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Chapter 1791 - The Beginning of Darkness

Shi Hao felt like his choice to return to the lower realms wasn't a mistake, but rather a type of blessing!

Now, he grasped the True Phoenix Precious Technique and Grass Symbol Sword Art, which one of them wasn't world shocking? They were all generation dominating great divine abilities, a single one of them able to overlook all under the heavens.

Now, he could even learn the Chaos Demonic Ape's inheritance, another well-known ancient extreme technique that was definitely domineering and stunning. After all, as an expert that could stir up such great chaos in Immortal Domain, its secret method was definitely exceptional.

In the past, he had experienced all types of life and death struggles, and only then did he obtain the Lightning Emperor, Kun Peng, and Willow Deity Technique, these methods. Now, he had only been in the lower realms for a month or so, yet he already obtained several methods.

If he was to slaughter his way back into the higher realms, he didn't even have to use his old secret methods, just what he learned recently was enough. He could completely change his identity.

Cosmos Lake flickered with brilliance, from time to time remaining clear, at times deep and mysterious.

In front of the thatched cottage, it was quiet. The lord of the restricted region sipped on some tea, a breeze blowing over. In the distance, divine medicines and long life medicine fragrance wafted through the air, producing an extremely harmonious and peaceful scene.

"In reality, the Zhuyan and Chaos Demonic Ape have a common ancestor, close to the human race. If one learns its method, comparatively, it shouldn't be too difficult." The lord of the restricted region said.

"The human race is close to them?" Shi Hao was stunned.

Soon afterwards, he calmed down, there wasn't much to overthink.

"What do you wish to learn first? The Seventy-Two Transformations, or the Eight Nine Heavens Technique, or perhaps something else?" The lord of the restricted region asked.

"I already learned a bit of the Seventy-Two Transformations and Eight Nine Heavens Technique, I have learned another type as well, I don't know if it is related to the Chaos Demonic Ape's inheritance." Shi Hao said.

Towards the Three Heads Six Arms, Seventy-Two Transformation and others, he had previously learned it from the Zhuyan. As for the Eight Nine Heavens Technique, he had previously learned it from Qi Daolin.

"Perform a bit of it for me to see." The lord of the restricted region said.

Shi Hao immediately displayed them one after another. The Three Heads Six Arms and Seventy-Two Transformations were still alright, the general path not wrong, but it wasn't precise enough, lacking some crucial points.

As for the Eight Nine Heavens Technique, according to what the lord of the restricted region said, it was far too superficial. The creator of this method definitely obtained a damaged source, and then integrated many other insights, and that was how this result came to be. Compared to a true heavenly art, it was too far off.

Shi Hao understood this. When Qi Daolin created this method, it was for the sake of replacing the Six Dao Reincarnations, because Supreme Hall's inheritance had been lost.

The master that elder had previously bowed before and this sect's method were lost, which forced him to patch together his own Eight Nine Heavens Technique.

Shi Hao began to study seriously, listening to what the lord of the restricted region taught, his understandings deep. Soon afterwards, he learned just how strong the Chaos Demonic Ape's inheritance was!

"Strictly speaking, regardless of whether it is the Three Heads Six Arms or the Seventy-Two Transformations, it is all included in the Eight Nine Heavens Technique." The lord of the restricted region explained.

The so-called Eight Nine Heavens Technique included the scriptures to support precious techniques, but it was more partial towards the methods unique to the Chaos Demonic Ape race. This was a set of ancient scriptures prepared for humanoid creatures.

Shi Hao felt more and more like it was extremely suitable for himself.

He immersed himself within, completely immersed, forgetting himself. After endless derivations, a humanoid creature appeared behind him, hair disheveled, releasing a roar, wishing to tear apart the heavens.

He was like a demonic ape, but also like a mad human who looked down on the world, wishing to slaughter all enemies in this world.

Warlike and aggressive!

After cultivating this technique, his entire being surged with fighting spirit, longing to go crazy in battle, fight all enemies to the end.

Shi Hao gained some enlightenment. No wonder the Chaos Demonic Ape lineage was especially hot-headed, the method they cultivated even made it impossible for them to spend their days peacefully, only through slaughter could they become stronger.

This technique was suited for slaughter, to move through turmoil, grind oneself further and further, continuously transform oneself, become stronger the more one fought.

He asked the lord of the restricted region about this, the answer he received about the same as he had suspected after all. The rise of the Chaos Demonic Ape was always in chaotic times, that was how their strength reached the peak.

Shi Hao studied bitterly, the so-called comprehending one method leads to proficiency in all techniques. He learned the Kun Peng Technique, Lightning Emperor Technique, and others, studied all types of extreme divine abilities, so studying another top level inheritance wouldn't be too difficult.

Of course, the main thing was still because it was as if he was born to cultivate, possessing incomparable talent. Otherwise, other cultivators needed endless years to grasp an inheritance.

During this process, Shi Hao had previously tried to merge everything, integrate all types of methods, to have the Eight Nine Heavens Technique and Six Dao Reincarnations make up for each others' weaknesses!

Only, he discovered that it was too difficult!

It was because these were world-shocking techniques, difficult for gaps to be found. They were already the most powerful extreme methods in this world to begin with. If one wished to integrate everything, it would definitely be more difficult than even scaling the heavens.

The lord of the restricted region saw his distressed appearance, saying, "If you really want to use their strengths to make up for each others' weak points, it isn't impossible. At that time, I reckon you will at least be standing at the peak of Immortal Dao as well."

Shi Hao nodded. Not all things were better if they were combined. He still hadn't reached that level. True Phoenix, Kun Peng, Lightning Emperor, Demonic Ape, Willow Deity, and others, which one of them were weak?

