. The two had not shown themselves during the competition of the four academies. One was a descendant of a True Martial Academy elder, and the other was an up-and-coming prodigy. The former was called Gongsun Tiehu, while the latter was called Su Youzi.

Gongsun Tiehu was about 40 years old. Like Devil Concubine, he was a fourth-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator. He was famed for his unrivaled staff technique, and he was an arrogant individual who constantly bragged that he would one day defeat Dugu Qiubai.

He also looked incredibly valiant. His arms seemed to be filled with strength, and the veins running through his muscular arms made him look ferocious. His staff rested on his shoulder, making him look arrogant and carefree.

On the other hand, Su Youzi looked gentle and reserved. His long and narrow eyes occasionally flickered with a chilly radiance, giving one the impression he was a viper. Just by being in his presence, one would feel a chill creep up one's spine. Coiled around his waist was a colorful python as thick as an arm.

These were the two individuals that relegated Zhou Haoyu to third place in the fan club. Apart from these three, the other two Soul Foundation Realm cultivators were also famed individuals in the True Martial Academy. As for the other disciples, they also seemed to be talented cultivators. They might not be Soul Foundation Realm cultivators, but they didn't seem too far off.

Such a group naturally possessed a combat strength that couldn't be underestimated. It was worth noting that most of them were also incredibly good-looking. After hearing about Devil Concubine's whereabouts, they had rushed over at top speed, wanting to see both her and her man.

"Haoyu, is that Xiang Shaoyun really that strong?" asked Gongsun Tiehu, seated atop a tiger.

Zhou Haoyu flung his hair around and said, "Do you think someone who can defeat Dugu Qiubai is weak?"

"Sure, but he cultivates nine powers. He practically has no future. How far do you think he can grow after all these years?" asked Gongsun Tiehu.

"I don't know. But since Devil Concubine selected him, he has probably grown considerably," said Zhou Haoyu with a smile.

"I don't care about his strength. We need to move together. If he wants to snatch our goddess away, he has to show us some strength," said Su Youzi as he stroked his python.

"Devil Concubine will never pick him. It must be an unfounded rumor," said Gongsun Tiehu.
"Brothers, pick up the pace. Let's teach that kid a lesson."

They then increased their speed. Because they were already quite close to Xiang Shaoyun's location, they quickly found them after asking around.

Xiang Shaoyun was naturally the first to detect the approaching group. He looked toward them and said, "Someone might be here to create trouble."

"Devils?" Liang Zhuangmin asked.

"No, humans," replied Xiang Shaoyun.

"Which human is gutsy enough to challenge us?" asked Xia Liuhui domineeringly.

At this time, Devil Concubine also sensed the newcomers. She frowned and said, "This might be a problem that has arisen due to me."

"What kind of trouble can you bring, sister?" asked the innocent Min Rourou.

Wu Zhijun said, "Definitely her admirers."

Soon, Gongsun Tiehu, Su Youzi, and the others appeared before them. When the group saw Devil Concubine, a look of infatuation appeared on their faces, especially on Gongsun Tiehu's. From a tough man, Gongsun Tiehu transformed into a soft man, his grim expression blooming into a wide smile.

"Devil Concubine," Gongsun Tiehu called out gently.

However, Devil Concubine completely ignored him.

He wasn't angry. He led the group and surrounded Xiang Shaoyun's group. His gaze swept past the three males in the group before stopping on Xiang Shaoyun. He asked, "You're Xiang Shaoyun?"

Like Devil Concubine, Xiang Shaoyun completely ignored him and continued drinking with Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin. Gongsun Tiehu was infuriated. It was fine that his beloved ignored him. After all, she had sufficient strength and status. But who was this Xiang Shaoyun? Even someone like him dared to put on airs in front of him?

When Zhou Haoyu saw that Gongsun Tiehu was about to erupt in anger, he patted Gongsun's shoulder and stepped forth. He asked, "Xiang Shaoyun, do you remember me?"

Xiang Shaoyun looked up and said, "No."

That dealt Zhou Haoyu quite a blow.

Before Zhou Haoyu could say anything, Xiang Shaoyun said, "If there is nothing important, you may leave. Don't disturb us. We're trying to drink some liquor and have a chat."

"How arrogant. Do you want to die?" shouted someone from the fan club.

Right after saying that, a silhouette dashed over. Before anyone could react, two crisp sounds rang out: Pa! Pa!

"You dare threaten my man? Watch your mouth!" said Devil Concubine domineeringly.

The silhouette was none other than Devil Concubine. With incredible speed, she had moved toward the man before slapping him several times.

The man was completely stupefied, and even the other fan club members were stunned. They had initially refused to believe that Devil Concubine would find herself a man. But now, they had no choice but to believe it.

Chapter 1235: Fall of Cities and Kingdoms

The people from Devil Concubine's fan club sank into silence. They really didn't know what to say. They adored Devil Concubine greatly, yet she was admitting that she already had a man. She even struck one of them for him. This dealt them a massive mental blow.

"Devil Concubine, how can you do that?" Gongsun Tiehu asked as he clenched his fists in an unreconciled manner.

Devil Concubine turned her head, looked at him, and replied seriously, "Touching my man is the same as touching me. Don't do anything stupid."

