

## Overlord 441

### Chapter 441: This Guy Has a Good Eye

Su Jun could already see how extraordinary Xiang Shaoyun was. He could still kill Xiang Shaoyun right now, but if he waited a few more years and was unable to enter the Dragon Ascension Realm before Xiang Shaoyun, he would be the one in danger. Thus, when he heard Xiang Shaoyun's brash declaration, he decided to use it as an excuse to make a move right away.

If Xiang Shaoyun was still a third-stage Skysoar Realm cultivator, he would certainly not dare to challenge Su Jun like this. But he had just broken through to the next stage. Thus, he had the confidence that even if he couldn't kill Su Jun, he could still give him an even fight.

Just as a fight was about to break out between the two, Yu Caidie snorted coldly, "If you fight, consider yourself disqualified."

As she said that, a draconic aura surged out of her. This draconic aura had already taken the shape of a dragon and was not far away from assuming the form of a full dragon. It was clear she was only a tiny bit away from reaching the Dragon Ascension Realm. Only a tiny push was required and she would be able to step into the next realm.

The young geniuses blanked out slightly when they sensed the aura Yu Caidie was emanating, and a shocked expression appeared on their faces. They knew the Holy Maiden candidate of the Yu Clan would not be an ordinary person, but they had never expected that she would be so outstanding. Furthermore, they could clearly see that Yu Caidie was younger than them.

"I'll stop out of respect for Caidie," said Xiang Shaoyun nonchalantly.

"Hmph. Just you wait. When this is over, I will meet you at the Bloodsin Arena," said Su Jun coldly.

"Cut the nonsense. If you still want to go to the Devil Domain, come with me," said Yu Caidie before she hopped onto her phoenix and flew toward a certain direction. The others also wasted no time as they all hopped onto their mounts and followed her.

Xiang Shaoyun did not hesitate as well as he sat on Money's back and said, "Follow them, Money."

At his command, Money shot forward like a bolt of silver lightning and instantly caught up to the other mounts. He was only a fourth-stage Demon King, but his speed was actually comparable to

these late-stage Demon Kings. Nobody knew better than Xiang Shaoyun just how much potential Money had.

As for the reason for Money's rapid growth, it was all thanks to the nine-colored fog he had consumed from Xiang Shaoyun's astral cosmos sea. Of course, his firm foundations had also played a great role, allowing him to break through again so soon after his previous advancement.

The group soon arrived near the city hall. There, a tightly guarded open space could be found violently surging with a massive amount of devilish energy. If it wasn't for the powerful formation suppressing this place, the devilish energy would have spread throughout the city.

Devil energy was something the devil race absorbed. The moment it was allowed to cover the surface world and replace the spiritual energy in the air, the surface world would no longer be a place suitable for humans and other surface races.

Because of that, humans and the other races had always worked together against the invasion of the devils and would not allow them to step into the surface world. This open space was covered by a powerful formation that could not only suppress devil energy but also refine it. This was obvious enough if one paid attention to the change of energy in the air around the area.

When Xiang Shaoyun arrived, for some reason, he suddenly felt a sense of intimacy, as if the energy here could bring him extreme comfort. He made use of his Nether Soul Domain to observe the energy flow in the area and saw strains of devilish energy being mixed into the spiritual energy in the air. Although only minute traces of devilish energy could be found, it was undeniable that it was there.

Is the Imperial Nether Clan capable of absorbing devilish energy? Xiang Shaoyun muttered inwardly in confusion.

He did not think too much about it and followed the others as they landed on the open space. Apart from devilish energy, a large amount of baleful blood energy also existed in the air. Unlike the devilish energy, the baleful blood energy was produced by the people in the area's vicinity.

These were the people who spent a lot of time fighting in the Devil Domain. Thus, their baleful energy was far thicker than that of an ordinary person. After all, the Devil Domain was a cruel place where one could die at any moment. It was a place where one's life was always on the line. Thus, those who left the Devil Domain alive would generally be much stronger than before they entered.

The so-called "stronger" here was not referring to one's cultivation realm. Rather, it referred to one's combat prowess. The group Yu Caidie led landed before the leader of the guards. After she said something to the leader, the guards moved aside and let the group pass.

When Huo Xudong saw Xiang Shaoyun looking everywhere curiously, he said, "Brother Xiang, after entering the Devil Domain, do your best to kill as many devilish beasts as you can. The more you kill, the more benefits you will get."

"Oh? Why so?" Xiang Shaoyun asked curiously.

"Devilish beasts are the same as demonic beasts. After killing them, you will be able to harvest numerous materials from their carcasses. Look over there. People from various organizations are purchasing the products of the Devil Domain at a high price. Naturally, devilish beasts are worth even more alive. Some organizations are capable of taming devils, especially the Dark Devil Sect. These are the organizations who had obtained their power and status through taming a large number of devils," Huo Xudong explained.

"I see. Thank you for your advice, Brother Huo," Xiang Shaoyun said gratefully.

He knew none of that and had learned a lot from Huo Xudong. At the same time, he also started seeing Huo Xudong as a friend. Of course, he still did not see Huo Xudong as a close friend, but they were close enough that he would help him without hesitation if required.

"You're welcome. Who knows, I might be the one needing your help in the Devil Domain instead," said Huo Xudong with a smile.

Xiang Shaoyun gave Huo Xudong a deep look as he mused inwardly, Well, at least this guy has a good eye.

Soon, the group arrived at a teleportation formation. This was the teleportation formation that would send them in and out of the Devil Domain at the cost of a certain amount of spirit crystals.

"I'll say this one last time. You can still withdraw now. If you are still coming, I will repay the one who gets me the yin devil wind generously," said Yu Caidie solemnly.

Not one of them left. All of them stood there with a resolute look. In fact, many of them had entered the Devil Domain before. Although it was a cruel place, they all had their own ways of protecting themselves.

"Good. Let's go," said Yu Caidie with a satisfied nod. She then paid the spirit crystals required to send everyone to the Devil Domain.

Swish!

The power of the formation rippled through them, and they vanished into thin air. By the time they regained their senses, they found that they had arrived at a dark place. Here, they were constantly assaulted by a sense of discomfort due to the corrosive nature of the devilish energy in the air.

Xiang Shaoyun looked around and found that they had arrived at a dilapidated fort where a large number of humans and other races resided. No one was dressed tidily, and all of them were dressed in broken armors and had wounds all over their bodies. This was a shocking and sinister scene.

When Xiang Shaoyun surveyed the surroundings, he couldn't help but cry out in astonishment, "This is the Devil Domain?"

#### Chapter 442: The Devil Domain's Devil Blood

The Devil Domain was actually a deep abyss. Looking down from above the fort, the only thing one could see were two mountains with a deep abyss between them. A large amount of devilish energy surged out of the abyss without stop, forming clouds of devilish energy.

The fort was in fact a floating fort located right above the abyss. It was rumored that it was a defensive fort built by the most powerful of the surface organizations. It was not only a fort but also a divine weapon used to suppress the most powerful of the devils.

The human race and the various other races regarded this fort as an important stronghold serving as a place for people traveling into the Devil Domain to rest and record their contributions.

After all, countless numbers of people headed in and out of the Devil Domain each year, with a large portion of them ultimately perishing in the Devil Domain. It was understandable that a place for these people to rest and recover needed to exist.

As for the so-called contribution, it was determined by the number of devilish beasts one killed. The more devilish beasts one killed and the higher the level of the devilish beasts killed, the more contribution points one would earn.

The contribution points were extremely useful as well. One could become famous throughout the lands through contribution points, and one could also use the points to purchase things one needed such as emperor techniques, emperor weapons, saint medicines, and so on.

With enough contribution points, one could even claim a piece of territory and become a king there. These contribution points were jointly acknowledged by the most powerful organizations of the dominion.

These powerful organizations would not mind one bit when one exchanged these points for their treasures. After all, these powerful organizations were in a sense the representative of the Nine Gods Dominion. Everything in the domain was practically theirs. One could say that they were the gods of the dominion.

As for the actual names of these organizations, that was not something an ordinary person would be able to know. The organizations of that level lived in an entirely different world, a world that one would only be able to learn about after surpassing the Sovereign Realm.