If he wanted to change their precious technique, that was the same as asking him to kill an undying existence right now!

Meanwhile, if he tried to reassemble the Suan Ni Precious Technique or Pixiu Precious Technique... he could naturally achieve this, it was on a whole different level.

"Top level precious techniques cannot be used to compensate for each others' weaknesses like that, but merging them together and using it should be doable."

Even now, three pairs of wings appeared behind Shi Hao, one pair made of lightning, one pair Kun Peng wings, one pair True Phoenix wings. He tested them out a bit, the results terrifying.

The lightning wings shook gently, lightning radiance surged like a sea, thunder berserk. Moreover, when the Kun Peng wings shook, the power surged ninety thousand li into the heavens, collapsing the void. When the True Phoenix wings moved, everything was shattered, nothing able to remain intact. Moreover, flames swallowed everything, within the flames was exuberant life force, the magical force exhausted would immediately be restored.

If the Grass Symbol Sword Art and others were added, then it would become even more extraordinary. Around him, stalk after stalk of grass took root in the air, all of them producing nine sword leaves. Sword energy immediately hacked everywhere!

When the Chaos Demonic Ape's inheritance was integrated, Three Heads Six Arms appeared, all of the attacks increased in power. Not only did his limbs and others increase, even the wings and other parts had corresponding transformations.

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Shi Hao was becoming stronger, establishing his supreme being foundation!

He continued to improve himself. After more than ten days passed, he already grasped the Demonic Ape bloodline's inheritance. Once he headed back into the higher realms, it was equivalent to having a new identity and methods.

Grass Symbol Sword Art, True Phoenix Precious Technique, Demonic Ape inheritance, this was enough for him to dominate this world!

Two weeks later, the higher realms underwent great changes.

At first, some divine rainbows flew over from time to time, appearing above the Nine Heavens, and also flowing through the Ten Earths.

However, in the end, all of it merged into the three thousand provinces, ultimately entering Spirit Realm. That spiritual world erupted into commotion, undergoing great changes!

Ah...

When the first miserable scream sounded, the higher realm was shaken.

In a certain region within Spirit Realm, the sacred became dark, the auspicious turning into a surging baleful aura.

In those regions, there were people who directly fell, their souls scattering, thus disappearing without a trace.

While many people couldn't react in time, black mist surged, surrounding that region. Miserable screams rose and fell, immediately covering that place.

Soon afterwards, Spirit Realm became deathly still, no sounds left at all. There was only darkness spreading. In that instant, this place was devoured.

"The beginning of darkness, in the end, we still could not stop it!"

The voice of Cao Yusheng's master could vaguely be heard from that place, carrying regret, as well as pain and unwillingness.

This matter naturally raised great waves. The three thousand provinces could not calm down, the Nine Heavens' great families all as if they were facing great enemies, having a premonition that things were heading in an extremely bad direction.

That area of Spirit Realm became a place of death, no one able to approach it. Gloomy and pitch-black mist spread, as if the gates of hell had opened.

Then, something even more terrifying happened.

This region of Spirit Realm collapsed, black matter spilling outwards, corroding the real world, leaving people in confusion, shock, and horror. Many people were trembling.

"What is that?"

"The corrosion of darkness, you will definitely die if it touches you!"

A few people cried out in shock.

This region was precisely the edge of the three thousand provinces, within the uninhabited region.

Fortunately, there weren't many creatures here, or else the losses would have been disastrous.

However, the speed of corrosion was extremely fast, as if a black sea was surging, engulfing the three thousand provinces. In just a day, all of the areas near the border were swallowed.

In this place, as long as one was surrounded by darkness, all creatures would become quiet.

"Dead, they're all dead, not a single one escaped!" A creature cried out. He was a survivor, but even though he ran out, there were veins popping on his forehead, his face ash-colored. He quickly dropped from the sky, dying just like that.

There was someone who went over to examine him, discovering that his primordial spirit had scattered, as if it had been completely erased, disappearing without a trace. However, his body was perfectly fine, not having the slightest injury.

The disaster was behind them. A strand of death energy rose from that person's body, filling this place with inauspiciousness. Then, darkness spread.

Ah...

Miserable screams sounded continuously, the nearby creatures all lost their lives in succession.

This type of demonic change was too terrifying, as if a plague was spreading, creating an unprecedented disaster!

"The beginning of darkness! A new great era is coming!" Someone sighed, the voice aged, carrying a sense of powerlessness. The voice was full of pain, unwillingness, and regret.

In just a single day, two provinces disappeared, swallowed by darkness, becoming deathly still.

This plague was still spreading at an astonishing speed!

The three thousand provinces became completely chaotic. This was a world ending disaster!

All of the inheritances were fleeing frantically, there was simply no way of withstanding this.

In the Nine Heavens above, the various clans all panicked. They couldn't figure out what this was, why it was like this!

Even though it hadn't affected them, the Nine Heavens' clans made preparations ahead of time. Which one of them didn't want to enter Immortal Domain?

"I fear that it is impossible, only the clans of those unmatched seeds that have been chosen have the qualifications of entering Immortal Domain."

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The Nine Heavens above became chaotic. Even Heaven Mending Dao, Xu Family, Wang family, and other long life families or long life imperial courts couldn't remain calm. All of them were trying to figure out a method to enter Immortal Domain, leave this world.

“Our ancestors are from Immortal Domain, perhaps my Wang Family has quite the footing in Immortal Domain. Last time, we have already tried to contact the Wang Family on the other side through the emissary, we can just await news now!”

“Rumor has it that my clan has a great foundation in Immortal Domain, that we are only a branch left in this realm. There is no need to be scared, we might be able to all head into Immortal Domain!” Within another long life family, the clan’s oldest creature said, revealing this secret.

