

Overlord 711

Chapter 711: This Must Be the Sinister Wind Den

The ambusher was incredibly fast and nimble, and not even Xiang Shaoyun had detected the newcomer. Just as the ambusher was about to reach him, Xiang Shaoyun, relying on his years of battle experience, sensed danger and hastily moved away.

Swish!

His back was clawed, splitting his skin and causing him to hiss in pain. At the same time, an indescribable power invaded his flesh, exhausting his vitality. That discovery told Xiang Shaoyun that the invading power could be classified as a type of yin vicious energy, or it could even be death energy. He had to remove it immediately.

But the ambusher did not intend to spare Xiang Shaoyun, and it attacked repeatedly, releasing claw attacks that were even stronger than the green shadow cat's.

Xiang Shaoyun used his footwork to quickly charge forward, trying to avoid his opponent's follow-up attacks. However, his opponent was as fast as him, and Xiang Shaoyun failed to escape no matter how he tried.

Finally, Xiang Shaoyun was forced to use even his White Tiger Wings. His speed increased again, and he finally broke free from the pursuit. He took the moment of respite to circulate his flame energy and cleanse his body of the yin vicious energy.

He then turned around to look at his pursuer. The pursuer was actually a werecat. The werecats were a species of variant humans. Possessing a mixed bloodline of demons and humans, they were classified as a hybrid race.

The werecat before him was female. She had a wild aura around her and possessed clear cat characteristics such as pointy ears, stripes on her face, and a black furry tail. As for her torso, it was human-like. The green shadow cat was by her side. Evidently, the two were companions.

Xiang Shaoyun shouted, "Don't provoke me, or things won't end well for you!"

It wouldn't be easy for him to defeat the pair head on. He did not want to waste too much time on them. But if they forced his hand, they would only have themselves to blame when he showed no mercy.

"All humans deserve death!" said the werecat viciously. She then attacked Xiang Shaoyun with the green shadow cat from two different directions.

They attacked together, engulfing him with incomparably sharp claws. Numerous deep claw marks were left on the ground. Facing such an attack, Xiang Shaoyun had no way of dodging. He directly released his Nether Soul Domain and trapped both of them inside it.

The moment the Nether Soul Domain appeared, their offensive was suppressed. At the same time, chains shot out from everywhere, flailing at the two. Xiang Shaoyun showed no quarter and ripped them apart with the chains. These two were life forms filled with ruthlessness. If he left them alive, they would only harm someone else. He might as well clean them up right now.

After killing the two, Xiang Shaoyun sensed a hidden aura rushing toward him from a different direction. Evidently, the newcomer was yet another sinister life form. Perhaps it was a companion of the werecat and green shadow cat.

This time, Xiang Shaoyun learned from experience and directly activated his trait of invisibility. Only then would he reduce the trouble he would meet along the way. After turning invisible, his mood eased up, as this ability had never failed him. Even higher-leveled experts would not be able to detect him.

Alas, he was mistaken this time. Several werecats and green shadow cats rushed over, their gazes focusing on him as they attacked madly. Numerous nimble and quick figures appeared, radiating endless ruthlessness while their green eyes gleamed with a penetrating glint.

"Shit! They can actually see me?" Xiang Shaoyun exclaimed in alarm as he quickly fled.

Flapping his wings with full power, he flew at top speed. Although he could use his Nether Soul Domain to kill many of them, he was afraid of other mishaps happening. If so, continuing to fight would not be worth it. He flew as fast as possible, as fast as any peak Emperor. Even the werecats and green shadow cats were left in the dust.

After flying for a long while, he finally shook them all off. It was then that he realized he had arrived somewhere even more dangerous. The place was filled with flying monsters that all looked fierce and terrifying. All of them had high cultivation realms as well.

Some looked like lions yet had wings. Some looked like bats yet had canine limbs.... In short, each beast was a valiant, dreadful hybrid race. However, they all shared one commonality: they all controlled the power of wind and possessed incredible speed.

Apart from that, he also found a lot of beastmen living with them. And yet, they were not slaughtered. It was truly unbelievable. One ought to know that different races usually couldn't coexist peacefully.

After arriving, Xiang Shaoyun was not discovered. He was able to hide at a certain corner as he observed all the locals. They were all traveling against the wind, their destination an incredibly terrifying location.

Xiang Shaoyun stared in that direction blankly, his eyes filled with shock. He was looking at two mountains. They stood side by side, with a crack between them. The crack looked like it was a crack of the sky itself, endlessly leaking with a boundless and majestic wind energy.

The wind energy was incredibly violent, blowing everything away. Rocks and dust were blown about without stop, and only the two mountains stood lofty and motionless. The beastmen and demonic beasts were all heading toward the crack with all their might, as if something fatally attractive was waiting for them there.

Xiang Shaoyun could sense that at some hidden corners, other humans were lying in wait. Those were most likely Dragon Phoenix Academy disciples.

"This must be the Sinister Wind Den. It is rumored that some weird things are occasionally blown out from the crack. Are they aiming for those things?" Xiang Shaoyun wondered.

After thinking for a bit, he decided to go in the same direction as well. He wanted to discover the secret behind the Sinister Wind Den. After flying for a bit, he found that the wind was so strong even he had a hard time advancing.

To make matters worse, the wind contained yin vicious energy, and it constantly corroded his body extensively. He felt he couldn't continue forward. Left with no choice, he activated the power of the

yin devil wind within him and started absorbing the wind energy around him, trying his best to adapt to his environment.

After advancing for a bit, he found that the beastmen and demonic beasts were roaring incessantly and that something extremely weird was happening at the crack.

Chapter 712: What Are You Trying To Do

The crack between the two mountains was actually known as the Sinister Wind Den, and it was a sort of air vent and an opening to another space. From the crack, boundless chilly wind blew out. The wind contained dense wind energy, with a trace of yin vicious energy mixed within that gave it a corrosive attribute. That was why the wind was so hard to withstand.

Many beastmen and demonic beasts were heading toward the crack; the scene was bustling and spectacular. Suddenly, a massive silhouette appeared from the crack between the two mountains. The silhouette looked like the face of a devil, looking sinister and terrifying.

The devil face opened its mouth wide, and with one bite, it swallowed the approaching beastmen and demonic beasts. Xiang Shaoyun's body went stiff. Before he could think of anything else, he found that an extremely powerful wind force was pulling and dragging him directly toward the massive mouth.

It frightened Xiang Shaoyun greatly. He quickly mustered all his strength to stabilize himself, avoiding the fate of being swallowed. Fortunately, he was quite far from the mouth, so the wind force pulling him wasn't too powerful. He was able to stabilize himself after putting all his effort into it, and the wind force did not drag him away.

The devil face vanished as fast as it had come. By the time it was gone, the tide of beastmen and demonic beasts was completely gone as well. Xiang Shaoyun blankly looked at the scene before him and broke out in cold sweat. This was definitely an extremely dangerous place.

He could not understand why the beastmen and demonic beasts were heading toward the crack, and he couldn't understand where the devil face had come from either. But he concluded that he definitely couldn't enter the crack, or it would be a one-way trip.

Xiang Shaoyun also noticed that when the devil face vanished, the concealed Dragon Phoenix Academy disciples started rushing toward the two mountains beside the Sinister Wind Den.

He hesitated for a bit before doing the same, trying to see what they had discovered. Although the devil face had vanished, the wind blowing out of the Sinister Wind Den was still as scary as ever.