Her aggressive way of showing her love had successfully touched Xiang Shaoyun. A woman who could bravely go all out for love and was also a remarkable beauty like her was not someone any man could reject.

Crack! Crack!

Gongsun Tiehu clenched his fists so hard cracking sounds could be heard. His eyes turned red. He was about to go mad from anger.

"Are you going to attack me?" asked Devil Concubine provocatively.

Apart from Xiang Shaoyun, nobody here was her match.

Gongsun Tiehu took a deep breath and looked at Xiang Shaoyun. He shouted, "If you're a man, get your ass over here!"

Xiang Shaoyun felt attacked. How was he not a man? Why should he get his ass over there? But since Devil Concubine had been so protective of him, he felt like he needed to do something as well.

Thus, he met Gongsun Tiehu's gaze and said, "I'm a man, but I won't get my ass over there. If you want to die, feel free to get your ass over here. Stop crying like a baby. A person's strength is not determined by how loud one is."

"I don't know why Devil Concubine chose a pretty face like you, but I'm giving you a chance. Admit that you're not a good match for her and leave immediately. You will be spared. Otherwise, the consequences will be grave," demanded Gongsun Tiehu.

Before Xiang Shaoyun could say anything, Xia Liuhui said, "Are you blind? My boss and sister-in-law are perfect for each other, a match made in heaven. Why don't you look in the mirror? Are you even worthy of being with my sister-in-law? Piss off already. Stop embarrassing yourself."

His words were merciless and further infuriated Gongsun Tiehu.

"Your mouth stinks. Let me rip it apart," said Gongsun Tiehu as he unleashed his Sovereign's aura and sent a ferocious palm attack toward Xia Liuhui.

He held nothing back in his attack. As a peak Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator, Xia Liuhui would stand no chance against him. Naturally, Xiang Shaoyun stood before Xia Liuhui. He then casually swatted the palm attack aside.

"You want to fight? Make sure you're also ready to die before starting a fight," said Xiang Shaoyun coldly.

"What an arrogant kid. Fight me one on one. I don't need people saying that we bullied you with numbers," said Gongsun Tiehu when he finally realized that Xiang Shaoyun was also somewhat strong. His competitiveness was triggered.

"There is no need for that. All of you can come together. From now on, Devil Concubine is my woman. Anyone daring to harbor any thoughts toward her will lose his head," said Xiang Shaoyun overbearingly.

A joyful smile covered Devil Concubine's face when she heard his words. When she smiled, it was as though 100 flowers were blooming at the same time. Even her surroundings looked prettier. All the men in the area were dazed. With one smile, she caused cities to fall. With another smile, she caused kingdoms to fall. That was perhaps the only way one could describe her beauty.

"I'll fight you. Devil Concubine is definitely not yours. She belongs to the fan club!" said a peak Emperor who finally couldn't hold himself back any longer. With a roar, he swung his sword at Xiang Shaoyun without caring if Gongsun Tiehu would agree to his challenge.

This Emperor was strong enough to fight Sovereigns. He could easily match second-stage Sovereigns, which was why he had the courage to challenge Xiang Shaoyun. His attack was sharp and overbearing, surrounding Xiang Shaoyun with numerous sharp energy swords.

However, his energy swords couldn't go far before Xiang Shaoyun jabbed at the empty air, sending a beam through the attacker's chest. His blood spilled, and his figure dropped from the sky.

"A mere clown," said Xiang Shaoyun with disdain.

The fan club members were infuriated when they heard his insult. Five of them charged him at the same time, sending five different attacks toward him from five different directions. Gongsun Tiehu, Su Youzi, and the others did not stop the attackers. They also wanted to see just how capable Xiang Shaoyun was.

The five attackers were not to be underestimated. Each of them was a genius capable of punching above his class. When they attacked together, they could easily defeat a second-stage Sovereign.

Without such strength, they wouldn't have been able to become the True Martial Academy disciples. They had assumed that they would succeed by locking down Xiang Shaoyun and attacking with their strongest attacks. Unfortunately for them, they had overestimated themselves.

With a smile, Xiang Shaoyun turned into a phantom and threw out several punches.

Enemy Sealing!

He moved slower than the five attackers, yet each of his moves perfectly countered them. Before they could even complete their attacks, his attacks came and prevented them from completing their techniques. They were sent flying away while coughing blood.

Xiang Shaoyun did not go overboard when attacking. He didn't kill them, but he did hit them hard enough that they couldn't continue to fight. After all, those capable of entering the True Martial Academy were genius cultivators from different powerful organizations.

He did not dare to really kill so many of them. Otherwise, he would offend not only the True Martial Academy but also the organizations behind them. Unless he was ready to kill everyone to eliminate all witnesses, he shouldn't kill any of them.

"Like I said, you should have attacked together. Maggots like you are not worthy of being with my woman. I'll let you know what this overlord is capable of," said Xiang Shaoyun as he dashed into the midst of the fan club members, his battle intent surging.

Xiang Shaoyun did not opt to deal with Gongsun Tiehu and the other leaders first. Rather, he went after the Emperors. His speed was unparalleled. Before the fan club could react, several people were already sent flying.