Yu Caidie's voice rang out, "Everyone, go receive your respective jade plates. Although you are here to help me get the yin devil wind, the contribution points you earn will be yours alone."

Xiang Shaoyun recovered from his shock and followed everyone to a counter where he received his own jade plate. He dripped a drop of his blood essence on the jade plate and left his name on it as well. The moment he did so, he suddenly sensed a connection form between him and a towering stone stele before him. When he looked over, he saw a large number of names written all over the stele.

Huo Xudong's voice rang out beside him, "This is the Contribution Stele. The names at the top are the strongest experts of the dominion. They are the people who have killed a countless number of devilish beasts to win success and recognition. As for our names, they are at the very bottom of the stele. In fact, they are not even visible right now. Only after earning enough contribution points will our names start appearing. But generally, only those reaching the Sovereign Realm will be able to earn enough contribution points for their names to show."

Xiang Shaoyun nodded and was about to look away when he caught a familiar name on the stele, "Xiang Dingtian".

This name was listed among the top 10 names on the stele, located at an extremely eye-catching position. For some reason, when he saw that name, an indescribable emotion took over him, giving him a feeling that he seemed to be connected by fate to this Xiang Dingtian.

In truth, he did have some sort of relationship with Xiang Dingtian. The cultivation method and battle techniques he cultivated all originated from Xiang Dingtian, the Overlord from over 10,000 years ago.

Xiang Dingtian, the name of the strongest person of an era. Devouring Ghost had once told him that Xiang Dingtian had attempted to conquer the entirety of the Nine Gods Dominion, becoming the overlord of all. Unfortunately, he ultimately failed in his endeavor. However, that did not discredit the extraordinary accomplishments he had achieved in his life.

Xiang Shaoyun's cultivation method suddenly started circulating by itself, and even his Overlord Skyslaying Saber started to stir, trying to fly out of his body.

Stop this! Xiang Shaoyun's face fell as he yelled inwardly and suppressed both his cultivation method and the saber.

If news spread that he had the inheritance of Xiang Dingtian, a large commotion would be caused. One ought to know that Xiang Dingtian was also someone with many enemies while the Overlord Skyslaying Saber was an exceptional weapon that many people longed to possess.

"Brother Xiang, why are you blanking out there? Come on, we're heading off," said Huo Xudong, pulling Xiang Shaoyun's attention back to the real world. He shook his head before quickly following Yu Caidie and the others with Money.

Yu Caidie and the others were in no rush to immediately head out. Rather, they stopped at a commercial district and said, "We will be heading straight to the second level of the Devil Domain. It is filled with Devil Kings, and even Devil Emperors exist there. Take some time and buy some items you need here. I will also get some maps of the second level for all of you. That way, even if we end up separated, we will still know our way around."

At the commercial district there were a lot of people peddling the treasures they found from the Devil Domain. There were also a lot of people peddling weapons, armors, and other supplies from the surface world to the people heading toward the Devil Domain. Everyone spread out and started shopping for the things they needed.

Huo Xudong gave Xiang Shaoyun another advice, "Brother Xiang, all the devils have a large variety of attacking methods. Buying a large variety of unique items might be helpful for when you're in the Devil Domain."

Xiang Shaoyun nodded and started strolling around the commercial district as well. He found that the largest number of items being sold were various defensive armors. There were also a lot of unique weapons and items being sold. Seeing all these items appearing at the same place was quite an eye-opener.

"Young man, come take a look. I have some high level devil blood here. It is helpful in quickly recovering your vitality," an old King suddenly called out at Xiang Shaoyun.

Xiang Shaoyun looked over and saw numerous items arranged before the old man. In his hand was a bottle filled with blood. When he looked at the old man, he found that this old man only had one arm and he had the look of someone who had lost his ambition, looking like an ordinary old man.

Xiang Shaoyun wasn't overly interested in what the old King had for sale, but suddenly, his body seemed to react to the bottle of blood the old King was holding. With the same expression on his face, he asked, "How much for this bottle of devil blood?"

"This is the blood of a Devil Emperor. I'm selling it for 50,000 mid-grade spirit crystals," said the old King.

Right this moment, a neighboring peddler said, "Old Wei, stop swindling these newcomers. Devil blood can be found everywhere. Are you not embarrassed of yourself for scamming so many spirit crystals from these newcomers?"

An awkward look covered the old King's face as he quickly said, "Hmph. I'm selling a genuine high level devil blood. How can those regular devil blood compare?" He looked at Xiang Shaoyun and continued, "Young man, don't listen to him. How about this, I will give you a discount. You can have it for 40,000 mid-grade spirit crystals. I need to at least get paid for my hard work of getting this blood."

Xiang Shaoyun smiled and said, "1,000 mid-grade spirit crystals. If you agree, I will buy it right now. If not, forget it."

"How can you bargain like this?" grumbled the old King unhappily.

But when he saw Xiang Shaoyun turning to leave, he quickly said, "Sigh, fine, fine. I will sell it at a loss then."

In truth, this bottle of devil blood was something he had casually gathered without even risking anything. A price of 1,000 mid-grade spirit crystals was already very decent. Xiang Shaoyun turned around and paid him the spirit crystals for the devil blood. When he held the bottle of devil blood in his hand, the blood in his own body started circulating more quickly.

#### Chapter 443: Yu Caidie's Cousin

I don't have any devil blood in my body, right? Xiang Shaoyun wondered gloomily. He was afraid he would really have the bloodline of the devils. If that was the case, he would become the public enemy of the surface races. After buying the bottle of devil blood, he continued strolling around.

A lot of high level materials could be seen everywhere, such as emperor and sovereign materials. It was an eye-opener. Back at Ziling Sect, he had seen a lot of treasures as well, but he rarely had the chance to see so many treasures at the same time.

After strolling for a bit, he started his shopping spree. Among the things he bought was a sovereign material, the devil lightning stone, which was an excellent material for forging equipment of the lightning element. If he could refine the devil lightning stone into the Overlord Skyslaying Saber, he would be able to further improve the saber's condition.

At present, the Overlord Skyslaying Saber had only recovered to the level of an emperor weapon. He still needed to refine a large amount of materials into it in order to restore the saber to its original state.

For some reason, after seeing the name "Xiang Dingtian" on the stele, his resolve to restore the Overlord Skyslaying Saber had grown. He wondered what kind of surprise the name on the stele would bring him after restoring the saber's splendor.

He had a feeling the blood essence it contained would bring him great enlightenment.

When he rejoined the group, he found that the group was standing in confrontation with another group.



He found that the other group was led by a woman of similar age to Yu Caidie and that she was also a remarkable beauty. There were 30 young men behind her, and they did not look any weaker than the people on Yu Caidie's side.

"Sister Die, I thought you weren't going to come. Imagine my surprise when I saw you! But remember to be careful, the devilish beasts in the Devil Domain are all savages," said the woman in an extremely cordial manner.

Despite her tone, it was still blatantly obvious she was hostile to Yu Caidie. Others might not know who this woman was, but anyone from the Yu Clan would know that she was Yu Ziyi, Yu Caidie's cousin.

Sisters and cousins generally had good relationships in normal clans. However, that might not be the case for an ancient clan like the Yu Clan. In the past, Yu Ziyi had a great chance at becoming the next Holy Maiden of the Yu Clan, but Yu Caidie's subsequent rise had threatened her position.

Although there were several other Holy Maiden candidates in the clan, she and Yu Caidie were the two with the highest chance of becoming the next Holy Maiden. And of the two, the one to first enter the Emperor Realm and display enough potential would be the next Holy Maiden.

Therefore, Yu Ziyi had also recruited a group of geniuses to enter the Devil Domain. Like Yu Caidie, she was also aiming for the yin devil wind so she could enter the Emperor Realm first and become the next Holy Maiden. After becoming the Holy Maiden, the clan would start fully supporting her with the clan resources, helping her reach an even higher height in the future.

Yu Ziyi was a few years older than Yu Caidie, but she had only reached peak King Realm and had been overtaken by Yu Caidie. If she couldn't obtain the yin devil wind and allowed Yu Caidie to enter the Emperor Realm before her, catching up would no longer be a possibility. That was not something she wished to see happen.