All of the clans were trying to find a way, all of them working hard, wishing to get away from this calamity.

As for Yue Chan, Jin Zhan, Princess Yao Yue, Dual-Pupils, Exiled Immortal, and the others, they all became geniuses the various clans desired. It was because with unmatched seeds, there was a chance of some of their clansmen entering Immortal Domain

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He finally finished his studying here. Shi Hao released a breath of relief. When he turned around, everything became desolate, Cosmos Lake drying up, the thatched cottage disappearing.

On the ground was half of a snow-white skull. It laid there quietly, not moving.

Even though this wasn’t the first time he experienced this, Shi Hao still felt like it was rather strange. A moment earlier, this place was still filled with soft spring winds, long life medicinal fragrance wafting about, the metal palaces imposing as they towered on the divine mountains.

In the blink of an eye, everything turned to dust, only ruins left behind. In the ashes, one could see ruined tiles and broken beams, everything made of metal. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have lasted until today.

They used to be brilliant, lighting up the world like glorious heavenly suns, but in the end, everything returned to the earth.

Shi Hao released a light sigh, there were no everlasting experts, nor were there imperishable inheritances. In the end, the day would still come when they completely disappeared, dust returning to dust, earth to earth.

After flourishing, there was only decline!

Moons had new, crescent, and full moons, everything went in a cycle.

Immortal Ancient’s glory reached its end.

The Age of Emperor Collapse was dazzling, unmatched, incomparable, but in the end, it was reduced to only being legends.

“I wish to never fall.” Shi Hao said to himself. He didn’t want to be like those immortal kings, like the lord of the restricted region, after remaining brilliant for such a long time, they instead met such dismal ends.

Only, who in the world could achieve this? To exist with the world, to pass time with heaven and earth.

Perhaps Anlan, Shutuo, and Scarlet King could be called victors? Was this momentary, or was it eternally?

Immortal Domain's origins were mysterious, impossible to measure, rumor had it that there were some ancient inheritances among them that could be traced back to many great eras ago. Those earliest ancestor level existences, could they be considered to already be eternally unfading?

Immortal Domain, were there creatures that existed from the Age of Emperor Collapse until now? It was hard to say.

Shi Hao left. He had undergone the torment of Immortal Breaking Curse again, moreover learned the Chaos Demonic Ape's inheritance, making his strength advance!

When he returned to Stone Village, Shi Hao saw the Zhuyan Hairy Ball. It was currently tweaking its ears and scratching its cheeks, bitterly studying the Six Dao Reincarnations Great Method.

"You want to learn a great inheritance? There's nothing more suitable for it than you." Shi Hao smiled. He felt like the Zhuyan was most suitable for the Eight Nine Heavens Technique.

This technique was established by the ancestor of the Zhuyan and Chaos Demonic Ape to begin with, known as an unmatched technique!

"Sure, what method is most suitable for me?" The Zhuyan shouted.

"Do you have the most powerful Great Black Tortoise God Fist? I also want to learn!" Not far out, the big black turtle Third Blackie huddled over. *novel.LB/In*

"Get out of here, stop being a nuisance!" Hairy Ball smacked it off to the side.

It had to be said that this method really was made for the Zhuyan race, it learned it extremely quickly. In the great wilderness, one could see a golden violent ape standing tall, roaring towards the heavens.

Originally, Hairy Ball wasn't tall, yet now, even without displaying its magical projection in this world, it already towered between heaven and earth.

Once the Eight Nine Heavens Technique appeared, it surged with war intent, golden fur shining. Its eyes were burning, releasing brilliance like heavenly swords, piercing into the heavens, its aura powerful.

Shi Hao spent the following days passing on the method to the Zhuyan, not holding anything back.

During this period, he was also studying the True Phoenix Precious Technique, supervising the crimson dragon's learning. He was still hoping for it to one day display the dragon and phoenix combined power unmatched great method!

The crimson dragon really worked hard, as if it was bathed in phoenix flames and being reborn. Dragon cries sounded again and again, phoenix figures everywhere, burning outer space until it was brilliant. Fiery light raged, the scene astonishing.

Shi Hao stopped here for several days, also carefully guiding the children's cultivation, watching as they trained their strong and healthy bodies, far surpassing their parents, making him quite happy.

There was even less of a need to talk about the 'seeds' brought back from Desolate Border, they were stronger than even the elites fostered by long life families!

The tempering of fighting between life and death made these children learn the principle of only the strong could change their fate early. Moreover, they were the descendants of the seven kings, so powerful bloodlines flowed within their bodies.

Shi Hao believed that one day, this would be a powerful army of disciples that would follow him in the future!

"You need to be careful." Yun Xi came to say her farewell, her beautiful eyes carrying worry, scared that he would run into anything unexpected in the higher realm.

Recently, Shi Hao had always been busy with cultivation, feeling like he neglected Celestial Clan's pearl a bit. However, there was nothing he could do, his time was limited.

"You have to take care of yourself as well!" Shi Hao said, a sincere expression on his face.

However, his actions weren't that dignified, giving Yun Xi a firm embrace, not letting go for a long time, leaving Yun Xi momentarily stupefied, and then she forcefully pushed him away.

"This is just my way of expressing my true feelings you know?" Shi Hao laughed loudly.

In the end, he left.

Shi Hao wanted to take a look around the higher realms. During these days, all types of signs showed that the higher realms would be extremely unstable.

He didn't know that darkness had already begun to descend, only knowing that some mysterious ancient paths were going to appear, some unknown experts from the ancient times were returning.

He was a bit worried, after all, his grandfather and A'man were still by Immortal Tomb. There was a path over there that connected to who knew where, unknown as to what kind of existence was returning.