Xiang Shaoyun was forced to constantly circulate his wind energy and fuse it with the power of wind around him. He was trying to both grow his power of wind and adapt his body to his environment as quickly as possible. Shortly after, he arrived at the mountain on the right side along with the disciples.

He overheard one of them saying, "I thought yin wind grass could be found here? But why is there nothing at all?"

Someone replied, "Let's search carefully. This place is the nearest to the Sinister Wind Den. It is struck by the yin wind all year round, so yin wind grass should be a regular vegetation here."

Finally, Xiang Shaoyun knew what they were looking for. He quickly rushed toward the mountain peak. But there, he found that the mountain was basically bald, with not even a regular grass to be found. He quickly went to the left mountain, but he found nothing there either.

Looks like there's some problem with their information. Or perhaps someone else has already harvested all the yin wind grass, thought Xiang Shaoyun.

He was about to leave when something happened in the sky again. The devil face appeared again, and a wind force surged out like before. This time, the wind did not pull him in. Rather, it spat things out. Drops of blood rained down from the devil face's mouth, presenting a terrifying scene.

Greatly shocked, Xiang Shaoyun fled without hesitation. He could swear this was the fastest he had ever fled in his life. The power of wind, footwork intent, and footwork technique, all were used at their top power.

But even that was not enough, as the wind force this time was a tailwind that came extremely quickly. Like rootless duckweed, he was blown away by the wind and was sent flying in an unknown direction.

His vision spun, and he lost his directional senses. To make matters worse, a gush of yin vicious energy seeped into his body and started damaging his vitality. In his current condition, he had no way of resisting the invasion. Hence, he could only endure helplessly. After an unknown amount of time, he heavily crashed somewhere.

Bang!

The impact was so great he spat out blood. He felt like his organs and bones were all badly damaged, and he had almost lost consciousness from the crash. But he knew that if he fainted, the yin vicious energy would completely corrode him, and nobody would be able to save him from the damage.

Clenching his teeth, he maintained the tiny bit of consciousness he had and used several drops of emperor spring liquid, prioritizing on preventing his injuries from worsening. At the same time, he also started circulating the yin vicious energy into his wind star.

Even though he couldn't calm his mind to meditate, he needed to do it since it was his best chance at surviving. The only reason he could even react in his current condition was thanks to his years of experiencing numerous dangers.

After he did all that, his condition stabilized, and his injuries started recovering. The yin devil wind started converging in his wind star. There, it fused with the yin devil wind. The two were both different types of wind power, and both had the same property of vicious energy. Hence, they supplemented each other instead of rejecting each other.

At that realization, Xiang Shaoyun worked even harder to channel the invading energy into his wind star. It was at that time that someone else appeared near him.

The newcomer was a feathered beastman. Her body was the same as a human female, and she had an average face that was neither beautiful nor ugly. However, numerous winged runes could be seen on her face, and they looked incredibly out of place. Sleek, glossy feathers covered her body, and on her back was a pair of gray wings. It was quite clear she was a feathered beastman.

When she looked at Xiang Shaoyun, an odd glint appeared in her eyes. The feathered beastman had the closest appearance to humans among the numerous beastmen. Comparatively, they were considered a beautiful race. They loved all things beautiful, and they always pursued beauty.

After being smashed here by the wind, Xiang Shaoyun could no longer maintain his invisibility. His clothes had been destroyed, revealing his flawless figure. Hence, the feathered beastman was attracted when she saw him, What a handsome human. If I can copulate with him, our children will most definitely be good looking.

She licked her lips and dashed toward Xiang Shaoyun. Due to his heavy injuries, Xiang Shaoyun wasn't even able to react. She landed on him successfully.

He was roused awake, and as he glared at the feathered beastman on top of him, he shouted, "What are you trying to do?"

Chapter 713: Feathered Beastman

Xiang Shaoyun was greatly frightened by the face before him. It was the face of a woman, and it wasn't exactly ugly. However, the wing runes covering the face looked rather scary, giving off an uncomfortable feeling.

Due to his current condition, he was naturally on alert against everything. If it wasn't for the fact that the yin wind energy was still ravaging his body, he would most definitely have blasted the woman away the moment he saw her. The feathered beastman was not weak either. When she pounced on Xiang Shaoyun, he had a hard time withstanding the force behind her leap.

"Hehe, handsome human, let's copulate. We will give birth to beautiful children," said the feathered beastman with a perverted grin.

Her saliva was dripping all over Xiang Shaoyun's face. Instantly, Xiang Shaoyun understood what was going on. The beastman was trying to copulate with him, and she intended to do it right here.

Suddenly, he felt that the world was truly a crazy place. He was not the kind of person to fool around like this! More importantly, she was a beastman, not a human. She wasn't pretty either. He had zero interest in her. If this woman was instead a beautiful female human, he might still consider accepting it.

"Th-this is not proper, right? We're in public! Won't it be awkward if someone comes when we're in the middle of it?" Xiang Shaoyun said.

He had yet to recover, so it wouldn't benefit him to fight right now. He planned to first buy some time.

"That doesn't matter. Being able to copulate in broad daylight to create the next generation is a glorious thing to do! Even if others see us, they will only be envious that I managed to find such a handsome man!" said the feathered beastman in excitement. She caressed Xiang Shaoyun's face and continued, "Alright, stop talking. This is a good time to do it. Let's get started."

She then pressed a certain lethal part of her body against Xiang Shaoyun. Before Xiang Shaoyun could say anything, that lethal part covered his mouth. It was supposed to be a beautiful and enjoyable experience, but it was torture for the current Xiang Shaoyun.

Without any hesitation, he summoned Money. Speaking of which, Money had been inactive for a long time, preparing to break through into the third-stage Demon Emperor realm.

He kept wanting to accumulate more strength, hoping to jump a few stages at once. Hence, he had been rather unwilling to come out and battle. But now, if Xiang Shaoyun still did not release Money, he would be raped by this woman.

The moment Money appeared, he whipped his tail at the feathered beastman. The feathered beastman was in the midst of excitement and had not expected Money to appear suddenly. She was whipped without being able to do anything.

However, this feathered beastman seemed quite strong. She only moved slightly from the whip, and only a red mark was left on her arm. Her skin wasn't even split, and no blood had been spilled.

Money was a peak second-stage Demon Emperor. A whip from him was enough to send fourth-stage Emperors flying far away. However, this feathered beastman only suffered a tiny injury, and her body had only moved slightly even though she was hit while she didn't have any defenses on her. Just from that, this feathered beastman's strength was evident.

She looked at Money, and a sharp glint covered her eyes as she said, "Where is this snake from? You dare ruin this young lady's affair? Die!"

The feathered beastman was furious. She had been greatly excited, about to enjoy her time with a handsome human. But just as she was about to get started, she was disrupted. How could she not be angry?

Her wings flapped, kicking up a force of wind that transformed into sharp blades and shot at Money. The two wind attacks were extremely fast and powerful, reaching a level comparable to a late-stage Emperor. Money also moved as fast as lightning and swiftly dodged the attacks before spitting a lightning bolt at her.

"Paltry tricks," the feathered beastman snorted as she flapped her wings again, creating an even more powerful wind force that slapped the lightning bolt away.