"Thank you for your reminder, cousin. I will be careful. You guys be careful as well, ok?" Yu Caidie answered nonchalantly. She did not seem to mind Yu Ziyi one bit. It almost felt like this competitor of hers was nothing but a clown not worth her attention.

"Ziyi, is this Sister Caidie?" asked a tall and handsome young man behind Yu Ziyi.

The speaker was a young man with bright purple hair. Both his eyes were crackling with purple electrical currents, emanating a strong sense of oppression at all times. He was also one who had

formed his draconic aura. In fact, his draconic aura was so near completion it almost had the complete form of a dragon. It was obvious he was already almost an Emperor.

His name was Zuo Zhentian, a genius from an ancient clan. Although the Zuo Clan was not as powerful as the Yu Clan, it was still a top tier-7 organization that already had half the strength required to become a tier-8 organization.

Zuo Zhentian started staring at Yu Caidie, his eyes burning hot with desire. He had clearly been smitten by her beauty. He was not alone as a number of geniuses around him were also behaving the same way. Although Yu Ziyi was comparable to Yu Caidie in terms of looks, her temperament was far too lacking.

Yu Ziyi was visibly displeased by the reaction of the geniuses in her group, but she quickly recovered and smiled. "That's right. She is the number one beauty of our Yu Clan, Yu Caidie. She is also my beloved cousin. If you want to become my brother-in-law, you will have to work hard to win my cousin's heart."

Those words naturally infuriated the geniuses behind Yu Caidie. The men in Yu Caidie's group were all here to become her husband, and they immediately saw the opposing group as their love rivals.

Zuo Zhentian howled with laughter, "You must be joking, Ziyi. I only have you in my heart. But it is still my honor to be able to know Sister Caidie."

That might be what Zuo Zhentian was saying, but his gaze never left Yu Caidie.

"I was wondering who it was. So it's Zuo Zhentian the Purple King from the Zuo Clan?" Long Yunfei's provocative voice rang out.

Only then did Zuo Zhentian shift his gaze to Long Yunfei and asked doubtfully, "And you are?"

"Thirteenth Crown Prince of Dragon Society, Long Yunfei," replied Long Yunfei with his brow raised.

"Ahh, so it's the Dragon Society's lowest ranking prince? Please accept my respects!" Zuo Zhentian sneered.

"Zuo Zhentian!" Long Yunfei shouted in fury when he heard the disdain in Zuo Zhentian's voice. People like them were extremely prideful. Long Yunfei would not accept being insulted by Zuo Zhentian in front of so many people.

"What? Are you thinking of having a spar with me?" Zuo Zhentian said, still with the same haughty voice.

"You think I'm scared of you?" Long Yunfei replied aggressively, looking like he was going to fight for real.

Yu Caidie interrupted, "If the two of you really want to fight, you should compete on who can kill more devilish beasts in the Devil Domain. Fighting here will only make a joke out of both of you."

"Hehe, you are wrong, Sister Die. They are both geniuses from their respective organizations. They represent the organization behind them, and the one prevailing over the other will serve as proof of which organization is better at training their disciples," Yu Ziyi fanned the flame.

"That's right. Ziyi is correct. We are all here for the yin devil wind. Why don't we fight here instead? The loser will withdraw from the race," said Zuo Zhentian. Their side had more people, and if a fight broke up here, they would definitely prevail.

#### Chapter 444: I Am Like a Bright Pearl During the Night

Zuo Zhentian was someone with absolute confidence in himself. His nickname, Purple King, was not something given to him for no reason. He had an Innate Lightning Celestial Physique that granted him absolute compatibility with lightning power. That was how he had come to be so strong at such a young age.

The so-called Innate Lightning Celestial Physique referred to a physique where one's stars could innately produce lightning power. But of course, the stars of someone with this physique could only store lightning energy. The benefit of this was that the owner of this physique was able to gather lightning energy far faster than other cultivators gathering other energies.

Even one Innate Lightning Celestial Physique could hardly be found among 10,000 people. One with this physique was destined for a great future the moment one was born. Otherwise, with only six stars, Zuo Zhentian would not have been able to display so much potential.

The number of stars one had represented one's potential, but the stars themselves also represented one's potential. If one had a good number of stars with good quality, one would have a top-tier physique.

If Zuo Zhentian had eight or nine stars in addition to his innate elemental stars, he would probably have already entered the Emperor Realm. Terrifying geniuses like this did exist in those super organizations. These were the people fated to stand at the top of the dominion in the future.

"You think you can bully us with your numbers? We're not afraid of you!" Long Yunfei shouted with a deep voice. Although he did not have any special physique, he was still someone with seven stars. He was naturally unafraid of Zuo Zhentian.

At this time, Yu Caidie spoke again, "Sister Ziyi, is it proper for you to provoke a fight like this? If you want to compete, we should compete for the yin devil wind instead."

Yu Ziyi froze slightly when her intention was exposed by Yu Caidie in front of so many people. However, she quickly calmed down and said, "Sister Die, you have mistaken my intention. If we can decide a victor right now, we won't have to harm each other at the devil wind beast's territory anymore, right? But since you are not interested, forget it. I am not interested in bullying others with numbers anyway."

"Yes, you are right. Look at them. They actually have a fourth-stage Skysoar Realm cultivator in their group. I'm starting to doubt Miss Caidie's eyes for allowing someone like this to join the fight for the yin devil wind," said a man beside Yu Ziyi with a sneer.

The man's name was Qian Xia'ao. His entire face was filled with pride, his head raised so high it almost felt like he was using his nose instead of his eyes to see. He had only recently reached ninth-stage Skysoar Realm, but nobody dared to look down on him as he was a King of Kings with few people his match in the same cultivation realm.

He had been standing there silently like a bystander all along, and he was surprised when he noticed a fourth-stage Skysoar Realm cultivator among Yu Caidie's group. One ought to know that the competition to be the next Holy Maiden of Yu Clan was extremely stiff, and the people these candidates had selected to help them would all be top geniuses with absolute strength.

He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw a fourth-stage Skysoar Realm cultivator here. He initially thought that Xiang Shaoyun was hiding his strength using some treasure, but when he paid more attention, he concluded that Xiang Shaoyun was really just a fourth-stage King. After making that conclusion, he could no longer resist sneering at them.

Xiang Shaoyun did not intend to get involved in the argument. After all, this was the affair of the Yu Clan. Unless Yu Caidie herself was attacked, he had no interest in doing anything. His instinct was telling him that Yu Caidie would be his woman in this life, and he would not allow anyone to take her from him.

But even when he was trying to maintain a low profile, someone had still pointed him out. He couldn't help but to lament inwardly, I am like a bright pearl during the night. No matter how I hide myself, my brilliance can't be hidden.

Others would probably be filled with disgust if they knew what he was thinking. That was way too narcissistic. Huo Xudong was about to speak out for Xiang Shaoyun again, but Xiang Shaoyun stopped him. Meanwhile, Di Tong and Su Jun were standing there gleefully, waiting to see Xiang Shaoyun embarrass himself. They were curious what he could do against such clear provocation.

"Are you talking about me?" Xiang Shaoyun stepped forward and asked expressionlessly.

He was not going to hold back. Since this person was not part of Yu Caidie's group, there was no need to be lenient. In any case, he also needed to establish his dominance. Otherwise, everyone would continue seeing him as a weakling they could bully as they wished.

"Yes. So?" Qian Xia'ao replied with disdain.

"It's simple." Xiang Shaoyun smiled. "Since you look down on me, let's fight right now. The loser will have to withdraw from the competition. Do you have the guts to fight me?"

"Haha, a fourth-stage King like you is challenging me? Sure, I accept," said Qian Xia'ao as he howled with laughter.

Everyone else remained silent and watched on with amusement. The people from Yu Ziyi's group naturally wished to teach Yu Caidie's group a lesson. As for the people from Yu Caidie's group, apart from Huo Xudong, everyone else looked down on Xiang Shaoyun and wished that he would withdraw from the competition. Since Xiang Shaoyun himself had suggested the fight, none of them objected.

"Good. Let's fight outside the fort. Killing will be allowed," suggested Xiang Shaoyun with his eyes narrowed.