As the world changed, that path continued to exist, it wasn't from this great era!

Shi Hao arrived at Heaven Domain, crossing this desolate region, heading towards the higher realms.

The stairs were extremely bleak, cobblestones appearing there. Shi Hao stepped on this mysterious ancient path, heading into the hidden clouds' unknown.

Two months ago, this was where he came down from, he returned to the lower realm through Crucifix Yin Yang Earth.

This path was extremely dangerous, to cross it, one needed to be able to withstand tremendous pressure. Normally, no one was able to travel through, their bones easily crushed. Even if it was Shi Hao, someone as powerful as him, all of his bones were releasing noises.

This was a path that exceeded the limit. No matter who it was, when they came here, they would endure terrifying pressure exceeding their own cultivation levels.

The formless pressure was like a sea, crushing everything that tried to walk here!

Hong!

Finally, Shi Hao succeeded. After walking for a long time, he arrived at Crucifix Yin Yang Earth again.

This was a gate. The moment he fiercely pushed it, irregular scenes appeared, two rivers intersecting, chaotic energy filling this place, time as if touching upon the everlasting.

Great yin and great yang appeared at the same time, intersecting, forming this gate!

Chi!

Shi Hao rushed out, his body actually carrying blood, red color sprinkling out from the corners of his lips. He was injured. There weren't many creatures who could walk through this path!

His eyes were deep. He believed that this path was safe enough, able to stop all forces.

"I've returned again." Shi Hao sighed.

He hadn't left for that long, yet so many things already happened. He was crippled by the ruined immortal, thus forced to return to the lower realms. There were many people who believed that he was already a nobody.

"Sooner or later, I will slaughter my way into Immortal Palace!"

"Right now, I am a Chaos Demonic Ape!"

Shi Hao said. This time, he didn't plan to expose his true self, after all, the ruined immortal was still alive, while he hadn't reached that level yet.

Keeping a low profile, retreating and maintaining his guard was not a bad thing either, preventing him from constantly being targeted by others.

Pi pa noises continuously sounded, as if beans were fried, Shi Hao's figure changed, becoming a tall and sturdy burly person, his height reaching a zhang.

After grasping the Eight Nine Heavens Technique, his grasp over the Seventy-Two Transformations was already near the point of perfection. He turned into someone else.

Shi Hao quickly left this place. These were ruins, a lonely and deserted land, no one paying attention to it.

He moved as fast as lightning, a pair of phoenix wings moving behind him. His speed defied normal reasoning, directly rushing in a certain direction, his destination -- Five Elements Province.

He entered Fiend Island, following the stream in the void, continuing forward. Along the way, Shi Hao frowned, because the curse power became even stronger than before.

At the end of the river was a great grave.

"Why is it like this?" Shi Hao was shocked. It was because the grave already became larger than before, towering into the clouds, exceeding the demonic mountains of archaic times.

While walking through this place, the curse power was so thick it didn't dissolve, forming tangible ripples, hacking over like heavenly swords.

Under qiang qiang noises, sparks flew from Shi Hao's body, his soul also moving. The curse power seeped into his bones, entering his soul, the destructive power several times that of the past.

He saw his own grandfather, and also saw A'man on the grave. They were still there, no changes happening to them, not in danger either, still experiencing transformations.

The two of them had their eyes closed, not moving at all, in a deep state of dao comprehension.

Shi Hao didn't disturb them, but instead tried to enter the grave. Moreover, he called that strange fella made from rotting flesh, a creature born in this land of curses.

"You... came again." That fella looked like he saw a ghost. It was all skin and bones, lacking life force. When it saw Shi Hao, it cried out in shock.

Shi Hao entered the grave with him, personally seeing that path, deeply concerned. The curse power came precisely from that path.

"It's happening soon, the existence from that side is about to march into this great earth." The old ghost said.

Shi Hao gave him a look, asking him about the concrete details regarding this place.

"Do not worry, your grandfather and that young lady are fine, becoming stronger and stronger. This is especially true for the latter. I believe that girl named A'man really is about to become someone chosen by that unmatched individual in that path." The old ghost had a complicated expression on his face.

That path was blocked by a gate, however, he could still clearly sense some of the terrifying aura, as if there was a prehistoric giant beast ready to charge through at any time, one that couldn't be stopped.

"Who is it exactly?" Shi Hao thought to himself.

An unmatched expert who had been divided into six pieces many great eras ago, separately sealed in long life medicine, rising and falling with the great ages.

Will that person appear again?

Or was this to say, the one who raised some True Phoenixes like chickens was going to appear?

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Shi Hao left. Soon afterwards, he was shocked!

It was because he heard the news of darkness approaching, the entire world as if shrouded in darkness.

Spirit Realm was corroded, turning into darkness, moreover directly seeped into the real world. In just a few short days, fifteen provinces turned into lands of death!

These news were too shocking, immediately leaving Shi Hao stupefied when he heard this. Just how terrifying of a thing was this? How many creatures would lose their lives because of this?

There had never been such a terrible tragedy since the ancient times, at the very least not in this great era, never heard of.

Shi Hao moved, hurrying over. However, when he approached the land of darkness, there weren't many people left, all those who could run already fled, because not fleeing meant death!

Scarlet land stretched for endless li, darkness shrouding everything.

Shi Hao was horrified. What kind of tragedy was this?

En?

He was shocked. What was that? He saw something familiar!

Nine dragons pulled a bronze coffin, appearing here. Shi Hao was shocked. He actually saw these things here!

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Shi Hao widened his eyes. He saw the nine sets of dragon bones again. They were currently pulling a bronze coffin, rising and falling in the darkness, and then they left into the distance.