She then shot toward Money like an arrow let loose from a bow. She was incredibly fast. In a flash, she arrived above Money before furiously stomping him with both her feet. Money had freakish speed, and even sixth-stage Emperors could not harm him easily. However, this feathered beastman was absolutely the fastest of the fastest, and not even Money could avoid her attack. He was stamped into the ground.

Bang!

Money's face was slammed into the ground with a loud rumble. As the two fought, Xiang Shaoyun took the chance to use two stalks of emperor medicine to hasten his recovery. Only by healing his body would his soul power recover to normal. And only then would he be able to borrow the power of the Nether Soul Domain.

However, he had not expected Money to suffer such a quick defeat. He hastily shouted, "Don't kill him!"

"Sure, but you need to agree to copulate with me," said the feathered beastman.

"Th-that...fine. But I am seriously injured right now, so I am too weak to do that. Can you wait for me to recover first?" Xiang Shaoyun asked bashfully.

The more the feathered beastman looked at him, the more she liked him. Thus, she agreed straightforwardly. "Sure, sure. I will wait for you to recover."

She was able to sense his strength clearly, and she did not think he would pose her any sort of threat, which was why she was willing to wait for him to heal.

Xiang Shaoyun heaved a breath of relief and started healing himself at top speed. As for Money, he got up from the ground and glared at the feathered beastman indignantly. Electrical currents swirled around his body, as if he was ready for a second round with her.

"Don't provoke me, or I'll skin you," said the feathered beastman.

Money was about to flare up when Xiang Shaoyun's voice transmission arrived, "Money, calm down. Wait for me to heal up first."

Only then did Money suppress his anger. As for Xiang Shaoyun, he focused on healing. Shortly after, a group of feathered beastmen came over.

"Aili, did you find anything here?" asked one of them.

The one asking was a male feathered beastman. His name was Aikai, and he was the strongest in the group.

"Aikai, I found a handsome man. I am going to copulate with him and give birth to the most beautiful children. Shoo, go back to your own business," Aili replied.

For them, this affair did not seem like something they would be ashamed of. Rather, it seemed like a glorious deed. When Aikai heard her words, his gaze landed on Xiang Shaoyun. He pointed his pitchfork at him and said, "This useless human is the one who has caught your eyes?"

"I do not allow you to speak of him like that!" Aili said.

"Sure, I won't speak of him like that. How about I kill him?" said Aikai unhappily as he charged Xiang Shaoyun.

It would seem Aikai was going to kill just for a minor disagreement.

Chapter 714: You Can Try Escaping if You Want

Aikai was Aili's admirer, and they were frequent "partners". Now that Aili had found herself a new lover, how could Aikai accept it? Aikai was stronger than Aili. The moment he attacked, not even Money could react before the pitchfork stabbed into Xiang Shaoyun's body.

During this moment of crisis, Xiang Shaoyun finally decided to no longer stay still and released his Nether Soul Domain. He had recovered considerably and could now use his Nether Soul Domain. In addition to Aikai, all the feathered beastmen in the area were trapped within the Nether Soul Domain.

"You will think a tiger is a cat if it doesn't show its might." This time, Xiang Shaoyun truly intended to kill.

He found that these beastmen couldn't be reasoned with. Only by showing sufficient strength would he be able to restrain them.

Imperial Nether Prison.

Numerous chains shot out from everywhere, attacking all the trapped feathered beastmen. Before the feathered beastmen even realized what was happening, the chains shackled them all.

"What are these? Get away from me!" Aikai roared as he flapped his wings, forming numerous blades that sliced at the chains.

Unfortunately for him, his strength was greatly suppressed in the Nether Soul Domain. Furthermore, the chains were far tougher than anything he had imagined. Those chains had reached a Sovereign's level. How could they break free from them?

"Handsome human, what are you trying to do?" Aili asked in alarm. She was similarly shackled by the chains.

"Nothing much. I just want to kill all of you," said Xiang Shaoyun with a grim tone.

"No, please don't. I don't want to die!" some feathered beastmen started begging.

The beastmen were the same as humans. They had complex emotions, and in such a helpless situation, it was natural for them to plead for leniency. Even Aikai, who was still struggling to break free, became flustered.

"Are you worth sparing?" Xiang Shaoyun questioned in a calm and unruffled manner instead of directly killing them.

"You humans are only here at the Sinister Wind Den for the yin wind grass, right? We know where you can find some!" said Aili.

"Do you?" Xiang Shaoyun questioned.

The feathered beastmen hastily nodded.

"Apart from the yin wind grass, do you have any other good stuff?" Xiang Shaoyun asked after giving it some thought. "Just the yin wind grass alone is not enough for me to spare all of you."

His final sentence frightened some of the beastmen so much they started trembling.

Aikai answered, "Apart from the yin wind grass, we also have yin wind stone. In fact, we took this trip to search for yin wind stones. Those stones can help us increase our wind power."

"Yin wind stone? Is it the stone capable of gathering yin wind?" Xiang Shaoyun asked in excitement.

"That's right. Each time the Yin Wind Devil Face appears, yin wind stones will appear as well. Things should be the same this time," said Aikai.

"Good, that is decent information. I will spare your lives," said Xiang Shaoyun. "However, you may have escaped death, but you still need to be punished. Swallow these poison pills. After you gather yin wind grass and yin wind stones, I will give you the antidote. Otherwise, none of you will live."

He then released them and gave them the poison pills. At that moment, one of them tried to slip away. He was confident that without the Nether Soul Domain, he would be able to escape easily. However, he had only gone a few steps before the Nether Soul Domain swallowed him again. When he reappeared, he was already a corpse.

"You can try escaping if you want," said Xiang Shaoyun toward the others with a sneer.

The range of his Nether Soul Domain was no longer small. Within the distance his senses could reach, killing someone was as easy as flipping his hand. His actions frightened the other feathered beastmen, and they immediately swallowed the poison pills.

They were actual poison pills. Xiang Shaoyun had obtained them from the Emperors he had killed in the past. He had kept them with him and had not gotten any chance to use them.

Now, he could use them to make these feathered beastmen work for him. If he had to personally search for the grass and the stones, it would take a lot of time. If he could actually use the Nether Dragon Soul Headband on them, he wouldn't have to put so much effort into controlling them.

After swallowing the poison pills, they headed off and started working for Xiang Shaoyun unwillingly. Before they left, Xiang Shaoyun warned that if they did not return in seven days with what he wanted, the poison would erupt and they would die.

And thus, Xiang Shaoyun obtained a period of peace. With Money standing guard, he continued to heal himself. After three days, he was finally fully healed. He started studying his surroundings, and he learned that this place was very far from the Sinister Wind Den.

He had not expected that a gust of wind would bring him this far. Some wind elemental plants could be found in the area, but it was too bad their grades were low. The beastmen had probably harvested the high-grade herbs long ago.

After making sure there were no dangers in his surroundings, he entered meditation again instead of roaming around. He was going to increase his wind power and comprehend the profundity of wind.

After witnessing the inhalation and exhalation of that devil face, he had a feeling the profundity of wind was much deeper than what he had originally thought. Speed was not the only aspect of wind. Destruction was also an aspect of it, and it was worth studying.

Xiang Shaoyun tried to empty his mind and comprehend the profundity of wind. But for some reason, the devil face kept appearing in his mind like a vengeful spirit, making it hard for him to stay calm. He kept having a feeling that the face was everywhere in this cultivation zone, and he was unable to calm his mind.