When Qian Xia'ao saw how confident Xiang Shaoyun was, his heart thumped slightly. He quickly readjusted his mental state and thought to himself, A mere fourth-stage King would only be able to defeat a King at the fifth or sixth stage even if he has an impressive combat prowess. It is impossible for him to skip so many stages and defeat me, a ninth-stage King.

"I agree. Come!" said Qian Xia'ao as he flew outside the fort.

Xiang Shaoyun followed closely behind him. The others also followed the two outside the fort.

Both Di Tong and Su Jun were sneering inwardly, Let's see how he's going to die now.

They did not believe that Xiang Shaoyun could win this fight. The gap between the two was too big.

"Sister Die, do you want to make a bet with me?" Yu Ziyi asked.

"What do you have in mind, Sister Ziyi?" asked Yu Caidie expressionlessly.

"If Qian Xia'ao wins, give me the Brightfeather Umbrella the clan had given you. If you win, I will give you my Moonwind Armor," suggested Yu Ziyi.

Yu Ziyi was speaking through voice transmission instead of voicing it out. After all, this was an absolutely one-sided bet. If others heard her, she would look like she was bullying her younger cousin. Yu Caidie did not agree right away. Instead, she frowned and sank into thought.

"Sister Die, if you are not confident, just say it. But I really have to say, your choice is quite—" Yu Ziyi started speaking provocatively, but before she could finish her words, Yu Caidie answered, "I accept."

The smile of someone succeeding in a scheme surfaced on Yu Ziyi's face. In her opinion, Yu Caidie was still too young. Just a little provocation was enough to make her agree. Meanwhile, the battle was on the verge of starting.

## Chapter 445: Changing Weathers

Qian Xia'ao sneered and said, "Kid, say your name. I never kill a nameless person."

"Remember this. The name of the man who will defeat you is Xiang Shaoyun," replied Xiang Shaoyun calmly.

"Very well. Xiang Shaoyun, I will handicap myself by giving you a three-move advantage. I don't really want to be known as someone who bullies the weak," said Qian Xia'ao.

"Hehe, forget it. If we do that, I'm afraid you won't be able to accept your defeat later," said Xiang Shaoyun with a smile.

"Cut the crap. Three moves. I won't take back my words. Everyone here can serve as the witness," Qian Xia'ao insisted.

"Fine. You asked for it," said Xiang Shaoyun.

He dashed forward and threw a Gold Helix Fist straight at Qian Xia'ao. Containing the attack power of a fifth-stage King, this was a rather impressive punch. But it was nothing in the eyes of the geniuses here. Each of them was a King of Kings, and there were even Super Kings among their ranks. Punching above one's weight was really nothing impressive as far as they were concerned.

They even wondered if Xiang Shaoyun was suicidal for challenging Qian Xia'ao with only this much strength. Unlike everyone else, Tang Longfei was frowning as he focused on Xiang Shaoyun, looking worried for him.

Qian Xia'ao drifted to the side and easily dodged the attack. A wide smile appeared on his face as he said, "Two moves left. Treasure them."

As far as he was concerned, this was already everything Xiang Shaoyun had. Defeating him with just this much strength was nothing but a dream.

"Have a taste of my second move," shouted Xiang Shaoyun as his attack power surged, reaching the level of a sixth-stage King. Someone capable of this feat was already good enough to be known as a freak among those of the same cultivation level.

His spiraling punch shone with a brilliant gold radiance as it shot straight toward Qian Xia'ao's chest. Alas, this attack still failed to give Qian Xia'ao any trouble as he directly blocked the attack with his defensive barrier. In his opinion, this was probably already Xiang Shaoyun's limit.

"Not bad, but your cultivation level is too low," said Qian Xia'ao with a sneer. But after saying that, he found that he had lost sight of Xiang Shaoyun. He even wondered if that was merely a misconception. The others who were watching the fight weren't any better off. All of them had lost sight of him.

Xiang Shaoyun's voice suddenly rang out above Qian Xia'ao, "Take my third attack!"

There he was, hacking downward with his Overlord Skyslaying Saber from the sky above.

Second stance of Nine Overlord Skyslaying Saber Technique, Changing Weathers!

Instantly, the weather changed. Wind billowed wildly, dark clouds gathered, and thunderclaps rumbled, enveloping an area of several hundred meters in a thunderstorm.

The wind was berserk, and the lightning bolts were dreadful. Furthermore, the lightning bolts dancing about in the sky were all silver lightning bolts possessing a destructiveness far beyond that of ordinary lightning bolts, and nine of them descended at the same time, each of a different strength ranging from seventh-stage Skysoar Realm to ninth-stage Skysoar Realm.

Rumble! Rumble!

Akin to dragons and serpents, the nine lightning bolts glided through the air and rained down upon the ground below.

"Summoning lightning to his body? Is this kid also someone with the Innate Lightning Celestial Physique?" Zuo Zhentian muttered with his eyes narrowed.

He had also noticed that these were not regular lightning bolts. Rather, they were unique lightning bolts! Even the weakest variation of the unique lightning bolts was far more powerful than an ordinary lightning bolt.



The might Xiang Shaoyun displayed shocked all of them. Nobody had expected a fourth-stage Skysoar Realm cultivator to unleash something so powerful. However, they still held the belief that if this was all Xiang Shaoyun had, he still wouldn't be a match for Qian Xia'ao.

The dust settled, and Qian Xia'ao reentered everyone's vision. He looked rather sorry after the lightning bombardment. His clothes had turned into rags, and blood was dripping from the corner of his lips. He had clearly been injured.

After all, he had underestimated his opponent too much. If he had treated Xiang Shaoyun seriously from the start, he would have prepared himself before the attack had even been released. He would then be able to withstand the nine lightning bolts much better.

"Damn it! I have actually let you wound me? I am going to rip you apart!" Qian Xia'ao roared furiously, finally taking the fight seriously.

A spear appeared in his hand, and he erupted in strength before stabbing it at Xiang Shaoyun. Just from the attack's prowess, one could say he was worthy of his reputation of being a genius cultivator. His offensive power had even gone slightly beyond what a peak King was capable of unleashing.

Numerous spear energies filled the air, each of them carrying a dreadful destructive prowess within them, showcasing how Qian Xia'ao was on a completely different level than ordinary ninth-stage Kings.

Xiang Shaoyun had long prepared himself to receive his attack. Although his successful surprise attack had not earned him victory, that did not mean he was not a match for his opponent.

Moving like the wind, he moved out of Qian Xia'ao's attack range, once again shocking everyone. Ruo Suifeng from Drifting Peak could see that Xiang Shaoyun had accomplished it by combining a powerful footwork technique with his footwork intent. He was also forced to acknowledge that even he himself hadn't been able to reach Xiang Shaoyun's current speed when he was still a fourth-stage King.

Qian Xia'ao was further infuriated after missing his attack. He attacked again with even more power, enlarging his attack range so as to prevent Xiang Shaoyun from escaping him again.

As far as the people here were concerned, Xiang Shaoyun would have a hard time escaping this time. And they were proved wrong yet again. At the exact moment Qian Xia'ao unleashed his

attack, Xiang Shaoyun used his wondrous footwork and moved away from the attack before it could reach him. The same thing repeated over and over. No matter how Qian Xia'ao chased after him, Xiang Shaoyun was able to move away before the attack arrived.

"What footwork is this? It's so fast!"

"It is probably an ancient footwork technique. But I can also sense traces of footwork intent mixed in as well. That is why his footwork can be so fast."

"So he has used footwork intent to enhance his battle technique, reaching this speed at this cultivation level? How inconceivable!"

"No wonder this Xiang Shaoyun kid was so confident. So he is quite capable after all. How much stronger will he get after an advancement or two?"

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The various geniuses started talking among themselves. They were no longer looking at Xiang Shaoyun with as much disdain. Instead, they had a complicated look in their eyes. Before this, they had been looking down at him. But from the strength he was displaying, he was completely qualified to stand at the same height as them.

"I refuse to believe I can't defeat you!" Qian Xia'ao roared and started using his trump card.

Riddled With Holes!