"I'm your opponent! Get over here!" Gongsun Tiehu roared and charged Xiang Shaoyun with his staff.

Su Youzi, Zhou Haoyu, and the others also stopped standing around. They wouldn't watch on as Xiang Shaoyun beat up their people. That would be too embarrassing.

Chapter 1236: Encircling Xiang Shaoyun

About five people from the fan club were in the Soul Foundation Realm. All five of them tried to seal Xiang Shaoyun's movement, preventing him from defeating the other fan club members one after another.

"Xiang Shaoyun, we'll let this slide if you can defeat us. Don't lay your hands on the others," Zhou Haoyu shouted.

"Get lost, all of you!" said Gongsun Tiehu because the fan club members fleeing everywhere were getting in his way of dealing with Xiang Shaoyun.

The members failed to escape in time and started wailing miserably as Xiang Shaoyun delivered them a beating.

"I'm going to trample over every single one of you," said Xiang Shaoyun with a sneer.

He increased his speed, leaving a series of afterimages as he moved about. Wherever he went, someone would wail miserably and be sent flying. The fan club members were unable to escape. Only a short while had passed, yet the only ones left standing were the five Sovereigns.

The five Sovereigns were infuriated. They had not imagined that Xiang Shaoyun would show them so much disrespect. He had really trampled over their people. Further annoying them was the fact that they couldn't keep up with his speed or pose him any threat.

Xiang Shaoyun finally stopped moving. He beckoned at the five and said, "It's your turn."

"You're getting too cocky. I'll eliminate you," said a second-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator. With a roar, he charged Xiang Shaoyun atop a two-headed lion.

The two-headed lion was a Demon Sovereign. The lion roared, sending a terrifying shockwave toward Xiang Shaoyun while the attacker swung his halberd at Xiang Shaoyun's chest. The attacker had a combat strength comparable to a fifth-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator, possessing the might worthy of being a prodigy from the True Martial Academy. As he attacked, a first-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator attacked as well.

Gravity field!

The second attacker was an earth cultivator. Utilizing the profundity of earth, he formed a powerful gravity field to restrict Xiang Shaoyun's movements, forcing him to slow down. At the same time, the second attacker charged forward with his silver axe, sending a boundlessly powerful attack toward Xiang Shaoyun. The two geniuses worked together, resulting in a terrifying combination.

With Xiang Shaoyun's strength, he remained calm in the face of their attacks. He said, "Only the two of you? This is pointless."

Right after saying that, he threw a punch out before sending a spinning kick to the second attacker. Xiang Shaoyun was completely unaffected by the gravity field. His opponent might know the profundity of earth, but he had a higher proficiency over the profundity of earth. He was almost immune to the gravity field's effects.

Xiang Shaoyun's punch blasted through the lion's roar, continued on, and blasted the halberd away before sending both the attacker and his lion flying. As for the spinning kick, it unleashed a sharp blade of wind that wreaked destruction on the axe wielder. The wind blade ripped his clothes away to reveal a shiny inner armor before sending the axe wielder flying away as well.

Their combat strength was far weaker than Xiang Shaoyun's. No matter how hard they tried, they wouldn't be able to close this gap. Even so, they had still been able to create a perfect opportunity for Zhou Haoyu and Su Youzi to make their move. The two rushed Xiang Shaoyun with their saint weapons.

These were all prodigy cultivators that had grown rapidly. Naturally, they had each encountered some fortuitous encounters and had obtained the True Martial Academy's support. It wasn't

surprising that they would have some saint weapons on them when heading to a place as dangerous as the Devil Domain.

Xiang Shaoyun was too strong. Their only option was to use their saint weapons against him. Even Devil Concubine considered interfering in the fight when she saw their saint weapons. However, she decided against it after some hesitation.

A man as domineering as Xiang Shaoyun placed great importance on his dignity. He would not allow his woman to get involved in his fights. In any case, she didn't believe that Xiang Shaoyun would be defeated so easily. When two saint weapons were taken out, even the weather changed.

"Xiang Shaoyun, take this!" Zhou Haoyu roared as he attacked with all his strength.

Nine Revolution Star Explosion!

This was a battle technique Zhou Haoyu was famed for, and it was also the most remarkable technique he knew. It was incredibly powerful, and when it was activated, it was as though several stars were exploding at the same time.

Su Youzi's saint weapon was a long whip. He brandished the whip, turning it into a massive python that coiled around Xiang Shaoyun in its attempt to squeeze him to death.

Skylifter Python!

Two top geniuses from the True Martial Academy attacked together with two saint weapons and unleashed a might so powerful that the sky and earth seemed to overturn. The people nearby fled far away in panic, afraid that the shockwaves would hit them.

Zhou Haoyu was a third-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator, and Su Youzi was a fourth-stage Soul Foundation Realm cultivator. Both their soul foundations unleashed a boundless pressure as their soul marks and battle techniques worked together to completely seal the battlefield.

Not even a peak Sovereign would be able to easily survive a joint attack like theirs. Being the target of their attacks, Xiang Shaoyun could naturally feel how powerful the attacks were. He might have a powerful physical body, but he still couldn't withstand the might of saint weapons.