"Chase!"

He only uttered this word, quickly following after it. Why did they end up over here? What were they trying to do?

However, the nine dragon skeletons were too fast. They pulled the bronze coffin directly into the darkness, going into hiding. He heard dragon cries echoing about.

Shi Hao sighed. He stood at the outside of the darkness, quietly watching. He didn't chase inside, because he had long heard that the inside was a danger spot.

No matter which creature it was that entered, even up to now, none of them have been able to come back out alive!

Why did the bronze coffin and dragon bones appear here? He thought a bit to himself. They entered just like that, what was going to happen now?

"What kind of substance is this?" Shi Hao frowned. There was a pitch-black expanse before him, preventing him from even seeing his own fingers.

The sun was in the sky, yet it wasn't able to release any light. It was as if this was the abyss of hell, devouring all radiance. Black mist surged at the border, roiling like black waves.

"Inauspicious aura!"

Shi Hao sensed a familiar feeling here. It was a bit similar to the black mist that descended upon Great Elder Meng Tianzheng, but it was even thicker.

"Corroding Spirit Realm, and then eating away at the real world, it's this domineering..." Shi Hao felt a wave of sluggishness. He wanted to touch it, experience it himself. n-(O**V**e**l**B1n

However, there was no way he would act so rashly. Even if he had confidence that he could remain calm even when facing this dark matter, in the end, not a single person from the three thousand provinces survived after being making contact with the black mist.

This included old sect masters and others.

The territory of fifteen provinces, just how vast was this in total? There were naturally some great sects that couldn't leave in time before they were devoured, completely wiped out!

Shi Hao tossed a viper he found somewhere else inside, carefully watching. That very instant, the water bucket thick horned viper stopped moving, its body going rigid, only a silent corpse remaining.

The corpse didn't suffer any damage, it was not like it was harmed by interweaving precious techniques. This made Shi Hao's brows furrow deeply. The poisonous viper's death was too odd.

He backed up. Then, with a wave of his hand, he used a secret method, bringing out that viper's corpse, wishing to examine it closely.

However, black mist surged, a wave of terrifying aura rushed over. Shi Hao decisively backed up, actually sensing life and death danger, making him vigilant.

"It's this hard to deal with!"

When the black mist withdrew, he took action again, truly bringing the viper over. He carefully examined its body, the result leaving him even more perplexed.

It didn't seem to have suffered from any attacks at all, but its primordial spirit disappeared just like that, directly destroyed.

Chi!

With a raise of Shi Hao's hand, the Grass Symbol Sword Art activated. A streak of blade energy flew out, cutting through the viper. He discovered that the color of the blood in the snake's body changed.

Black!

It changed from crimson red to black, deathly still, completely lacking its past spirituality.

Apart from this, there were no other differences visible.

When a streak of black mist rushed out from the viper's body, shooting at him, Shi Hao's palm moved out, turning it into wisps.

However, this was like a soul that refused to disperse. The scattered black mist rushed towards Shi Hao again, tangling around him.

Shi Hao activated the Lightning Emperor Precious Technique, using the most domineering yang power to purge this type of darkness matter. Lightning and thunder immediately appeared, pouring down.

The wisps of black mist were scattered, not appearing again, as if purified.

However, Shi Hao didn't feel the slightest bit of joy. That was just a bit of black matter released by a streak of black mist, yet it was already like this, while there was a black sea that extended out as far as the eyes could see up ahead. How were they supposed to deal with it?

One had to understand that right now, it had already devoured fifteen provinces!

There was so much of this black matter, who could go against it? If they really touched it, then they would inevitably die.

Soon afterwards, Shi Hao caught another poisonous lizard. This was a vicious beast, vicious and aggressive, a dangerous species that had previously devoured an entire human tribe.

In terms of strength, it was in the True Deity Realm!

"Roar! Release me!" It screamed. Even though it was a vicious beast, it already developed a spiritual consciousness. It struggled intensely, having a bad feeling.

Shi Hao remained extremely cold, flinging it into the black mist.

The result was shocking. It didn't have the slightest strength to retaliate, losing its life the moment it fell into the darkness, no different from that viper.

Shi Hao fished it out of the darkness with a secret method, discovering that the reason for its death was the same. The primordial spirit had scattered, the blood within its body also changing, becoming a silver-gray color.

"There is no way to deal with it. If this continues, the entire three thousand provinces will fall under darkness." Shi Hao was deeply worried.

He tried to think of all types of possibilities, but discovered that they were all completely useless. There was so much dark matter, enough to corrode the three thousand provinces and Nine Heavens, there was no way of dissolving it at all.

"There is no way!" Shi Hao released a deep sigh.

Dang!

A clear golden sound was released. In the deepest areas of the darkness, Shi Hao discovered that the nine dragon skeletons came out while pulling a bronze ancient coffin with shock.

Immediately afterwards, he saw quite a few mottled rusty iron arrows fly out, some striking the bronze coffin, releasing clear sounds.

Shi Hao was shocked. This deathly still black wave had living creatures inside?

He became vigilant, but no one chased out.

As for the bronze coffin, it was brought out by the nine skeletons, all of them flying towards the distance.

After some hesitation, Shi Hao followed behind them.

The speed of the dragon bones was too fast, tearing across the void, rushing out like lightning, disappearing in the blink of an eye.

“Where did they go?”

Up ahead, crimson earth stretched endlessly. All of the creatures ran, there was only one area where the void was unstable. It shouldn’t have been left by other cultivators, but rather the dragon bones and bronze coffin.

Soon afterwards, Shi Hao noticed some clues. The nine dragon skeletons and that bronze coffin fell into a great valley, laying there without moving.