His spear danced about, forming countless spear energies. Each of them had the might to penetrate mountains, and they completely surrounded the area, forming an airtight encirclement where speed alone would not be enough to help one escape.

Little did he know, Xiang Shaoyun's gift of instincts was fully activated at this moment. With the gift of instincts, Xiang Shaoyun's eyesight was pushed to the limit, revealing all of Qian Xia'ao's attack trajectories before Qian Xia'ao had even attacked.

"Time for my counterattack," said Xiang Shaoyun with a confident smile.

Havoc Dance!

## Chapter 446: You Lose

Havoc Dance!

This was Xiang Shaoyun's self-created technique, a technique with no set moves, a disorderly technique that could be used with fists, legs, or weapons. Its only function was to predict the moves of an opponent. Thus, any moves capable of disrupting an opponent's move could be used.

Xiang Shaoyun had been focusing on evading Qian Xia'ao's attacks without attacking because he was waiting for a perfect opportunity. And the moment Qian Xia'ao used his trump card was the opportunity Xiang Shaoyun had been waiting for.

Qian Xia'ao's energy flow was completely revealed before Xiang Shaoyun, letting him fully focus on Qian Xia'ao's few openings. The moment the opportunity presented itself, he became one with his Overlord Skyslaying Saber and hacked at Qian Xia'ao.

Everyone watched on as everything unfolded. They found that Xiang Shaoyun was no longer evading. Rather, he had charged head on into the midst of Qian Xia'ao's attack. In their eyes, this was suicidal.

But of course, Xiang Shaoyun was not stupid enough to do something that would kill himself. He could see that although the spear energies were concentrated and powerful, not all of them were real. Some were mere afterimages while some were weaker than others. These weak points were where he had chosen to break through.

A bright lightning energy surged out of the Overlord Skyslaying Saber, the attack powered by the energy in his lightning bone and first star. At the same time, he used his human saber unity and summoned 12 silver lightning bolts from the sky. The various powers merged together, unleashing a might comparable to the attack of a peak King.

This was one of the strongest attacks Xiang Shaoyun was capable of releasing at the moment.

Rumble! Rumble!

Two attacks with the might of a peak King collided, creating a thundering sound that spread far and wide, attracting the attention of many pedestrians, but not many of them actually bothered to approach the battlefield to see what was happening.

Most of the people who would enter the Devil Domain were those who had experienced many battles. They were already numb to battling, and thus the ongoing battle failed to provoke any of their interest.

Only the young geniuses who had arrived with Yu Ziyi and Yu Caidie were paying full attention to the battle. They had never expected the fight to be so intense. Xiang Shaoyun possessing the strength to put up such a fight was something beyond their expectations.

Of the people there, the two with the most unsightly expressions were none other than Di Tong and Su Jun.

No! I cannot let him leave the Devil Domain alive, or he will be a source of endless calamity! Di Tong vowed inwardly.

He had always believed that although Xiang Shaoyun was decently strong, he was still not comparable to him. But he found that he couldn't have been more wrong. Xiang Shaoyun had reached this level in only three years. If he was given even more time, wouldn't he eventually be strong enough to crush him like a bug? And if Xiang Shaoyun was given 100 years, the Di Clan would probably have to give back all they had taken from him. That was not something Di Tong wished to see happen.

As for Su Jun, he was feeling extremely dissatisfied as well. From the moment he saw Xiang Shaoyun standing alongside Lady Shura, he had been wanting to kill Xiang Shaoyun. Subsequently, he had created one trouble after another for Xiang Shaoyun. But the strength Xiang Shaoyun was displaying had far surpassed his imagination. It was understandable why he was so displeased.

If I can't kill him before leaving the Devil Domain, the only thing I can do after this is run back to Dragon Society in defeat, thought Su Jun fearfully.

The only reason he had been creating so many troubles for Xiang Shaoyun was because he believed Xiang Shaoyun was a weakling he could crush anytime he wished. When he saw that Xiang Shaoyun had a combat prowess comparable to his, he started regretting his past actions.

After all, Xiang Shaoyun was still a fourth-stage Skysoar Realm cultivator. After a breakthrough or two, wouldn't he be able to kill even Emperors? This realization alarmed Su Jun.

Huo Xudong was the only person smiling with joy. He was the only person who had been trying to befriend Xiang Shaoyun since the beginning, but even this display of prowess had exceeded his expectations. He knew that a person picked by the Seven Villains would not be weak, but Xiang Shaoyun's performance was truly heaven-defying.

Ugly Gambler is really worthy of his reputation. His eye for talent is something few can compare with, thought Huo Xudong with admiration. The only reason he had been trying to befriend Xiang Shaoyun was because of his confidence in Ugly Gambler's choice. To his surprise, he had made the correct decision.

Having a comrade-in-arms like this in the Devil Domain would only benefit him. Nobody noticed that a slight trace of joy was also on Tang Longfei's face, looking like he was very satisfied with Xiang Shaoyun's performance.

At this time, the victor of the battle had finally been decided. The energy explosions settled, and two figures were sent flying backward covered in blood.

First, everyone looked at Xiang Shaoyun and saw that his clothes had turned into rags. Wounds deep enough to show his bones were all over his body, and he looked like he had just bathed in blood. He seemed like he was in a terrible shape.

His aura also seemed extremely weak. He most likely only had 10 percent of his combat prowess left right now. Even so, he was still able to remain hovering in the air. This proved that he had successfully survived Qian Xia'ao's attack.

Everyone then looked at Qian Xia'ao. His clothes had also been reduced to rags, revealing the exquisite inner armor he was wearing. A crack could be seen on the armor's midsection, and blood was spurting out of it. He was currently trying to stop more blood from pouring out to no avail.

In the observers' perspective, from the wounds both combatants had, Qian Xia'ao had only been slashed once while Xiang Shaoyun had been stabbed numerous times. From this, Xiang Shaoyun was most certainly the one to have suffered more in the battle.

Yet Xiang Shaoyun looked at Qian Xia'ao and said, "You lose."

His voice wasn't loud, but it still hit everyone there like a thunderclap, shocking them greatly.

Qian Xia'ao bowed slightly and mustered a reply with great difficulty, "I...I lose..."

After saying that, he started to fly back toward the fort, his body swaying along the way. He could no longer face Yu Ziyi, nor could he face the other geniuses. His defeat had been so thorough he wasn't a tiny bit unwilling to acknowledge it.

In fact, during the critical moment, he had sensed Xiang Shaoyun withdrawing 10 percent of the attack's power. Otherwise, that slash would have cut him into two. One could say that Xiang Shaoyun had spared him. If he still acted unreasonably and refused to acknowledge his defeat, he would be insulting his own identity as a martial cultivator.

Everyone stared in daze at Qian Xia'ao's departure. It lasted until Xiang Shaoyun's voice broke the silence, "Di Tong, Su Jun, both of you want to get rid of me, right? This is the perfect chance for you. If you miss it, you won't have another opportunity like this."

#### Chapter 447: What a Shameless Person

Instead of provoking those at Yu Ziyi's side, Xiang Shaoyun instead provoked Di Tong and Su Jun. That was because he knew these two were currently his greatest enemies. They could stab him in the back at any time, and he had to snatch the initiative by declaring war on them when his momentum was at its peak.

As he spoke, he noiselessly refined a drop of lightning liquid in his body. Initially, he viewed the lightning liquid drops as absolute treasure and treated them as additional lives. But after facing the tribulation with Money and gaining more than 10 additional drops of lightning liquid, he learned that these lightning liquid drops were something he could get more of. From then on, he was much more at ease when using them.

When he was almost out of them, he could always summon more silver lightning bolts to temper his body. He reckoned he would be able to get more of them that way. That was why he had the courage to challenge Di Tong and Su Jun at this moment.

Of course, although he could defeat Qian Xia'ao with some difficulty, he wasn't confident he could defeat both Di Tong and Su Jun when they were working together. However, he could also see that these two were arrogant individuals that would loath to team up against him.

Both Di Tong and Su Jun were furious at his words.

"Xiang Shaoyun, since you are courting death, don't blame me for killing you," said Di Tong. He would not give up on a chance to kill Xiang Shaoyun while he was down.