Thus, he had to first break their techniques before moving out of the saint weapons' way. As he had been focused on dealing with his first two opponents, he hadn't been able to escape in time. Against them, his only option was to face their attacks upfront.

He wanted to take the Radiant Saint Sword out, but he decided to use the Overlord Skyslaying Saber instead after some hesitation. This was the weapon he was the most comfortable with. Although the Overlord Skyslaying Saber had yet to recover to the saint-grade, Xiang Shaoyun still wanted to use the saber to see his current limits.

Overlord Skyslaying Saber, sixth stance, One Slash to Destroy the Heavens and Earth!

Instantly, his lightning bone shone brightly, and his lightning energy burst out of his body. His entire person seemed to have transformed into a clump of lightning. The terrifying lightning energy resonated with the world around him, creating a storm of lightning in the Devil Domain. The storm joined with his thick saber intent and shot toward his two opponents. Countless lightning sabers flew forward with a dreadful might that seemed capable of annihilating the entire world.

Chapter 1237: Gongsun Tiehu's Might

The three attacks collided, creating a blinding radiance that caused the world around them to shake. Those near and far could feel the terrifying energy undulations. This level of strength could be considered impressive in the second layer.

"What a terrifying power. Can Shaoyun survive this?" asked Wu Zhijun with a worried expression.

"Shaoyun will win," said Liang Zhuangmin as he clenched his fists tightly.

He hated himself for being incapable of helping Xiang Shaoyun. He vowed to cultivate even harder. He no longer wanted to keep being an onlooker. He wanted to fight alongside his brother and be of help.

"Don't worry. Boss has never lost before," said Xia Liuhui. He knew Xiang Shaoyun the best and had been able to remain calm.

"Each of them is incredibly strong," exclaimed Min Rourou.

After several collisions in the air, the lightning sabers obtained the upper hand. The boundless lightning power demonstrated a might worthy of being the most destructive element as numerous lightning explosions suppressed the exploding star and shattered the massive python.

Two figures could be seen flying away while spewing blood from their mouths. Their clothes were reduced to stripes, and saber wounds could be seen all over their limbs. Many cuts were on their armor. If their armors were even a tier lower, they would have been sliced into pieces.

Xiang Shaoyun had held back in the exchange. The two wouldn't have survived otherwise. He had obtained the complete upper hand in the exchange, completely defeating two genius disciples equipped with saint weapons. With his incredible combat strength, when he borrowed the power of lightning, who in the same realm could be his match?

Of the nine powers he cultivated, his lightning power was the strongest. This was because his lightning power covered his weakness of only being able to use a single star at a time. Additionally, he had also comprehended the profundity of lightning and saber intent. These two points allowed him to display the strength of a peak Soul Foundation Realm cultivator. Few people could contend against him.

After Zhou Haoyu and Su Youzi were defeated, Gongsun Tiehu vanished.

Devil Concubine raised her brow as she quickly searched her surroundings. When he found that Gongsun Tiehu had appeared at a completely unexpected spot, she cried out, "Overlord, watch out! Behind you!"

Unknowingly, Gongsun Tiehu had appeared behind Xiang Shaoyun with his mount. He combined his strength with the mount and displayed excellent teamwork as they erupted with a strength several times higher than their supposed combined strength. The exponential growth was due to the fact that the two used the same type of energy.

With a might capable of annihilating armies, his staff swung at Xiang Shaoyun's waist. The staff enlarged and shone with a blinding gold radiance. It felt as if the sky itself was going to crack from the attack's sheer might. A tiger's roar resounded in the air, and a majestic might spread out, giving off a sensation of fear that could cause one to give up before the fight even began.

Gongsun Tiehu was the descendant of a True Martial Academy elder. The sect had kept him hidden for many years, and only recently did he reveal himself. Although he wasn't a match for Dugu Qiubai and Devil Concubine, he was good enough to compete against their number three genius, Xiang Chenxi.

Gongsun Tiehu alone erupted with a strength matching the joint attack of Zhou Haoyu and Su Youzi. With his strength and the fact he was mounting a sneak attack, he was confident Xiang Shaoyun would suffer.

Xiang Shaoyun had gone through countless battles, granting him a rich combat experience. He had not dropped his vigilance just because he had defeated Zhou Haoyu and Su Youzi. Because of that, he was able to immediately detect Gongsun Tiehu's sneak attack. After all, he was someone with a saint soul, an existence surpassing all his current opponents. With his sharp senses, he could immediately react to the sneak attack.

Phantom Shift!

As he grew in strength, the speed of his Phantom Shift had also increased rapidly. With a flash, he evaded the attack.

Gongsun Tiehu had not expected Xiang Shaoyun to be able to react so quickly. However, he was still worthy of being someone comparable to Xiang Chenxi. He instantly reacted and launched a follow-up attack. He did not know where Xiang Shaoyun had moved to, but he could unleash a powerful short-range attack to prevent Xiang Shaoyun from hitting him with a counterattack.

Earthbreaker Tiger!

His tiger leaped and slammed its paws down, causing the ground to collapse. Numerous shockwaves rippled out and spread destruction in all directions. Anyone trying to approach would fall victim to the cataclysmic attack.