"What was it exactly? They called it the Yin Wind Devil Face. Is that the source of the yin wind?" Xiang Shaoyun wondered.

He then recalled the sight of the beastmen and demonic beasts heading toward the Sinister Wind Den without a care for their lives. Eventually, they were all swallowed by the devil face. They were then spat out in the form of blood. Just from that, it was obvious something terrifying was behind that face.

Xiang Shaoyun was unable to make sense of it, and he sensibly decided to forget about it.

After getting the yin wind grass and the yin wind stones, perhaps he could use them to comprehend the profundity of wind. After two more days, Aikai returned. He was badly injured, his appearance giving Xiang Shaoyun a shock.

"Aikai, what happened?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"Dead, all dead," Aikai answered, intense fear plastered all over his face.

"What all dead? Speak clearly!" Xiang Shaoyun said with a frown.

Chapter 715: Yin Wind Devil

"Aili...and the others...th-they're all dead!" Aikai said, and that final word seemed to have exhausted all his energy. He collapsed onto the ground. Without saying anything further, Xiang Shaoyun fed Aikai some emperor-grade spring liquid. After a short rest, Aikai finally recovered some color to his face.

"What happened exactly?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

In truth, he did not care about the beastmen's deaths but what had happened that had caused these decently powerful beastmen to die.

"It's the yin wind devils. They have descended! They are too scary. We're not their match at all. They snatched all the yin wind grass we found, and even the yin wind stones were lost," said Aikai, fear plastered all over his face.

"Yin wind devil? How did they get here?" Xiang Shaoyun exclaimed in alarm.

The yin wind devils were a part of the devils. Like the devil wind beasts, they were wind elemental devils. Of the two, the yin wind devils were the stronger species. Generally speaking, devils would only exist within the Devil Domain. But with their appearance here, did this mean that the Devil Domain was related to this place? Or perhaps the devils had invaded the surface world again?

"It's the Yin Wind Devil Face! It was rumored that the crack at the Sinister Wind Den is a spatial crack. Behind the crack are countless treasures. Because of that, each time it appears, the beastmen and demonic beasts will try to enter. But after so many years, nobody has ever left alive. This time, even yin wind devils have appeared. They must have arrived from the Yin Wind Devil Face," said Aikai.

"In other words, the yin wind devils have never appeared before?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"Yes," Aikai answered.

"Where are they currently?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

Just as Aikai was about to answer, they saw some yin wind devils flying toward them. The yin wind devils were akin to corpses without legs. They looked ugly and dreadful, their faces covered by their messy hair. Each had a pair of tentacles that swayed about incessantly, while "woo woo" sounds came from their mouths without stop. The ghostly sounds they made were incredibly eerie.

If one paid close attention, one would find that their faces looked incredibly similar to the devil face. It was clear they were of the same origin. They hovered about, and with a few flashes, they abruptly appeared behind Xiang Shaoyun and Aikai.

There were only five yin wind devils here, but wherever they appeared, a baleful aura filled their surroundings. The moment they discovered Xiang Shaoyun and Aikai, they attacked. Gusts of yin wind surged out of their mouths with an unstoppable speed.

Xiang Shaoyun might be fast, but his opponents were even faster. One of the attacks struck him, slamming him away as a gush of yin vicious energy invaded his body. This was an exact repeat of what the devil face had done earlier, with the strength of the two attacks being the only difference.

This level of attack was still something Xiang Shaoyun could withstand. When the yin wind devils were about to launch their second wave of attacks, several ghostrunes appeared before him.

These ghostrunes had grown to a rather large size. They exuded a rich devilish aura, and as they flapped their wings, a peculiar power rippled out in waves. The moment that power rippled out, the yin wind devils stopped all movement, as if they had been nailed to the ground. At the same time, their bodies swayed about as if they had gotten drunk.

The ghostrunes took the opportunity to charge over and bite the yin wind devils. The yin wind devils were completely unable to resist as the ghostrunes ate them. These ghostrunes were the ones who had survived the frost attack at the Deep Tidalwave cultivation zone. Gui Qi was among them.

After devouring some dark origin energy, they had reached late-stage Emperor Realm. Subsequently, they were nearly killed by the energy of extreme cold. Barely surviving, they swallowed the corpses of their companions, enhancing their bloodline yet again, letting them grow even stronger.

These ghostrunes were no weaker than eighth-stage Devil Emperors, and Gui Qi was now a peak Devil Emperor, only a step away from becoming a Devil Sovereign. Now, they were finally displaying the prowess of the runes on their wings.

The illusory ability of their wings could instantly send an opponent into a daze if the wings were glanced at even once. This attack had caught the yin wind devils by surprise, resulting in their deaths. One could say that this one ghostrune ability was enough to trouble many races.

Aikai had no idea how the ghostrunes had appeared, but he was filled with shock when he saw them defeating the yin wind devils so easily. At the same time, his reverence toward Xiang Shaoyun increased.

Xiang Shaoyun found that these yin wind devils did not have any yin wind grass and yin wind stones. Evidently, the other yin wind devils were keeping them.

"Heal up quickly. We will go pay these yin wind devils a visit," said Xiang Shaoyun.

"Oh, yes, yes," Aikai answered and focused on recovering.

Xiang Shaoyun took the chance to think of a way to deal with the yin wind devils. Since the yin wind devils could kill the feathered beastmen, they were definitely more of them. Perhaps they would even have a Devil Sovereign in their midst.

I'm here to comprehend the profundity of wind. Fighting the yin wind devils might assist in my comprehension, but I doubt they will come in small numbers. I won't be able to face them all, not even with the assistance of Gui Qi and the others, Xiang Shaoyun considered.

After about half a day, Aikai had recovered decently. However, he had not recovered enough to be able to fight. Xiang Shaoyun no longer relied on him. He gave him the antidote and left after learning the direction of the yin wind devils.

The ghostrunes and Money had all been kept away. He was traveling alone. Soon, he arrived at a place with lush weeds. The place was filled with chilly wind, dense baleful aura, and numerous zombies. Rocks were scattered everywhere. It was indeed an incredibly eerie spot.

The yin wind devils could be seen flying about, controlling the zombies in the area. Any beastmen and demonic beasts that approached would be attacked. When they discovered Xiang Shaoyun, they also sent a group of zombies to attack him. Instead of wasting any time with the zombies, Xiang Shaoyun flew to the sky straight toward the yin wind devils.

"Today, I shall get to know the yin wind devils," declared Xiang Shaoyun with excitement.

Chapter 716: Only Speed Is Undefeated

The yin wind devils relied on their insane speed to kill. They were capable of blending into the wind, moving and attacking with the power of wind. One could say that they had extremely deep comprehension of wind.

Xiang Shaoyun planned to accumulate his own comprehension through battling them. All these years, he always believed that only battle could improve his combat sense, and only combat could allow him to comprehend what he wanted to learn.

He charged right into the midst of the yin wind devils and pushed his wind power to his limits. At the same time, he unleashed his footwork intent and blended into the wind, greatly increasing his speed. In fact, his speed was now comparable to these yin wind devils.

Using his palms as blades, he unleashed powerful slashing attacks with both hands. The yin wind devils relied on their speed, but when Xiang Shaoyun matched their speed, they lost their advantage.