When Su Jun saw the murderous intent in Di Tong's eyes, he voiced his agreement, "For daring to challenge us, you deserve death. That will teach you that just defeating one person does not make you an unrivaled warrior."

Ziling Sect had never got along well with the Dragon Society. Su Jun knew who Di Tong was, but in his opinion, this was their personal affair, and it had nothing to do with their sects. Furthermore, they were currently in the Devil Domain. There was no need to be overly bothered by the position of their sects.

In any case, Su Jun had recently learned from Long Yunfei that the Ziling Sect seemed to be trying to make peace with the Dragon Society as of late. And because of all that, he did not mind working with Di Tong.

"Anyone wanting to harm Brother Xiang will have to get through me," said Huo Xudong as he stepped forward while rubbing his bald head.

"Hehe, count me in," Can Wunian joined him. He had actually taken Xiang Shaoyun's side with no hesitation. The change in his attitude caused everyone to be astonished.

Can Wunian was someone with only one leg. Anyone with a brain could see that he was the disciple of the Heaven Rupturing Foot. Although he was only an eighth-stage Skysoar Realm cultivator, his combat strength was still far above that of regular ninth-stage Skysoar Realm cultivators.

As for Huo Xudong, the people there were suspecting he was the disciple of the Smiling Monk. In that case, that could only mean that two disciples of the Seven Villains were siding with Xiang Shaoyun. They were astonished at that realization. Both Di Tong and Su Jun had not expected that Huo Xudong and Can Wunian would side with Xiang Shaoyun. But it was now too late for them to withdraw their words.

Just as a conflict was about to break out, Yu Caidie said, "Xiang Shaoyun, have you forgotten my words? I said that you must all forget your personal grievances while here. Are you trying to make things difficult for me by creating trouble?"

A flattering look appeared on Xiang Shaoyun's face as he said, "Caidie, calm your anger. I was only playing a joke! I don't know why they are taking it so seriously! Look at my injuries! Do you think I can still fight them? I would already be grateful if they don't take this chance to step on me while I'm down."

What in the world? How shameless can this bastard be? exclaimed both Di Tong and Su Jun inwardly.

Xiang Shaoyun was the one creating trouble, yet he was so blatantly shifting the blame to them. This really had nothing to do with them!

"Hmph. If you do this one more time, I won't give you any more chances," said Yu Caidie seriously.

"Yes, yes, don't you worry, Caidie. I won't spare anyone daring to spoil the harmony of our group!" said Xiang Shaoyun flatteringly.

Everyone couldn't help but to think with disdain, Look at that cocky scoundrel.

With a bright smile on her face, Yu Ziyi said, "What a remarkable little brother. Do you want to come to this big sister's side? I will definitely take good care of you!"

As she spoke, she had a sultry look on her face that radiated charm. This look was enough to cause any man to lose his mind. That much was obvious from the expressions of the young men around her when she spoke.

Xiang Shaoyun turned his head and sized Yu Ziyi up. He had to admit that Yu Ziyi indeed was a beauty worthy of her pride. Her face was extremely exquisite, and her figure was extremely seductive. More importantly, her clothes were much more revealing than Yu Caidie, radiating much more sex appeal than her.

It was a pity that her temperament was lacking in comparison to Yu Caidie's. For some reason, when Yu Caidie saw Xiang Shaoyun staring at Yu Ziyi, she felt her heart tighten.



"Are you serious, big sister?" Xiang Shaoyun asked with a perverted look on his face.

"Of course. A man as powerful as you is worthy of receiving my care," answered Yu Ziyi solemnly.

"Sure. Chase all the flies around you away. I alone am enough for you, big sister," said Xiang Shaoyun.

"Kid! You are courting death!" Zuo Zhentian and the others roared furiously.

Yu Ziyi realized that Xiang Shaoyun was toying with her. Her face sank as she said, "Very well. I will remember this." She then turned and said, "Let's go. We will talk again after we get the yin devil wind."

She still knew what her current priority should be. Now was not yet the time to get into a conflict with Yu Caidie's group.

"Big sister! Why are you leaving? I thought you said you were going to take care of me? How can you leave just like this? That is so irresponsible of you! I was just about to offer you my body to thank you!" Xiang Shaoyun quickly called out.

After he said that, Yu Ziyi's group left even faster. This was the first time they had seen someone so shameless. Even the people in Yu Caidie's group had to acknowledge Xiang Shaoyun's bravery. He actually had the guts to tease a Yu Clan Holy Maiden candidate like that.

"Let's go," said Yu Caidie. Not wanting to waste any more time, she hopped on her mount's back and directly flew toward a certain direction.

Both groups were heading toward the devil wind beast territory located deep at the second layer of the Devil Domain. There were many routes leading to it, and they only needed to get through the obstacles in the first layer.

Only some low level devilish beasts resided in the first layer. Generally, only Kings or weaker cultivators would stay here. As for the second layer, there were a large number of Devil Kings and a small number of Devil Emperors. With the strength of the two groups, they could easily get through the first layer.

The moment they entered the Devil Domain, they felt a large amount of devilish energy corrode their bodies. Although the corrosive force was weak, it was enough to cause one to hallucinate and become delirious. There would also be other side effects, causing a cultivator to feel uncomfortable.

They were forced to use their aura to separate their bodies from the devilish energy. Along their way, they encountered numerous battles between humans and devilish beasts of various forms. These battles were merciless and only ended with death.

This was the territory of the devils. There were a large number of devilish beasts everywhere, and because of that, the group had been attacked numerous times even though they had only traveled a short distance.

#### Chapter 448: Is the Imperial Nether Clan Part of the Devils?

The community of devils was a large one, and the devils existed in various shapes and forms. Naturally, the different species of devils had differing strengths as well. Some of them looked like demonic beasts, some looked like humans, and some looked like the other surface races. In short, they resembled a lot of the surface races, with the only difference being the fact that they cultivated through absorbing devilish energy.

The Devil Domain was the territory of the devils, and here, they far outnumbered the surface races. The surface races did not dare to easily step into the Devil Domain. Only those with enough strength dared to enter. It was rumored that there were nine layers to the Devil Domain, with each layer corresponding to a different strength.

The first two layers were the layers the surface races explored the most, and only those at the Dragon Ascension Realm and above would dare to enter the third layer and beyond. Yu Caidie brought her group straight to the depth of the first layer. There, they would find the path heading to the second layer. So far, they had encountered about five waves of attacks from the devils.

Fortunately, these devils weren't too powerful, and they were able to easily defeat the attackers and continue their journey. Along the way, Xiang Shaoyun had personally witnessed many battles between the various races and the devils. Like anyone from the surface, he did not wish to see the devils invade the dominion. Otherwise, that would be a disaster to those living on the surface.

Of course, he was sure that the devils at the first layer were still not strong enough to break free of the formation's suppression. Only those from the latter layers would have the strength to do so.

The current him couldn't be bothered to think too much about all that. Presently, he was occupied with thinking about the sensation he had started to have after entering the Devil Domain, a sensation as if something was calling out to him.

That sensation seemed to be coming from his very blood, causing him to wonder if he really had the bloodline of the devils. After flying continuously for a few days, the group finally stopped to rest. When resting, each of them occupied a different spot, only maintaining a certain proximity with the rest of the group.

Xiang Shaoyun took the chance and went toward a certain corner before taking out the bottle of devil blood he had purchased. He wondered if he should consume it. After some hesitation, he opened the bottle and poured the content down his throat.

As the blood entered his belly, he felt a burning sensation, but it only lasted a split second. He then sensed his blood start to fuse with the devil blood. The blood within him stirred, and a certain transformation started happening to his body.

He could feel his heartbeat speeding up as the power of his bloodline started spreading throughout his body, causing him to emit a small amount of a certain aura. His Nether Soul Domain was also stirring. Abruptly, a large amount of devilish energy converged around him, giving him a fright.

He quickly suppressed the power in his bloodline, finally stopping the convergence of devilish energy around him. He looked around nervously and was glad to find that nobody had noticed. After all, this was a place abundant with devilish energy. These people lacked understanding of devilish energy and naturally wouldn't notice the change of the devilish energy in the air.