Next, Gongsun Tiehu and his tiger soared into the sky and moved away, further preventing Xiang Shaoyun from attacking them. When he reached the sky, he discovered that Xiang Shaoyun had been forced to retreat further due to the shockwaves. He saw another opportunity to attack, and he grabbed it as he launched another attack at Xiang Shaoyun.

"Let me show you who's the one that is truly worthy of Devil Concubine," Gongsun Tiehu roared as his battle intent soared. His combat strength increased sharply as his mount pounced on Xiang Shaoyun again.

Atop the tiger, Gongsun Tiehu brought his staff down with a domineering might, causing even the sky itself to crack into two. The Fierce Tiger Battle Aura emanated from Gongsun Tiehu's body.

As the battle aura merged with his tiger, their combined combat strength tripled. This was a secret technique that no ordinary person had access to, and it was the reason for Gongsun Tiehu's confidence. Without it, he wouldn't be confident enough to declare that he would defeat Dugu Qiubai.

Xiang Shaoyun thought, The True Martial Academy prodigies are truly impressive.

Xiang Shaoyun had always been a confident individual. He was someone who had faced the likes of Dugu Qiubai, Devil Concubine, Jiu Tian, Baili Yixiao, Xiang Chenxi, and many others. Each of his opponents possessed incredible combat strength, and he had thought that they were already the best this generation had to offer.

Thus, Xiang Shaoyun couldn't help but gasp with amazement at the True Martial Academy's strength when encountering someone like Gongsun Tiehu. Fortunately, his combat strength had improved recently. Gongsun Tiehu might be strong, but he still couldn't strike fear into Xiang Shaoyun's heart.

Golden Fury!

Xiang Shaoyun instantly switched his energy to the flame and gold energies. The two energies twirled around each other and intensely collided to create an incredibly destructive attack. When the attack struck the staff, Xiang Shaoyun let the energies loose and flickered to Gongsun Tiehu's side.

Flux Finger Sword Technique!

Xiang Shaoyun used the purest gold energy to slash at Gongsun Tiehu, catching him by complete surprise. Gongsun Tiehu had not expected Xiang Shaoyun to turn his retreat into an offense.

Chapter 1238: Stay Far Away From My Boss

The Flux Finger Sword Technique was a finger sword technique that could form an incredibly sharp energy sword to cut through everything.

Xiang Shaoyun's finger sword moved rapidly, instantly slicing through Gongsun Tiehu's thigh. That part, in particular, wasn't covered by his armor.

Unable to dodge, all Gongsun Tiehu felt was a sharp pain in his thigh before his blood splattered out. That wasn't all. While slicing through his thigh, the finger sword also sliced through his mount and made the tiger wail. The tiger struggled in pain, nearly throwing off Gongsun Tiehu.

When the two of them worked together, they could unleash an impressive strength. Thus, Xiang Shaoyun aimed to separate them. He would then be able to defeat them easily. Xiang Shaoyun took the chance to launch another attack. He transformed into a tiger as well, and a tiger's roar rumbled out of his mouth.

Roar!

It was as though the lord of all tigers was roaring. Both Gongsun Tiehu and the tiger were dazed, especially the tiger. It had an illusion that a white tiger was pouncing on it, scaring it so much that it trembled and went limp.

White tiger energy!

Xiang Shaoyun transformed into a white tiger and pounced on them, sending a barrage of white tiger energy toward the two of them. Gongsun Tiehu lost the support of his mount, and his strength dropped considerably. Even so, he still mustered a response and defended in time. Unfortunately, it was pointless.

Xiang Shaoyun's attack was too powerful, fully suppressing him. The endless bombardment tortured him with pain, forcefully separating him from his tiger. They could no longer battle together.

Xiang Shaoyun took the opportunity to press on, and he delivered a beating to Gongsun Tiehu. He grabbed Gongsun Tiehu with one hand and started raining down punches with his other hand.

As he punched, Xiang Shaoyun mercilessly scolded, "Trying to steal my woman? With this little capability of yours, you should just go back home and become a farmer. Stop embarrassing yourself here."

Gongsun Tiehu nearly cried from his beating. Wasn't it immoral to hit someone in the face? And yet, Xiang Shaoyun was only hitting his face. That was too ruthless!

Zhou Haoyu and Su Youzi wanted to help, but when they saw Xiang Shaoyun's ferocity, they were terrified. They decided to continue lying on the ground and acted like they were dead. They had no interest in having their faces pounded like that as well.

Devil Concubine laughed and said, "That's it, that's the kind of strength my man has."

"Sister-in-law, you have good eyes. My boss is a giant among men. Nobody above or under the sky is his match," Xia Liuhui hurriedly agreed.

"I'd be happy if you're even half as capable as your boss," muttered Min Rourou softly.

Xia Liuhui was dealt a great blow. He boldly declared, "Don't worry, Rourou. I might not be as strong as my boss, but I'll definitely be able to at least obtain a strength that is two-thirds of my boss' strength."

Min Rourou merely looked at him doubtfully, dealing an even greater blow to him.

Looks like the only path to happiness is to stay far away from my boss, thought Xia Liuhui.

"Damn it! The devils are attacking," someone suddenly shouted from far away.

Sure enough, a massive group of devils appeared in the distance. There were at least 3,000 of them coming from the sky and the ground. There were definitely enough of them to be considered an army.