“It could actually rush into the darkness without being damaged.” Shi Hao walked around them.

Honglong!

Shi Hao took action, raising up the nine dragons and bronze coffin. In the past, he felt like they were heavy, but now, it was no longer an issue.

He felt like he couldn’t see through the bronze coffin, it contained too many mysteries.

He wanted to collect it into a storage magical artifact, but discovered that he couldn’t do so at all.

“I want to bring these to the lower realms and slowly research them.” Shi Hao said to himself, his eyes burning with fire.

However, right now, he didn’t want to leave yet. He lowered the bronze coffin, and then established a formation to hide everything, erasing the bronze coffin and dragon bones’ auras to prevent others from discovering them, moreover bringing them away.

Shi Hao headed towards the border of the darkness again. He wanted to search carefully, hoping to make some new discoveries.

After thinking for a bit, Shi Hao produced three drops of blood, releasing them into the darkness. In the end, he discovered that the glistening red blood droplets instantly turned black.

“Scary!” Shi Hao’s expression became serious.

In the end, he began to take risks. With a raise of his hand, he seized over a strand of black mist from the distance, wishing to challenge the limits, see just how strong this darkness matter was.

In the end, he broke out in sweat. Even if it was just a strand, it was extremely terrifying, connected to that black sea. The instant it infiltrated the outside, it surged intensely like a raging sea, the black matter surging.

Qiang!

At the most critical moment, Shi Hao used the the Grass Symbol Sword Art, hacking apart the darkness matter, and then quickly pulled open the distance, only then did he avoid disaster, not being swallowed up by the black sea.

It really was impossible to deal with. That thing couldn't be touched. Even if it was Shi Hao who was at the Self Release Realm, he still felt a headache, let alone other creatures.

One could see that in the Nine Heavens Ten Earths, apart from a few people, all others would immediately die without any suspense upon making contact.

"It really is a world ending disaster!" Shi Hao said with a sigh, feeling lost and frustrated.

Fortunately, during these two days, the black matter temporarily stopped, not continuing to devour the world. There were creatures who were approaching.

Sure enough, before long, several streaks of divine rainbows shot over from the heavens, turning into dark figures, descending here. They were all wrapped under great war robes, their true bodies not visible.

"Did we see incorrectly?"

"There was no mistake. Just now, when I used the divine lens to look from above, I vaguely saw a bronze coffin pulled by some white bones, moving nearby."

These individuals were talking to each other, their voices extremely soft.

In the distance, Shi Hao was shocked. One of them held a secret treasure in hand, vaguely seeing the nine dragons pulling the bronze coffin.

They searched nearby, but didn't find anything.

"Let's not worry about these things for now. The appointment with the creature in the darkness is about to arrive." One of them said.

Then, they rose into the air, moving around the darkness, heading into the distance.

Shi Hao was shocked. There were living beings in the black mist? They had a connection to the Nine Heavens Ten Earths' side!

They were going to meet! What were they going to discuss?

His expression was serious. He followed them from behind. This was extremely serious, he had to see what was going on.

Chapter 1794 - Defecting

These individuals' cultivation wasn't weak, their speed extremely fast. They rushed out thousands of li in an instant, and then descended on a stone mountain, waiting quietly.

When the sun began to set in the west, the neighing of horses sounded from the darkness region, quickly approaching.

Shi Hao was shocked. Were there really creatures in that land of darkness?

There was a strange black horse, its entire body covered in scales. It widened its bloody mouth, a foul odor wafting out. Black mist surged from its mouth and nose, its appearance a bit terrifying.

A knight sat on it, its black armor ice-cold, even his face covered. This was a powerful individual, his pupils incredibly cold.

"Did you bring it?" He spoke, his voice hoarse. Those who heard it all developed an uncomfortable feeling, as if it was two pieces of metal grinding against each other.

"Not yet, but we will have it soon." One of them replied carefully, his voice carrying fear, scared that they would upset the other party.

"Too slow. Our patience is limited." The knight on the strange black horse said.

Shi Hao's pupils contracted. He didn't expect to have ran straight into a transaction. There were existences who could live in the dark matter, currently carrying out a deal with the people on this side.

"That thing is extremely important. Even if no one can use it, it has always been viewed with great importance by the supreme beings. Seizing it will be a bit difficult."

When these words sounded, Shi Hao trembled. This transaction was definitely a big deal.

"I don't care about those things. If it is not here the next time we meet, do not blame me for being merciless." The voice of the knight on the strange horse became more and more frigid.

"We will do our best." One of them braced themselves and said.

"Doesn't you clan have a supreme being as well? He should be able to get into contact with it." The black-armored knight said coldly.

"That was something Huang obtained back then after all, so no matter which clan it is, they can still only use and protect it together. No one has the authority to directly use it in a deal."

"Exactly, our clan's supreme being also needs to avoid arousing suspicion."

This type of reply made Shi Hao's mind sink. The thing that was being exchanged was actually related to this much, these people were defecting!

"You have to understand that the ones who wish to work with us isn't just your clan. Perhaps there will be other families who will contact me soon." The black-armored knight said.

"We understand!"

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Shi Hao didn't make an appearance, just carefully listening, thinking to himself.

Then, he knew what it was that was being traded; it was actually that rotten wooden chest!

Back then, Shi Hao had risked life and limb to bring that rotten wooden chest back from Desolate Border, yet now, there was someone who was secretly trying to exchange it, gift it to the creature in the dark mist.

This was definitely betrayal, selling out, betraying the interests of the Nine Heavens Ten Earths.

Even though he didn't know what use the rotten wooden chest had, just from how both Shutuo and Anlan both made moves, he knew that this thing was not simple, having tremendous origins.