Their defenses were lacking, and once struck, they were completely helpless as they would either die or receive serious injuries. Even so, it wouldn't be easy to kill all of them. Numerous yin wind devils hastened their flying as they kept spitting dreadful wind attacks from their mouths, creating a complete mess out of their surroundings.

Incomparably sharp wind blades filled with the yin vicious energy were everywhere, making it extremely hard to avoid the attacks. Relying on his gift of instincts, Xiang Shaoyun dodged left and right, avoiding all the wind blades deftly. He charged through the cracks and launched his own attacks.

Many yin wind devils were present. When they all attacked, Xiang Shaoyun had a hard time blocking their bombardment. He fought with all his strength, fully experiencing their attacks.

As the fight dragged on, he suddenly grasped an aspect of the yin wind devil—speed. The yin wind devil focused on speed and speed alone, reaching an unfathomable and unstoppable speed.

That was one aspect of the power of wind.

A saying suddenly emerged in Xiang Shaoyun's head: Of the numerous powers, only speed was undefeated.

Speed surpassing the limit, I can be even faster! Xiang Shaoyun roared inwardly.

With that thought in mind, he pushed his wind star with all his might and forced his footwork intent to its limit, deepening his understanding of the Overlord's Nine Nether Steps. Amid all the wind attacks, Xiang Shaoyun attempted to surpass his limits. It was the same feeling as when he first entered the limit rooms to train. Faced with a difficult task, so long as he could surpass his limits, he could complete the task.

Initially, he used his gift of instincts to keep moving between the openings of the attacks, but there were times when there were no openings and he was forced to defend with his Goldplates.

However, not even his Goldplates could withstand a round of the wind attacks. Numerous scars were left on his body as he was sent flying. He tried to get up only to be welcomed with a barrage of wind blades.

If he was struck, he would probably be reduced to pieces. He decided to throw caution to the wind and kicked countless hurricanes with both his legs, directly clashing with the wind blades.

Rumble! Rumble!

The collision was terrifying, sending Xiang Shaoyun flying yet again. Among the yin wind devils, there were late-stage Devil Emperors as well. It was already amazing of him to be able to actually block their attacks.

Speed, I need more speed! That was the only thought left in Xiang Shaoyun's mind.

He shot up from the ground and narrowed his eyes, focusing on the flow of the wind around him. Relying on his comprehension of footwork intent, he stepped into the wind flow, borrowed its power, and rode the wind.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Instantly, he blended into the wind, moving freely and unfettered. A sensation rose in his heart, making him feel that he could reach anywhere with a single step. He reached the pinnacle of speed, an unbelievable speed giving him confidence that not even heaven and earth could bind his steps. He could go anywhere he wanted, free and unconstrained, the sky his domain.

He took a deft step forward, and with that one step, he dodged all the incoming wind blades. At the same time, he counterattacked with even stronger attacks. He sent out one wind blade after another, slaughtering one yin wind devil after another.

The more he fought, the more delightful he felt. At one point, he no longer felt any threat from the yin wind devils. He rode the wind and moved with the wind. The wind was everywhere, and he could borrow its power anywhere.

His comprehension of the profundity of wind continued growing. The wind could destroy everything. The wind could flatten everything. The wind could reach absolute speed. The wind could leisurely roam the heaven and the earth. Slow or fast, the wind would still be useful, as both were forms of wind.

Xiang Shaoyun sank into a mode of comprehension. He became one with the wind, surrounding himself with a massive amount of wind energy that turned him into a tornado. Similar to when he tried to get the yin devil wind in the past, the eye of the storm was the scariest place.

The yin wind devils were dragged in and turned into meat paste by the wind before they could do anything. By this point, the yin wind devil Sovereign that had remained silent finally noticed what was happening.

He gazed at Xiang Shaoyun and released a sinister and ruthless aura. He turned into a tornado as well and clashed into the tornado Xiang Shaoyun had formed. Xiang Shaoyun was in the midst of comprehension and had completely forgotten his surroundings. Thus, he was unaware that a yin wind devil Sovereign had appeared.

The two tornadoes collided, creating a world-shaking explosion. Numerous wind blades flew everywhere. Any zombie struck by a blade would instantly explode. The disruption forcefully woke Xiang Shaoyun from his state of comprehension.

When he noticed a seemingly unstoppable tornado coming at him, he was overjoyed, not alarmed. He calmed his mind and focused on manipulating his energy, gathering more wind around him as he clashed with the yin wind devil again and again.

At this moment, he had fully comprehended the profundity of wind. That was the only reason he could borrow an endless amount of wind power from this environment to contend with the yin wind devil Sovereign.

However, his opponent was much stronger than him. The wind power the yin wind devil gathered was also stronger, and after repeated collisions, the tornado around Xiang Shaoyun began collapsing. It was at that moment that Xiang Shaoyun released his innate purple lightning.

Wind and Lightning!

Chapter 717: I Can Serve You

With the inclusion of lightning, the tornado around Xiang Shaoyun grew much stronger. The two entirely different powers mixed, bringing about an unexpected result. It was a technique Xiang Shaoyun had comprehended long before this. Using this technique, he was able to barely resist the yin wind devil Sovereign.

Too bad I can't borrow the power of natural lightning here, or even a Devil Sovereign will die, thought Xiang Shaoyun.

After a while of deadlock, Xiang Shaoyun finally couldn't endure anymore and was forced to release his Nether Soul Domain. He was already doing very well to put on so much fight against someone absolutely stronger than him. It would be absolutely terrifying if he could rely on himself to kill the yin wind devil Sovereign. Perhaps he would be able to do that after he advanced by two or three stages.

The Nether Soul Domain appeared, isolating the yin wind devil Sovereign from the wind power gathered around him while numerous chains shot out toward him.

The yin wind devil Sovereign was overwhelmed with shock when he noticed his surroundings. "This is the innate prison ability of the paramount clan!"

The yin wind devil Sovereign created even more wind blades and surrounded himself with them. When the chains reached him, the blades actually slashed them apart. It was evident that the yin wind devil Sovereign was strong enough to contend with Xiang Shaoyun's Imperial Nether Prison.

Just as Xiang Shaoyun was about to intensify his attack, the yin wind devil Sovereign abruptly transformed into a gust of wind before rushing toward the border of the Nether Soul Domain.

Xiang Shaoyun assumed that the barrier at the border would be able to stop the yin wind devil's advance. However, the yin wind devil had undergone an extremely odd transformation, releasing a thick yin vicious energy that corroded the barrier before smoothly leaving.

This was the first time Xiang Shaoyun had encountered such a situation, and he was stunned. His Nether Soul Domain had only ever been smashed broken, not corroded. Nobody had escaped so easily before.

"Your highness nether devil, we are unwilling to be your enemy. Please spare us," said the yin wind devil Sovereign after pulling a great distance from Xiang Shaoyun.

He spoke the devil language, and only Xiang Shaoyun understood it here.

"I can spare you, but you need to tell me how you reached this place. Also, give me all your yin wind grass and yin wind stones," said Xiang Shaoyun coldly.

The Imperial Nether Clan had an incredibly high status among the devils. In comparison, the yin wind devils were nothing. That was why Xiang Shaoyun had the confidence to speak to the yin wind devil Sovereign with such a tone.

"We arrived here through the space tearing technique of the clan elder. If you want the yin wind grass and yin wind stones, we can give them all to you," said the yin wind devil as he quickly handed the grass and stones over.