Xiang Shaoyun sensed the incoming devils. He immediately tossed Gongsun Tiehu away and shouted, "Remember, whenever you see me in the future, move away. Otherwise, I will beat you up every time I see you."

He wasn't only speaking to Gongsun Tiehu but also to the other fan club members. Since Devil Concubine had insisted that he was her man and he had no intention to part with her for now, he decided to just go with it and let her follow him. Most men were the same. Few could say no when a beautiful woman was voluntarily approaching them.

Xiang Shaoyun personally believed that he had already shown great willpower by persisting this long before accepting her. In a way, he was right. Not many could resist a woman like Devil Concubine. Most other men would hug and shower her with love if they had obtained her favor like Xiang Shaoyun.

Xiang Shaoyun flew toward Xia Liuhui and the others. He enveloped them in powerful energy and shouted, "Let's go!"

They left speedily. He could sense many powerful existences among the approaching devil army. With the strength of Xia Liuhui, Liang Zhuangmin, and the others, they weren't these devils' match. He also couldn't protect them while fighting devils so powerful. Thus, their best course of action was to retreat.

Unsurprisingly, Devil Concubine followed them. She would stick to Xiang Shaoyun for now. It wasn't easy for her to reach this far in the Devil Domain, and she naturally wished to go farther.

Among the devils, there were some flying devils, which were faster than the others. They were the first to attack Xiang Shaoyun and his group. Xiang Shaoyun did not bother wasting any time on them. He moved even faster, aiming to leave this place.

Devil Concubine wasn't slow either, and she kept up with Xiang Shaoyun's speed. The flying devils stubbornly chased after them and separated from the main devil army. The leaders of the flying devils were stronger than the rest, but Xiang Shaoyun did not fear this smaller group of devils.

He worked with Devil Concubine and eliminated all the flying devils. Devil Concubine attacked with the powers of yin and yang, which were terrifyingly destructive. Not even the devils could resist her powers.

Xiang Shaoyun suddenly had an idea. He decided to utilize the power of time and attacked alongside Devil Concubine.

Instant Tempo!

As he used his fingers as a sword, the yin and yang energies swirled around his hand and transformed into an enchanting sword that seemed capable of stopping time itself. The flying devils were frozen in time, allowing a single slash to kill several of them.

When Devil Concubine sensed a similar type of power undulating around her, she looked at Xiang Shaoyun in joy and asked, "You've comprehended the dao of yin and yang?"

Back when Xiang Shaoyun had battled her, she was aware he had relied on his Light of Wisdom to comprehend the Yin Yang Shield. She could sense that his grasp over the powers of yin and yang had improved considerably. She was naturally pleased to learn that Xiang Shaoyun also cultivated the powers of yin and yang like her.

"To be precise, it's the dao of time," Xiang Shaoyun replied. He swung his finger sword repeatedly, affecting time and space around him as though time itself was under his control.

He rarely utilized the dao of time. It wasn't that he didn't want to use it but that he only used it when he was sure he wanted to kill. He also wanted to hide more of his trump cards. That way, he could surprise his opponents during critical moments.

"Your comprehension is already that high?" Devil Concubine was shocked.

Chapter 1239: May You Reach an Even Higher Height

Xiang Shaoyun was able to obtain the inheritance of time by pure luck. Although he hadn't fully grasped the dao of time, he was still ahead of Devil Concubine. The three battle techniques he had created from his comprehension of the dao of time were Instant Tempo, As Time Goes By, and Time Rewind.

He held nothing back as he fought the Devil Sovereigns. As he used the three techniques, time and space around him were affected and gave one an illusion that the flow of time had turned chaotic.

The Devil Sovereigns were not immune to the effects of time. They couldn't even properly display their strength before Xiang Shaoyun killed them off one after another.

Devil Concubine remained near Xiang Shaoyun, allowing her to clearly sense the terror of the dao of time. Staying near him also granted her some enlightenment of the dao of time. She started circulating her yin and yang energies in accordance with what she saw. With her rich experience in cultivating the powers of yin and yang, she finally managed to touch upon the surface of the dao of time.

This wasn't surprising because the Yin Yang Sword Technique she practiced was in itself a product of the dao of time. It was one of the most precious ancient techniques in the True Martial Academy. It wasn't a complete technique, but it was incredibly suited for her.

The sword she wielded wasn't the actual Yang Child Sword. Rather, it was a counterfeit that greatly resembled the actual sword, which was why the Yin Mother Sword stopped reacting the moment Xiang Shaoyun touched it.

Devil Concubine was someone with incredible talent in cultivation. With Xiang Shaoyun showcasing the dao of time beside her, she benefited greatly.

As for Xia Liuhui, Liang Zhuangmin, Wu Zhijun, and Min Rourou, they stayed at the fringe of the battlefield and focused on killing the other devils. A decent number of Devil Emperors had also appeared, and the four had difficulty dealing with them.

Xiang Shaoyun released Money and had him protect them. Only then could they fight without worrying about their backs. Before long, they killed all the flying devils.

"I'm entering the third layer. You guys should stay and train in this layer. The third layer is true hell. With your strength, you won't be able to survive," said Xiang Shaoyun solemnly.