Xiang Shaoyun heaved a breath of relief as he thought, Is the Imperial Nether Clan part of the devils? It's a pity I know too little about them.

He possessed the Nether Soul Domain, and according to the white tiger soul and Devouring Ghost, this was an innate talent of the Imperial Nether Clan. However, Devouring Ghost had also told him that the Imperial Nether Clan was a race residing in the surface world.

Whatever. Whether this will be good or bad for me, I'll deal with it when the time comes, Xiang Shaoyun decided to stop worrying about it.

He was now certain that the devilish energy here would not harm him one bit. In fact, he could even absorb the devilish energy to grow his strength. Unlike the others, he no longer needed to expand his energy at all times to protect himself from the corrosive nature of the devilish energy.

After a night of rest, the group set off again. They were traveling at their fastest speed, and they weren't even bothered to attack any devils they encountered on the way. They would only fight back against the devils actually attacking them.

After traveling in this manner for about half a month, they had deeply penetrated the Devil Domain. Here, they were starting to encounter Devil Kings, and the devilish energy had become much denser. Even so, there were still a lot of people from the surface to be found.

These people were here for contribution points and for the materials they could harvest from the bodies of the devilish beasts. As these devilish materials were much more valuable than demonic materials, many devil hunting groups could be found here.

Along the way, Xiang Shaoyun had seen a large variety of devilish materials. He wanted to get some for research, but when he saw how much of a rush Yu Caidie was in, he gave up on that idea.

In any case, he also knew that here in the first layer, most of the devils were weak low-level devils. The materials from them wouldn't be very useful for him anyway. He could always start gathering devilish materials after getting the yin devil wind for Yu Caidie.

When they were about to reach the entrance to the second layer, they suddenly saw a large number of flying devilish beasts flying in their direction. The people hunting for devilish beasts in the vicinity were all given a fright.

They were currently looking at a beast tide they had only heard stories of. Facing a beast tide, if one did not withdraw, one would eventually die through exhaustion no matter how strong one was.

"These are devil falcons! There are over 10,000 of them!" Tang Longfei cried out in alarm.

"I don't know what is driving them crazy, but we better avoid them," suggested someone.

"Everyone, work together and pierce through them," Yu Caidie commanded.

They hesitated slightly but still decided to obey her. They formed a formation of two straight lines and charged straight into the tide of devil falcons. As they charged, they released their kingly aura that was powerful enough to expel any devil below the Emperor Realm.

There were a lot of devil falcons here, but they were rather weak individually. Of all the devil falcons, only about 10 of them were Devil Kings, and they weren't even late-stage Devil Kings. That was why Yu Caidie had made the command to charge through the tide.

Working together, they pressed forward and blasted a large number of devil falcons out of their way, splashing devil blood everywhere. These were the geniuses of the various organizations. If they couldn't even get through this obstacle, they should just forget about the yin devil wind.

The only reason one of them had suggested they avoid the tide was so they could preserve more strength, not because he was afraid of these devil falcons. To their surprise, after charging through the tide of devil falcons, a tide of even more powerful devils appeared before them.

They did the same and charged through the second tide as well, but they had exhausted a considerable amount of their energy doing so. They continued traveling, but they kept encountering Devil Kings. Fortunately, these Devil Kings were of the lower stages and were not able to pose them much threat.

However, Xiang Shaoyun had not gotten to kill too many devils. It was not that he was showing the devils mercy, but the people around him were too eager to perform in front of Yu Caidie and had killed most of the devils before he needed to do anything.

Shortly after, they finally arrived before the entrance to the second layer. The so-called entrance was in truth a pitch-black cave about one or two kilometers wide. It was large enough for thousands of people to go through at a time. A large amount of devilish energy with much thicker density was pouring out of the entrance.

"Go!" Yu Caidie said as she took the lead and charged straight into the entrance with her mount. The others followed without hesitation. The second layer was where they would be truly tested.

#### Chapter 449: Devil Flame Rat

When the group entered the second layer, they could sense that the devilish energy here was a couple times denser than that of the first layer.

"Everyone, take care of yourselves. The real fight begins now," reminded Yu Caidie.

Sure enough, they hadn't traveled far when a few Devil Kings shot out from the ground. These Devil Kings were devil flame rats. With devilish flame wrapped around their bodies, they attacked the group of humans with an extremely powerful offensive capability.

Some in the group cultivated the power of flame, and they started quickly killing the devil flame rats and harvesting their devil cores. The devil cores were for the devilish beasts what the demonic cores were for the demonic beasts. However, the devil cores did have one advantage over the demonic cores as one could directly absorb the energy within a devil core.

Of course, since there was also devilish energy within the devil cores, one had to first purify the devilish energy before they could absorb the remaining energy in the devil core. After that process, only about one third of the energy within the devil core would remain.

Even so, one should never underestimate the remaining energy as it was enough to accelerate the growth of any cultivators with greater efficiency than spirit crystals. That was one of the reasons why each year various organizations would send their talented disciples to the Devil Domain. It was one of the fastest methods for their disciples to grow.

However, the devil cores of these devil flame rats were too low in quality to be of much help to this particular group of geniuses. Their main goal was instead the devil flame of the devil flame rats. Devil flames were also classified as unique flames, and cultivating even a tiny bit of devil flame would prove very helpful for these genius cultivators.

Presently, Yun Flame was stirring in excitement within Xiang Shaoyun's third star. It repeatedly urged Xiang Shaoyun to head toward a certain direction.

Is there a unique flame there? wondered Xiang Shaoyun inwardly.

However, Xiang Shaoyun did not leave the group. For now, he still needed to obey Yu Caidie and would only be free to act after he had gotten her what she needed. Fortunately, the direction Yu Caidie picked was also the same direction Yun Flame was urging Xiang Shaoyun to go.

A large number of devil flame rats were in the area, and it was obvious this was their territory. The devil flame rats bred at a rapid speed, which was how they had been able to survive at the border of the first and second layers of the Devil Domain.

As the group moved forward, more and more devil flame rats appeared. These devil flame rats were all Kings, and some were even late-stage Kings. Finally, devils capable of posing the group some threat had appeared.

Even Xiang Shaoyun managed to kill two devil flame rats this time. Holding the devil cores in his hand, he could sense the energy contained within them. However, before he could further study them, Yun Flame had already impatiently devoured the energy in the two cores. Emptied of energy, the two cores turned into dust.

Inwardly, Xiang Shaoyun mused, Looks like Yun Flame is getting impatient to grow even stronger.

Others might fear the devilish energy in the devil cores, but that did not apply to Xiang Shaoyun.

"Ignore the devil flame rats. Charge through them," said Yu Caidie. She was in a hurry to reach the devil wind beast's territory and did not wish to waste her time here.

After all, she had a cousin competing for the yin devil wind as well. If she couldn't get the yin devil wind first, things would get troublesome for her. The young geniuses had to obey her and give up on hunting more devil flame rats. They charged through and moved on. But they hadn't even gone far when they encountered a different group of people. These people were being chased by a large number of devil flame rats.

There were dozens of Devil King devil flame rats here, led by a peak Devil King. Those not strong enough would immediately turn into their food. Humans could grow through absorbing the energy from devil cores. On the other hand, devils could also grow through devouring the flesh of humans to increase their bloodline power.

In the Devil Domain, death was common. Thus, Yu Caidie's group couldn't be bothered to help the other group. Their first reaction was to move away. However, when the devil flame rats sensed the strength of the newly arrived group, they attacked the newcomers as well.

"Audacious! Exterminate them!" Yu Caidie commanded coldly and was the first to attack.

Standing on her phoenix, a halberd appeared in her hand. She swept the halberd at the devil flame rats. Her halberd attack was fast and destructive, instantly killing two devil flame rats with one strike.

The others attacked as well. Each of them was strong enough to face several devil flame rats alone. They quickly killed a portion of the comparatively weaker Devil Kings. When the leader of the devil flame rats saw how strong they were, it screeched and called for help.

At that, eighth-stage and ninth-stage Devil King devil flame rats appeared from several different directions and started attacking the humans madly. The devil flames these devil flame rats spat were extremely powerful. A regular King would not be able to survive an attack of this power. They could clearly sense that these devil flame rats had refined some sort of unique devil flame.