As his feelers shook, over 10 stalks of yin wind grass and 3 pieces of yin wind stones flew toward Xiang Shaoyun. Xiang Shaoyun accepted them all without hesitation. The yin wind grass was a gray-colored herb. It did not look like anything special, but it was an emperor medicine that was extremely useful for wind cultivators. As for the yin wind stone, it was capable of gathering a large amount of yin wind energy, helping increase a wind cultivator's cultivation speed.

After putting the grass and stones away, Xiang Shaoyun asked, "What are you scheming by coming here?"

"Of course we're here to look for habitable locations among the human territory," said the yin wind devil Sovereign.

"How many people do you have?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"Not many came with us. The spatial tunnel opened by the elder is unstable. Many of them were killed on the way here. We are only the scouts. When the tunnel stabilizes, our main army will come over and take over the habitable locations we have found!" answered the yin wind devil Sovereign honestly.

In his eyes, Xiang Shaoyun was an imperial nether. They were both devils, and there was no need to hide their plan.

Xiang Shaoyun decided to take note of what he learned from the yin wind devil as he thought, Looks like the Sinister Wind Den is no longer a safe place. I need to report this to the academy.

He did not waste more time with the yin wind devil Sovereign. After getting what he wanted, he sped off. Along his way, he saw many yin wind devils killing beastmen and demonic beasts.

Fortunately, not all the yin wind devils were strong. Those beastmen and demonic beasts were not pushovers either. They were in the midst of an intense battle, and it did not seem like there would be a victor anytime soon.

It wouldn't be easy for the yin wind devils to occupy this place, and it would only be possible if their more powerful reinforcements arrived. Xiang Shaoyun heaved a breath of relief upon this realization. Looks like things have yet to fully deteriorate. If the tunnel manages to stabilize, chaos will come to the surface world.

The surface races had always been the devils' mortal enemies. Between them, only killing existed. It was hard for the two to coexist peacefully. Since Xiang Shaoyun had already comprehended the profundity of wind and obtained the yin wind grass and yin wind stones, this trip was already worth it. Just as he was about to go to the exit, he found Aikai following him.

Xiang Shaoyun turned around and asked, "Why are you following me? I gave you the antidote already."

Aikai hesitated for a bit and said, "I-I wish to leave with you."

"You want to leave with me? Why?" Xiang Shaoyun asked in astonishment.

Aikai said, "Humans have long locked this place down, and it is extremely hard for us to leave. Now that the yin wind devils have invaded, my clan will not be able to resist them. I wish to leave and find a way to advance. I want to become stronger before coming back to deal with the devils!"

"Why should I bring you with me?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

Aikai's expression shifted as he clenched his teeth and said, "I can serve you! In truth, I have long wanted to leave this place and see the dominion with my own eyes. I believe that by following you, I will be able to fulfill that wish."

After saying that, he knelt down on one knee and rested a hand on his chest, swearing loyalty to Xiang Shaoyun. His actions caused Xiang Shaoyun to blank out. He had not imagined that this feathered beastman would actually swear fealty to him. Moreover, it did not seem like a joke.

After thinking about it, he felt that Aikai probably really wanted to leave this place, but the reason for that might not necessarily be for coming back to take revenge on the devils in the future.

However, the revenge did not concern him. So long as Aikai stayed loyal, this could be considered something good for him as well. For now, he lacked helpers. Aikai was a peak Emperor, so he could be useful.

Furthermore, Aikai could be classified as a tamed beastman so he could bring him into the academy. As far as the academy was concerned, it was the same as having tamed demonic beasts. There wouldn't be any issues.

Chapter 718: Xiao Wei's Appearance

Xiang Shaoyun did not reject Aikai and accepted him as a subordinate. With that, he gained a fierce non-human general. It was worth noting that many humans longed to have non-human experts as subordinates, but not many were capable enough to have one.

Since he had gained Aikai as a subordinate in the Sinister Wind Den, Xiang Shaoyun would probably create a commotion in the academy. Apart from that, the Overlord Legion's prestige would also grow.

When Xiang Shaoyun arrived at the teleportation formation with Aikai, the overseer on duty was astonished. And when Xiang Shaoyun voiced his request to bring Aikai with him, the overseer's shock intensified.

The beastmen were known for being stubborn. Subduing one wasn't easy. Furthermore, this beastman had a higher cultivation level than Xiang Shaoyun. The overseer could not understand how Xiang Shaoyun had accomplished that.

Then again, Xiang Shaoyun was a special priority disciple. He might really have some unimaginable methods at his disposal. Xiang Shaoyun also told the overseer about the yin wind devil invasion, which the overseer was relatively indifferent about. He only nodded in response.

That caused Xiang Shaoyun to wonder inwardly, Has he known of the invasion long ago?

He brought his confusion with him and left the Sinister Wind Den zone. Sure enough, a commotion was created when he appeared in the academy with Aikai.

"Th-that's a feathered beastman. Why is he here with Xiang Shaoyun? Has he been subdued by Xiang Shaoyun?"

"Feathered beastmen can only be found in the Sinister Wind Den zone. They are extremely fast and vicious. It is exceedingly hard to defeat even one of them, much less subdue one. This overlord is truly too domineering, to be able to subdue even a beastman like that."

"Not long ago, he killed Di Lin's elder brother, Di Shang. Now, he returns with a beastman. Is there still anything he is not capable of?"

"Looks like the rise of the Overlord Legion is already certain. Should I consider joining them as well?"

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Xiang Shaoyun ignored all the discussions and went straight to his villa with Aikai. After returning to 1 Dragon Villa, he started considering the matter of informing the academy higher-ups about the yin wind devil invasion so they would attach some importance to it.

After thinking about it for a bit, he went straight to the meeting hall. With his status as a disciple, he was not allowed to enter alone, but he couldn't be bothered with the rules right now. Before he could reach the hall, someone stopped him.

"Elder Xiao," Xiang Shaoyun called out when he saw the one blocking his way.

He was trying to let the academy know of the invasion. Ordinary overseers did not seem like they would care. Now that he was able to meet Xiao Wei, he was naturally overjoyed.

"You're heading to the meeting hall?" Xiao Wei asked with a calm demeanor.

Unknown to Xiang Shaoyun, Xiao Wei had been observing him for a long time. He was the elder the grand elders had sent to guard Xiang Shaoyun. Unfortunately, Xiang Shaoyun was completely unaware of it even now.

If Xiang Shaoyun wasn't heading toward the meeting hall, Xiao Wei wouldn't have revealed himself either.

Xiang Shaoyun quickly said, "Reporting to Elder Xiao, the yin wind devils have appeared in the Sinister Wind Den zone. Moreover, they have constructed a spatial tunnel there. A large yin wind devil army could arrive at any time, and I am trying to report it to the elders. Otherwise, this will develop into a disaster for the dominion."

"It's good that you have the dominion in your mind. Very good," praised Xiao Wei. "Alright. You can pull out of this now. The academy will deal with it."

Looking at the indifference Xiao Wei was showing, Xiang Shaoyun emphasized, "Elder Xiao, the devil army will not only harm the academy...even us humans will be put at risk."

"Hehe, I know more than you how important this is. Don't worry. Go back and return to cultivating," said Xiao Wei with a smile.

The Sinister Wind Den was one of the academy's nine major cultivation zones. Anything happening within them would not escape the academy's notice. In truth, the academy had intentionally let the devils build the spatial tunnel. Their purpose was to lure the yin wind devils over.