When Shi Hao obtained it, he handed it to the supreme beings in Emperor City. In the end, Great Elder Meng Tianzheng, Elder Qing Mu, and the others died one after another, the rotten wooden chest ultimately ending up in the hands of the supreme beings who were still alive.

Needless to say, right now, the ones who were trying to make a deal with the knight were definitely from a long life family, moreover a family with a living supreme being.

It was because only they had a chance of coming into contact with the rotten wooden chest.

Shi Hao was immediately furious. This was something he obtained, gifted to the supreme beings to research. However, in the end, due to selfish interests, some people decided to sell out to the enemy.

Regardless of what kind of background this region of darkness held, what was clear was that it was a great disaster for the Nine Heavens Ten Earths. It directly erased fifteen provinces, making all tremble in fear, clearly not here to do good.

"In three days, it will still be this place, I will wait for you all to bring over the rotten wooden chest. Once the transaction is complete, I ensure that your family will coexist with the world, everlasting and imperishable." That knight said.

"We will do what we can!" Those people bowed respectfully, and then they all rushed into the sky, disappearing from this place.

After a long time passed, this place became quiet.

The black knight stirred on the warhorse, making his way through the mist. The sound of its hooves was deafening, gradually heading into the distance.

Shi Hao's face sunk. He walked out, gazing into the land of darkness, and then into the sky. He was angry.

"In the past, when I fought bloodily in Desolate Border, what was it all for? Meanwhile, the long life families are all unreliable, even making a deal with the creatures of darkness!"

Shi Hao's expression was ugly, tightly clenching his fist.

He lamented over Great Elder and the others' sacrifice, feeling like it wasn't worth it.

"I want to get back what is mine. The higher realm's collapse has nothing to do with me, I'll just return to the lower realms." Shi Hao said to himself.

It was because he was a bit discouraged. There was more than a single long life family in the Nine Heavens above who were defecting, it was impossible to defend against.

Of course, before leaving, Shi Hao wanted to know the origins of the darkness creature, why he appeared, how he was produced. The more he knew, the better, only then could he obtain a great victory in the future.

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In the Nine Heavens above, Wang Family.

Immortal Wang's face was delicate and pretty, his outward appearance extremely young, just a youngster. However, right now, his brows were furrowed, expression extremely serious.

"My Wang Family's ancestral hall in Immortal Domain has already been abandoned. Rumor has it that there was a dispute between Wang Family's main group and another powerful ancient inheritance. They were defeated, and in the end all moved, entering the deeper regions of Immortal Domain where there is less habitation, no news in recent years."

Immortal Wang said. These were all things he learned from Immortal Domain's emissary, the news astonishing.

"What?! My Wang Family's ancestral hall in Immortal Domain has been abandoned?"

"What do we do then? We have nothing to rely on! We definitely cannot enter Immortal Domain, a single mistake and we'll be plotted against and killed."

Another family, Jin Family, was also holding an internal meeting.

"Something happened to Jin Family's ancestor, there is no hope for us within the short term, we have to find another way!" Jin Taijun said.

The long life families all began to discuss different things.

This time, darkness really descended. They all sensed that the situation was bad, all of them looking for ways to deal with it.

There were some great clans that felt like they had to enter Immortal Domain even if they had to sacrifice everything.

Among them, there were long life families who already learned that their clans in Immortal Domain had declined from the emissary, to the extent where there were clans that directly disappeared.

There were families that were extremely glorious in Immortal Domain, developing rather smoothly.

That was why because the situations they faced were different, the choices they had to make were also different.

"Do we really have to gift that rotten black chest to that creature of darkness? Old ancestor, do you know about their origins?"

Within a clan's hidden room, someone said quietly. There were only four or five here, precisely the most important members of a long life family.

"I knew of the darkness creature's arrival, long surmised it. This is the only way, only by gifting the rotten wooden chest is there a chance to protect my clan. As for the other clans, we cannot tend to so much!" That old ancestor spoke out.

"Living is the most important. Even if we betray this world, so what?" Someone else echoed.

“The rotten wooden chest is Huang’s. Even though he handed it over, the clans are all guarding it together, if we give it over, once news leak out, it will definitely be extremely dangerous.”

“We cannot tend to all that. My clan isn’t the only one considering this. I am worried that someone would snatch the opportunity before us. Only once the transaction is done can our clan’s prosperity be ensured.”

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Three days later, still the same edge of the darkness in the three thousand provinces.

Shi Hao was like a crouching tiger waiting for his prey, ready to deliver a thunderous strike at any time. He was hiding here, wishing to steal food from the lion’s mouth.

The rotten wooden chest was his, he definitely couldn’t gift it to the enemy, it couldn’t be lost.

“They’re coming. I want to see just what clan you all are from!” Shi Hao’s voice was ice-cold, killing intent restrained, ready to leap out at any time.

He sensed some fluctuations. A few streaks of divine rainbows shot through the sky, speeds extremely fast, rushing over.

There was still quite some time before the arranged time, however, the long life families were cautious, scared that the creature of darkness would come first. Thus, they came much earlier.

Hong!

Shi Hao moved, rushing into the heavens, facing those people, raising his fists and smashing down without any trace of politeness. He wanted to end things as quickly as possible, seize the rotten wooden chest first.

Behind him, a demonic ape roared towards the heavens, its figure massive, battle aura surging. This was a technique made for battle.

The Chaos Demonic Ape’s inheritance was appearing, displaying divine might! n.-@)-v-/e()ℓ-)b/.1-/n

Pu!

Shi Hao immediately brandished his fist, fist radiance illuminating the heavens, even more dazzling than lightning. It was extremely great, power incomparable. Almost at the same instant, a rain of blood poured out.

One person was killed, immediately dying.