Ling Lin, someone cultivating the power of flame, couldn't help but exclaim, "There must be a devil flame seed here. Otherwise, the flame of these devil flame rats won't be so powerful."

Ling Lin was a genius from a tier-6 organization in Yu Province. He was lucky enough to meet Yu Caidie once at the Yu Province, and ever since, he had been deeply smitten by her graceful temperament. Thus, when Yu Caidie came to the Bloodsin City, he came as well.

His dream was to one day become the Yu Clan's son-in-law, and with his outstanding talent in cultivation, that was a dream he could afford to have. At his exclamation, the eyes of two other flame cultivators started burning with excitement. For them, obtaining the devil flame seed was equivalent to a large growth in strength. In fact, they might even have a chance to directly enter the Emperor Realm.

Yu Caidie could see what these people were thinking. After contemplating it for a bit, she said, "We will stop here for three days. Three days later, we will leave regardless of whether you have obtained the devil flame seed or not. Otherwise, consider yourself disqualified."

"Thank you, Holy Maiden," the three were overjoyed.

She gave no reply. After the group left the territory of the devil flame rats, they settled down somewhere. As for Ling Lin and the other two, they started looking for the devil flame seed. This devil flame seed was most likely not a high-level one. Otherwise, the devil flame rats wouldn't only be Devil Kings. The three were confident they were strong enough to tame a devil flame seed of this level.

However, after spending a long time searching, they still found nothing. Meanwhile, Xiang Shaoyun, who had been seated cross-legged all day, suddenly stood up and dashed toward a certain direction. Through Yun Flame, he had successfully found the location of the devil flame seed.



## Chapter 450: Devil Flame Seed

Initially, Xiang Shaoyun was only able to sense a rough location of where the devil flame seed was. But after finding no traces of the devil flame seed at that area, he sat down and quietly searched with his senses. And finally, he found something. He had a feeling the devil flame seed was located underground. That was the only explanation for it to not be visible at all.

After reaching that conclusion, he delayed no more and rushed toward where he sensed the devil flame seed. His destination was a place tightly guarded by the devil flame rats. Stealing the devil flame seed from them would be no easy task. Using his speed superiority, Xiang Shaoyun dashed deep into the devil flame rat territory.

The moment Xiang Shaoyun tried approaching, the devil flame rats attacked madly, not letting him approach. Not only did the devil flame rats possess powerful flame attacks, they were also insanely fast. Thus, even with his outstanding combat prowess, he still found them hard to deal with. After all, this was the devil flame rats' territory.

Xiang Shaoyun was forced to start killing. With the Overlord Skyslaying Saber in hand, he swept it around with his human saber unity mode active. The Overlord Skyslaying Saber had always been kept and nurtured in his astral cosmos sea. Its compatibility with him had grown considerably. Having a high compatibility with his weapon would be very beneficial for when he tried increasing his comprehension of saber intent in the future.

Ling Lin and the other two flame cultivators also noticed Xiang Shaoyun fighting with the devil flame rats.

Is that where the devil flame seed is at? the three wondered.

Soon, the three reached a conclusion as to what Xiang Shaoyun's intention was. They no longer hesitated and quickly joined the battlefield as they charged into the depths of the devil flame rat territory to search for the devil flame seed.

Of the three, Ling Lin was the strongest. Although he was only a mid ninth-stage King, he had an impressive combat prowess. With his weapon, he ceaselessly killed devil flame rats at the same time of using a unique detection technique he knew to search for the devil flame seed. As he searched, he was increasingly sure that there was a devil flame seed here, and it was located underground.

"Haha, all my hard work hasn't been for nothing," Ling Lin roared with laughter as he started bombarding the ground with his weapon.

He drilled straight underground, trying to obtain the devil flame seed before the others. The other two who had come with him also did the same. They quickly broke free of the devil flame rats and drilled underground.

On the other hand, Xiang Shaoyun suddenly flew to the sky. A faint smile hung on his face as he muttered, "How will the devil flame seed be so easy to subdue?"

Sure enough, three figures could be seen flying out of the ground at this moment. The three were none other than Ling Lin and the other two flame cultivators. Apart from them, dozens of Devil King devil flame rats also shot out from the ground. These were all eighth-stage and ninth-stage Devil Kings with valiant combat prowess. They were much stronger than all the other devil flame rats the group had encountered before.

They had been busy absorbing energy from the flame devil seed and had never been disturbed. Ling Lin's group of three were too reckless and had charged right into their lair. For the devil flame rats, this was a great provocation.

Eyes red, the devil flame rats spat out numerous clumps of flame. These clumps were extremely dreadful, capable of directly turning ordinary king armors to ash. Although Ling Lin and the other two cultivated the power of flame, they still couldn't face the devil flame head on. Killing these devil flame rats in a short time frame was practically impossible for them.

In fact, they would only have a chance of obtaining the devil flame seed if Yu Caidie and the others helped. At this thought, they started withdrawing from the devil flame rat territory unwillingly. If they didn't leave, they would eventually end up surrounded and killed.

Only now did Xiang Shaoyun noiselessly drill underground. Instead of heading directly to the devil flame seed, he fully released Yun Flame's power. He knew all high-level flames would have a certain level of intelligence. If this devil flame seed had a high enough level, it would definitely come over by itself to devour Yun Flame.

If not, then it only signified that this devil flame seed was a low-level one. Yun Flame would then be able to devour it instead. Yun Flame's power that was being released was merely serving as bait to make the devil flame seed erupt in power. Sure enough, after Xiang Shaoyun released Yun Flame's power, the devil flame seed reacted and immediately released a large amount of devil flame.

Bang! Bang!

Instantly, the power of devil flame covered a radius of about 1,000 kilometers around it. The devil flame rats within the area started whining in pain and quickly fled the area. Ling Lin's group of three paled when they saw the escaping devil flame rats. They thought they were chasing after them, and so the three flew even faster. Even Yu Caidie and the others who were staying farther from the devil flame rat territory were forced to react.

"We need to help them," Yu Caidie stood up and said.

Although Yu Caidie really did not want to get involved with what Ling Lin's group was trying, she was the leader. She would not be a good leader if she turned a blind eye when her companions were in trouble. That would only cause others to doubt her character and helping her get the yin devil wind might no longer be their priority.

The young geniuses were unhappy with Ling Lin's group of three, but out of respect for Yu Caidie, they still acted. Only now did they notice that Xiang Shaoyun had disappeared. That caused them to be curious. Yu Caidie also noticed that, but making everyone search for him was not possible. Thus, they returned to their resting spot and waited.

Meanwhile, Xiang Shaoyun was approaching the devil flame seed with his entire body wrapped in a layer of Yun Flame's power. He had become one with Yun Flame. Thus, he could sense the agitation of the devil flame seed. He found that the devil flame seed had not come to devour Yun Flame, proving that it had yet to grow a sufficient level of intelligence. It was a much lower leveled flame in comparison to Yun Flame.

Xiang Shaoyun only started moving toward the devil flame seed after reaching that conclusion. Protected by Yun Flame's power, he charged straight to the devil flame seed. He encountered a large amount of flame, but every flame he encountered moved out of his way, so he was able to move unimpeded.

The devil flame seed finally reacted when it sensed Yun Flame approaching. It started releasing even more flame in Yun Flame's direction. The raging devil flame was black in color, looking incredibly bewitching. It had a power not much weaker than Yun Flame.

It also became apparent that this devil flame seed was actually waiting for Yun Flame to come before making a move. It actually possessed a rather high intelligence. At the beginning, the tongues

of devil flame sent toward Yun Flame failed to do anything to Yun Flame. Instead, they were all devoured. But soon, the power of the devil flame soared and took the form of a devil flame rat. It then started madly attacking Xiang Shaoyun.

Xiang Shaoyun had a suffocating sensation, finally feeling threatened by the devil flame seed. After becoming one with Yun Flame, he had become very sensitive toward fire. He could sense that this devil flame seed was completely comparable to Yun Flame in strength.

Xiang Shaoyun did not dare to be careless and worked together with Yun Flame to release all the energy in his third star. He was ready to face the devil flame seed with all his power. And thus the clash between the power of two different flames began.