As for the yin wind devil army, it was unlikely to happen as some hidden formations were already in place. The moment anything bad happened, the academy would destroy the tunnel.

As for the yin wind devils that managed to arrive, they weren't too strong and were just nice to temper the academy disciples. If Xiang Shaoyun knew that, he would probably admire the higher-ups for coming up with that plan. Such a scheme was not something a young man like him could come up with.

When Xiang Shaoyun heard Xiao Wei, he could no longer keep to the same topic.

"I'll leave, then," said Xiang Shaoyun as he turned and left.

He had only taken a few steps when Xiao Wei's voice transmission arrived, "Comprehending the profundity of powers is a good idea, but don't neglect any chances of expanding your stars."

After saying that, Xiao Wei vanished into thin air. Xiang Shaoyun was confused, Chances of expanding my stars? Is he telling me to use some herbs to expand my stars?

In the past, he had used the astral expansion flower to expand his stars, but that herb would only work once. His only option was to look for other herbs or treasures with the same effect. However, these herbs and treasures were extremely rare. It wouldn't be easy to get one. Of course, the academy still had some in their storage.

I'll buy some after earning more contribution points, thought Xiang Shaoyun.

At the moment, he did not have any contribution points as he had given them all to the Han Clan sisters. If he wanted to trade for those herbs, he needed contribution points. Once again, he returned to his villa.

There, he found that Ma Qihao had been beaten to the ground by Aikai. As for Zhuge Zhantian, he was standing to the side speechlessly, an odd expression on his face.

"What are you doing?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"Greetings, Overlord," Zhuge Zhantian greeted.

"Looks like you're improving nicely. You've even reached the third stage," said Xiang Shaoyun with a smile.

"Sharp eyes, Overlord. Yes, I have had some gains recently," said Zhuge Zhantian. "Overlord, this is?"

"He is Aikai, one of us," said Xiang Shaoyun. He then looked at Ma Qihao and said, "Ma Qihao, why are you on the ground? Did you provoke Aikai?"

Face flushed red, Ma Qihao said, "Overlord, when I saw this...this person here, I thought he was here to pick a fight. So I fought him, but he's actually too strong. I'm not his match."

"Hehe, Aikai's strength is far above yours, so it's not surprising that you lost," said Xiang Shaoyun.

Chapter 719: Seeking Gleamstar Water Mission

Ma Qihao's strength had grown greatly recently, and he had reached late third-stage Dragon Ascension Realm. The speed of his growth was, in fact, rather fast. But before Aikai, he was still not strong enough.

After introducing Aikai to Zhuge Zhantian and Ma Qihao, he announced that Aikai would be his guard. He had the two make the announcement public for him. Zhuge Zhantian had not expected

that Xiang Shaoyun would actually be able to get such a powerful servant for himself from the Sinister Wind Den. The reverence in his heart grew.

In the past, he had been making use of Xiang Shaoyun's cultivation room to cultivate. But ever since he heard about Xiang Shaoyun killing Di Shang and snatching the Di Alliance's territory, he stopped thinking about that. He no longer dared to use Xiang Shaoyun's cultivation room without permission.

The reason he had been doing so in the past was so he could tell himself that he and Xiang Shaoyun were on equal footing. But with the formidable combat prowess Xiang Shaoyun had shown, his domineeringness was fully displayed. If Zhuge Zhantian continued doing the same, it would be the same as disrespecting his overlord. In the future, he might not be able to even keep his position as butler anymore.

Nobody in the Overlord Legion did not know of Xiang Shaoyun's might. Even in the entirety of the academy, his fame was reaching a level comparable to the top 10 freaks. If it wasn't for his lower cultivation level, he could probably enter the Dragon Phoenix List's top 10 as well.

At the villa, Xiang Shaoyun asked them about the affairs of the Overlord Legion. He learned that recently, the Overlord Legion had been expanding again. They were now comparable to many other top factions in terms of influence.

Apart from that, he also learned that the Di Alliance had been maintaining a low profile. They hadn't even bothered to give the Overlord Legion any trouble. That kind of response put everyone in disbelief.

After all, Xiang Shaoyun had killed Di Shang. It was impossible for Di Lin to not react at all. Xiang Shaoyun had a feeling Di Lin was most certainly scheming a surefire plan.

With Old Winter and Old Summer under my control, no plan you make will remain hidden from me, thought Xiang Shaoyun.

He was no longer afraid of Di Lin. Even if the Ziling Sect people were used, he still had no fear. His current goal was to think of a way to release the Scarlet Flame Monarch. Before this, he wanted to get the gravekeeper elder's help. But the elder had stopped him before he had a chance to ask.

Without the gravekeeper elder's help, he could only rely on himself. But with his strength, how was he supposed to free the Scarlet Flame Monarch?

While he was thinking, Zhuge Zhantian spoke, "Overlord, the academy has recently released a popular mission that many factions have accepted. I am thinking of making our Overlord Legion join in as well. What do you think?"

"Oh? What mission is it to attract so many factions?" Xiang Shaoyun asked in astonishment.

"The academy discovered a place with gleamstar water. Anyone capable of bringing some back will be rewarded 1 million contribution points per drop. Moreover, the gleamstar water is actually a type of high-tier spring water capable of expanding one's star. It is incredibly rare, and our Overlord Legion should not miss out on this," said Zhuge Zhantian.

"There is such a mission? When was it released?" Xiang Shaoyun asked. He finally understood the meaning of Xiao Wei's words.

"It's a recent mission, but it has not officially started yet. In about a month, it will start. The academy seems to have mobilized everyone and would only allow it to start once everyone knows about it. Because of that, the competition will be extremely stiff. Our chances of succeeding won't be too high," said Zhuge Zhantian with a sigh.

From Zhuge Zhantian's tone, Xiang Shaoyun could see that he was filled with both expectation and distress toward the mission.

However, Xiang Shaoyun said with excitement, "Our Overlord Legion will take part in this mission!"

The excitement infected Zhuge Zhantian. "Good. I'll go accept the mission. In any case, strength is not the only thing required to get the gleamstar water. At times, luck can be very important."

"Hehe, of course, luck is important. But how will our Overlord Legion fear others? From now on, announce that the Overlord Legion is still recruiting. It is time for a new round of expansion," said Xiang Shaoyun with elation.

Zhuge Zhantian nodded. "I'll get it done."

He then hurried away. In their current circumstance, the Overlord Legion needed to expand further. In any case, Xiang Shaoyun had sufficient prestige, and nowadays, many people wanted to join them.

Before, Xiang Shaoyun restricted recruitment for the sake of building loyalty. But now, he was confident the new members would no longer dare to try any tricks due to the strength he had displayed.

He then sent Ma Qihao to notify the other members about the mission so they could prepare and gather more information related to the gleamstar water. After leaving Aikai in the villa, he went to the Purple Lightning Pool. He was trying to make use of the final month he had to comprehend the profundity of lightning.

Of the many powers, he used the lightning power the most. It was his strongest power, and he had almost comprehended the profundity of lightning as well. With his past experiences at comprehending the profundity of powers, he smoothly comprehended the profundity of lightning.

Additionally, Money borrowed the Purple Lightning Pool's environment to advance to third-stage Demon Emperor, and seven days later, Xiang Shaoyun left the Purple Lightning Pool.