"Boss, you don't have to be so honest about it," said Xia Liuhui.

"Shaoyun is right. The second layer is enough for our tempering. Shaoyun, go on to the third layer. Don't worry about us," said Liang Zhuangmin.

"The devils are endlessly coming out from the lower layers. It's clear they are going to invade the surface soon. Try to grow as fast as you can. Don't worry about anything else. Don't even worry about the expedition. Focus on staying alive," reminded Xiang Shaoyun.

He then gave Xia Liuhui and Liang Zhuangmin some of the treasures in his possession. Even Wu Zhijun and Min Rourou were given some gifts. Both of them wanted to refuse, but their men told them otherwise. It would seem rude of them to reject Xiang Shaoyun's gifts.

Then, Xiang Shaoyun brought Liang Zhuangmin to the side and said, "Big brother, spend some time cultivating before you start moving again. I can help you reach a higher height."

"Shaoyun, you have given me enough. I will be too embarrassed to accept more from you," said Liang Zhuangmin.

"Don't say things like that if we're brothers," said Xiang Shaoyun solemnly. "Sit down and adjust your condition. I'll give you some mystic earth essence energy. With this energy, you can advance rapidly. Otherwise, it will take you a long time to catch up to my sister-in-law."

"Mystic earth essence energy?" Liang Zhuangmin's eyes lit up. He knew how amazing of an energy it was. For an earth cultivator like him, that energy was fatally attractive.

Liang Zhuangmin no longer refused and sat down in meditation as told. Xiang Shaoyun waited until Liang Zhuangmin finished adjusting his condition. He then withdrew some mystic earth essence energy from his astral cosmos sea and channeled it into Liang Zhuangmin.

Liang Zhuangmin had a high affinity with the power of earth. Although his affinity wasn't as high as someone with an Innate Earth Physique, he wasn't that far off either. He quickly absorbed the energy and started increasing his cultivation.

The mystic earth essence energy was worthy of being one of the purest earth energies in existence. Liang Zhuangmin easily absorbed the energy into his body, allowing his cultivation to rise rapidly.

Xiang Shaoyun wasn't stingy and continued channeling more mystic earth essence energy into Liang Zhuangmin's body. After an unknown amount of time, Liang Zhuangmin was on the brink of a breakthrough. Xiang Shaoyun abruptly increased the energy flow, allowing Liang Zhuangmin to absorb as much energy as needed. His cultivation continued rising.

Xiang Shaoyun even activated the profundity of earth, allowing Liang Zhuangmin to form some sort of resonance with earth energy. He soon broke through successfully. Earth energy descended upon him from the stars above as the mystic earth essence energy gathered in his stars. The energy circulating in his body sped up, and the breakthrough was completed.

Not far away, Xia Liuhui, Min Rourou, and Wu Zhijun were astonished when they sensed Liang Zhuangmin's strengthened aura.

"What did my boss do with Big Brother Liang? It has only been three days, but Big Brother Liang has broken through?" Xia Liuhui exclaimed in astonishment.

Wu Zhijun was overjoyed. "Did Big Brother Liang really break through? That's great!"

Wu Zhijun knew that Liang Zhuangmin was infatuated with her. However, the gap between their strength was too big. Her family wouldn't agree to a relationship between them. But with Liang Zhuangmin's rapid rise in strength, she saw hope. Now that Liang Zhuangmin had grown stronger once again in such a short period of time, she felt that it wouldn't be long before they could truly be together.

Xiang Shaoyun stopped the energy flow. It wouldn't necessarily be beneficial if he forcefully pushed Liang Zhuangmin's cultivation too high. He returned to the group and said, "Stand guard for Big Brother Liang for a bit. He still needs some time to consolidate his cultivation. I'm leaving for the third layer."

"Boss, what miraculous pill did you give Big Brother Liang? I want to enter the Soul Foundation Realm as well!" said Xia Liuhui with a look of longing.

"The energy I gave him is not suited for you. You're already not far from a breakthrough. It's better for you to spend some time tempering your foundations. Don't be in too much of a rush. Instead, you should focus on gathering better soul foundation materials," reminded Xiang Shaoyun.

"Alright, got it. But it's really hard for me to find the materials suited for my cultivation of two powers," said Xia Liuhui.

"It's only a matter of time," said Xiang Shaoyun. "Money, stay here and protect them. You can't slack so much. You also need more combat experience if you want to grow faster."

Money's head drooped as he said, "Alright, boss."

He much preferred sleeping on Xiang Shaoyun's body. After saying all he needed, Xiang Shaoyun left for the third layer with Devil Concubine.

Chapter 1240: That's My Stamp of Ownership

During Xiang Shaoyun's travels with Devil Concubine, they encountered numerous devils. However, none of the devils could avoid the fate of being exterminated. So long as they didn't encounter any Devil Saints, they didn't fear any devils when working together. Even if they met opponents they couldn't defeat, they could still flee.

They weren't that far away from the third layer's entrance. Thus, they only took a short time to reach the third layer.

The third layer was the main battlefield of the Devil Hunting Expedition, and it was also where the four academies were looking for the devilsand. Many Sovereigns and genius disciples from the four academies were gathered in the third layer for the same goal of getting the devilsand.