He had now comprehended the profundity of earth, gold, darkness, flame, water, wind, and lightning. Only wood and light were missing. He tried using the profundity of the seven powers outside the cultivation zones and found that his speed of gathering natural spiritual energy had significantly increased, even surpassing the speed of someone using a star congregation jade.

He was able to instantly enhance his body with the seven powers at any time, using them to increase his combat strength. Apart from that, his draconic aura had condensed by 27 percent. He was only 3 percent short of reaching 30 percent. Even that was a result of him intentionally suppressing his cultivation.

One ought to know that seven of his stars had been filled to the brim even with constant suppression. After he comprehended the profundity of light and wood, he would be able to break through at one go.

It was soon time for the gleamstar water mission, so he did not have the time to comprehend the two remaining powers. He thus returned to his villa and summoned Shang Jifeng over.

Shang Jifeng had reached peak third-stage and was only a step away from fourth-stage Dragon Ascension Realm. These genius disciples would constantly grow. Hence, his growth was nothing surprising.

Chapter 720: Dark Sky Engulfing Imprint

When Shang Jifeng arrived, he looked at Xiang Shaoyun with a look of reverence and asked, "Overlord, you called for me?"

Although Xiang Shaoyun's cultivation level was lower than his, he still revered Xiang Shaoyun greatly. Xiang Shaoyun's ability to punch above his class was something none of them could compare to.

Of course, Shang Jifeng was still worried that Xiang Shaoyun's cultivation level would be stuck. Although Xiang Shaoyun had displayed surprising growth during the past two years, his speed had clearly slowed in the past six months.

Xiang Shaoyun did not bother saying anything useless as he directly took out a yin wind grass and a yin wind stone before saying, "These are for you."

Shang Jifeng was greatly shocked to see the two items. "Th-these are a yin wind grass and a yin wind stone?"

"Good eyes," said Xiang Shaoyun with a faint smile.

"This present is too precious!" Shang Jifeng couldn't hide his joy.

"Take it. If it wasn't for your clan's help, I wouldn't have been able to resolve that issue back then so easily. In any case, I still have more of them. Since we need to go and search for the gleamstar water soon, you need to increase your strength. It will help all of us."

Shang Jifeng did not stand on ceremony and accepted the grass and stone before saying, "Don't worry, Overlord. With them, I will be able to break through before the mission."

He then returned to his own villa, making use of every bit of time to breakthrough. Next, Xiang Shaoyun called over some wind and water cultivators and offered some yin wind grass and the

treasures he had gotten from the old frost wolf for trade. With these resources, they would be able to grow stronger.

Xiang Shaoyun personally set an example in trading away treasures he did not need and earned the reverence of the Overlord Legion members. Of course, he had also gotten a lot of treasures from trading with them.

For now, he had no use for these treasures. But after comprehending the profundity of all nine powers, they would help him increase his cultivation. During the remaining time before the mission, he stayed almost exclusively in his villa. Apart from cultivating in silence, he spent his time meeting Overlord Legion members.

Tang Longfei had grown considerably and was now a fourth-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator. He had the highest cultivation level in the Overlord Legion. As for Lady Shura, relying on the gold elemental resources Xiang Shaoyun had left her, she reached late third-stage Dragon Ascension Realm. She was slowly catching up and might even surpass Tang Longfei in the future. After all, she had a much better physique.

After receiving the yin wind grass from Xiang Shaoyun, Shang Jifeng broke through as well, becoming the second fourth-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator in the Overlord Legion.

As for Zhuge Zhantian, Ma Qihao, Li Haonan, and a few others, they were at third-stage Dragon Ascension Realm while the others were mostly at second-stage Dragon Ascension Realm.

Only two years had passed, yet the Dragon Phoenix Academy's disciples seemed to have changed completely. Their progress was clear for all to see. The Overlord Legion members weren't the best among the disciples, but they weren't the worst either.

While waiting for the mission to start, they also recruited many new members. For now, the Overlord Legion had over 500 members. One could say that their size had grown several times in a short while.

If this was any other time, they would not be able to recruit so many members. But with the release of the gleamstar water mission, many neutral disciples started looking for backers so they could join in and reap some rewards from the mission.

Eventually, the Overlord Legion reached the size of a medium-sized faction. Of course, they were still much more lacking than the Sword Society, the Crushing Sky, the Flaming Sun, the Imperial Palace, and the other peak factions.

The Sword Society was the faction founded by Baili Yixiao, the academy's number one freak disciple. He was the society master, but he had always been mysterious, and not many people had seen him. Someone else was in charge of running the Sword Society, but they were still able to recruit a large number of members. They currently had over 3,000 members.

The Crushing Sky was a domineering name, and it was founded by the number two freak, Zhan Wushuang. With his iron fists, he was undefeated. He once vowed to punch even the sky apart, and as such, the name of his faction was born. The members of the Crushing Sky were incredibly domineering as well. Not many people dared to provoke them in the academy.

The Flaming Sun was the faction of Yu Ziyang and Yu Caidie. They had great prestige as well. As for the Imperial Palace, it was founded by Huang Tianji, with countless capable subordinates under him. On the other hand, the Glacier Palace founded by Han Chenfei could only be considered a medium-sized faction.

After all, Han Chenfei only recruited ice and water cultivators. Thus, her faction was lacking in both numbers and strength. And now, Xiang Shaoyun's Overlord Legion was catching up to the Glacier Palace.

A few days before the mission, the Overlord Legion members started returning from the various cultivation zones and awaiting the order to depart.

Meanwhile, Xiang Shaoyun was silently cultivating the Dark Sky Engulfing Imprint. It was a battle technique he had obtained by trading with Han Chenfei. It was a primary-grade sovereign technique.

Prior to this, he had been busy comprehending the profundity of powers at the different cultivation zones and did not have the time to cultivate this battle technique. Now that he had some free time, he decided to increase the number of his battle techniques.

The Dark Sky Engulfing Imprint was a palm technique, and it only had a single stance. Even so, that one stance was extremely powerful. It could gather dark energy to create a world of darkness that would crash down from the sky. Everything covered in the darkness would be instantly killed.

Xiang Shaoyun had already comprehended the profundity of darkness. He even had some dark origin energy in his dark star, so it was very easy for him to cultivate the technique. As he circulated his dark energy, the entire cultivation room was enveloped in darkness. It was so dark one couldn't even see one's own fingers in the room.

Under such an environment, nobody would be able to see clearly the situation within the room. However, Xiang Shaoyun had a clear vision of everything in the darkness. He formed a seal with both hands, creating a layer of dark radiance in his palms. The power gathered within his hands intensified, and when it reached the peak, he unleashed the palm attack.

Bang!

The attack struck the cultivation room's wall, creating an overwhelmingly powerful explosion. By the time the dust settled, Xiang Shaoyun found that a palm print had been left on the wall.

A satisfied smile formed on his face as he muttered, "Indeed, this is an extraordinary technique."

The palm print did not seem too deep, but anyone with deep knowledge in cultivation would be able to see how powerful the attack actually was. This cultivation room was constructed from unique materials and was also protected by a formation. Not even peak Emperors could damage its walls. Xiang Shaoyun's act of leaving a palm print on the wall was enough to prove the battle technique's might.

Done cultivating, Xiang Shaoyun left the room. It also so happened that some guests had arrived.