The third layer was akin to a dividing line in the Devil Domain. A large number of devils of all ranks could be found in the third layer. The third layer also had much more Devil Sovereigns and Devil Emperors than the second layer.

The different races of devils worked together to hunt the humans, not giving them any chance to survive in the third layer. The mortality rate of humans had increased by five times in recent times, and the entire third layer had transformed into hell.

It was obvious how dangerous the third layer was. The moment Xiang Shaoyun and Devil Concubine reached the third layer, nearly 10,000 devils charged at them. They didn't even dare to stop and started fleeing. There were too many devils for them to kill. They would probably exhaust themselves to death before they could kill them all.

In truth, Xiang Shaoyun wanted to stay and harvest all these contribution points. However, he was worried that he would expose that he had devil blood in him and cause even stronger devils to come after him. For his own safety, he decided not to easily use any Imperial Nether Clan ability.

Of course, he could still deal with these devils with his saint soul, but he had a feeling that it would be better for him to maintain a low profile. He would do more after another breakthrough.

After breaking off from the devils, the two continued traveling. When encountering smaller groups of devils, they would fight instead of fleeing. During the fights, Xiang Shaoyun would constantly demonstrate the dao of time to Devil Concubine, allowing her to deepen her understanding.

After killing several hundred devils, the two found a quiet place to stop and recuperate.

After fighting so many devils, they naturally had some injuries. This was especially true for Xiang Shaoyun, who had been fighting without wearing armor. As for Devil Concubine, most of her injuries were concentrated on her four limbs due to her high-tier armor.

Devil Concubine started gently bandaging Xiang Shaoyun's wounds, but he stopped her, saying, "There's no need. I will heal quickly."

Devil Concubine opened her eyes wide and said, "Didn't you say that I'm your woman? What? Are you trying to deny it now?"

"You think too much. Since I have claimed you as my woman, it's too late for you to escape," said Xiang Shaoyun unyieldingly. He reached out and grabbed her wrist before pulling her into his arms.

Devil Concubine's body went stiff, but she soon relaxed. A blush covered her face, making her look even prettier.

"You can still regret it now," said Xiang Shaoyun as he gazed at Devil Concubine, who had her eyes shut.

Devil Concubine opened her eyes and met Xiang Shaoyun's gaze as she asked, "Do you dare to take me?"

"Yes!" replied Xiang Shaoyun firmly.

Which man would say no in this situation?

"Then I won't regret it," said Devil Concubine. "In the future, I'll be following you. If you dare to not take resp—"

Before she could finish her words, Xiang Shaoyun pressed his lips against hers, interrupting her from speaking. At the same time, his hands started roaming her body. At this moment, she seemed to have turned limp.

No matter how cold and strong she was, she was also a woman, one who had zero experience with another man before. Thus, she felt incredibly bashful when placed in her current situation.

Xiang Shaoyun naturally wouldn't finish the job at a time like this. After a while, he let go of her and said, "That's my stamp of ownership. From now on, you're mine. Understand?"

Devil Concubine was still blushing as she replied, "Um. I'm yours."

"Good. Be obedient from now on. Let's heal up together," said Xiang Shaoyun as he used the Secret Reversal Technique on both of them.

A gentle green radiance started shining and enveloped the both of them, nourishing their bodies with life force. Devil Concubine wasn't aware that Xiang Shaoyun had such an ability. The pain of her wounds receded as she healed.

She wrapped her arms around Xiang Shaoyun's waist and shut her eyes to enjoy the blissful sensation that she had never felt before. After all their wounds were healed, Xiang Shaoyun shared his comprehension of the dao of time with her. Since she was willing to become his woman, he wouldn't hold anything back from her. He intended to help her reach an even higher height in cultivation.

Devil Concubine also took out the Yin Yang Sword Technique and showed it to Xiang Shaoyun. With the two exchanging their knowledge, their understanding of the dao of time improved. They did not stop at the same place for long. After a while, they started heading toward the devilsand's location.

The devilsand was the target of the four academies. Not only could it help one forge a devilish body, but it was also an important material for puppet refining. It was an incredibly valuable sovereign-grade item.

The devilsand could only be found in the devilsand bug territory. The devilsand bugs were a race of devils living in groups. Not only were they highly poisonous, but their shells were also incredibly tough. Regular attacks and weapons couldn't harm them. Thus, these devilsand bugs were the first obstacle one needed to get through if one wanted to obtain the devilsand.

A considerable number of powerful prodigies were heading to the devilsand bug territory. While avoiding the stronger devils and killing the weaker devils, they gradually arrived at their destination, but instead of successfully obtaining the devilsand, they were chased by the devilsand bugs. Many prodigies perished.

Near the devilsand bug territory were people such as Little Overlord Xiang Chenxi, Bu Feng, and the others from the True Martial Academy; Luo Nantian and his followers from the Nine Palace

Academy; Yu Ziyang, Yu Caidie, and their followers from the Dragon Phoenix Academy; and Jiang Qi and some other disciples from the Sacred Deer Academy.

Apart from them, the overseers of the four academies were also participating in this operation. Although they did not move together with the disciples, they also didn't want to miss out on getting some devilsand. Many Sovereigns had also come to the area, all of them sharing the same goal.