The main reason was because Shi Hao’s strength was too astonishing, and these individuals didn’t put up any defense. They weren’t supreme beings, so how could they block this kind of assault?

“Who are you?!” The others were horrified.

“The rotten wooden chest isn’t on him. You all are next!” Shi Hao said, not asking them anything, instead directly taking action, wishing to inflict fear through actions, break down their willpower.

Chi!

This time, his arms moved out, extending like a phoenix bathed in flames, carrying a holy aura. The skies were filled with scarlet multicolored radiance, a pair of True Phoenix wings appearing behind him.

Shi Hao dove down, still targeting one person. This person seemed like the leader of these individuals.

Hu!

Flames overflowed. That person released a miserable scream, immediately turning into ashes, burned down by Shi Hao's descent.

It was also precisely at this moment that Shi Hao saw the whereabouts of the rotten wooden chest. It was hidden on this person.

With a peng sound, Shi Hao grabbed it firmly.

"Now, I just have to wait until the creature of darkness shows up, give him my greetings." Shi Hao said, not placing the remaining people in his eyes at all.

Chapter 1795 - Confronting the Darkness

Those people's expression were unpleasant, feeling extremely uneasy. This youngster was too vicious, completely overwhelming them from just the first encounter, no need for a second attack at all.

The main thing, however, was that the rotten wooden chest changed owners. This was the divine object of today's transaction, yet it was now lost, so how were they supposed to explain things to that creature of darkness now?

"Speak, what clan are you all from, why are you all trying to conduct business with that creature of darkness? What kind of background does he have?" Shi Hao asked.

Now that he had the rotten wooden chest in hand, he was no longer worried. Everything could be slowly investigated and understood.

Those individuals closed their mouths, not speaking. At the same time, some of their eyes flickered, wishing to escape, some of them completely stupefied like wooden sculptures.

Their reactions were all different, because what they were thinking was also different.

There were some who wanted to keep the secret, not daring to leak out information, some wanted to run, escape this disaster, there were others who were hesitant, wishing to run, but found the choice hard. It was because if they couldn't complete the trade, then there would be a huge problem!

Peng!

Blood erupted. Those whose wills looked more firm exploded, blasted apart from the sword energy Shi Hao released. Their entire bodies turned into blasts of bloody mist under the indestructible sword radiance.

This made those who were conflicted shiver in fear, become more and more scared.

“Friend, who are you? Please stay your hand for now, you have to understand that this rotten wooden chest is what that creature of darkness wants, insisting that it was essential. If you bring it away, there will be a huge disaster.” One of them said.

Peng!

As a result, a streak of sword energy shot out, the Grass Symbol Sword Art was impossible to block. His arm fell onto the ground, blood flowing everywhere.

That person’s face immediately became pale, unable to utter another word.

“You all should know that my patience is limited. When I ask you all questions, just answer if you know the answer, if you don’t know, then keep your mouth shut. Do not even think about threatening me!” Shi Hao said.

This place immediately became quiet.

“Then not speaking it is. I will just search your souls myself.” Shi Hao sneered.

“I’ll talk!” One of them couldn’t hold on anymore, voice trembling, speaking of his origins.

They were from Wind Clan, from this long life family.

“Wind Clan’s old ancestor really is daring, doing this type of thing, betraying the Nine Heavens Ten Earths!” Shi Hao’s voice turned cold.

Last time, Yuan Qing brought people from this clan to kill him, all of it was already exposed then.

Wind Clan’s old ancestor’s enmity with the past Stone Clan was great, bearing tremendous hatred against the sinner’s bloodline. When Shi Hao entered Immeasurable Heaven, he had directly faced off against Yuan Qing’s interference, almost being killed. He was then sent into Origin Ancient Mine, that event related to this one.

During Desolate Border’s great war, there were long life families that defected to the enemy. At that time, Shi Hao had already suspected that it was this clan.

Now, when darkness suddenly descended, this clan was even more so ‘extreme’, it really left one speechless. This was more than planning to go to the other side.

“Back then, Wind Clan’s ancient ancestor was so bold and stunning, one of the true immortals, falling in the end of the last great era. However, today, you all are actually like this.” Shi Hao released a light sigh.

Rotten wooden chest, this was something even Anlan and Shutuo wanted, just how precious was it? Yet it was used by this clan as an item in exchange, offering it up to the creature of darkness.

As the world experienced the vicissitudes of time, many things have already changed.

Any following interrogation was meaningless. It was because they didn’t know the origins of the creature of darkness at all, the clan’s old ancestor didn’t speak in detail.

“I’ve let you all down, you all can head on your way!” Shi Hao said.

With a raise of his hand, phoenix feathers rose one after another, scarlet and brilliant, carrying flames that wanted to burn down heaven and earth, drowning this place.

“Who exactly are you?” There were some who were unwilling, wishing to know who exactly he was.

“Chaos Demonic Ape!” Shi Hao spoke. Then, his figure changed from the current burly chap into the vicious looking individual, the face of the demonic ape.

Shi Hao remained extremely careful. He was scared that there would be eyes everywhere, that news would leak out, so he didn’t display his real body.

Now that he cultivated the Eight Nine Heavens Technique, also cultivating the Seventy-Two Transformations to a near perfect level, he could change his form at will. Even if one possessed Heavenly Eyes, they couldn’t see through him.

“Great vicious being of the lower realms, you actually came up!” The other side’s people were shocked, sucking in a cold breath of air. n-(OvelB1n

However, it was already too late. Shi Hao took action. Those feathers carried fiery light, drowning them underneath. In that instant, they were burned down to their bones, and then turned to ashes, scattering into the wind.

It was just that domineering. The True Phoenix Technique was unmatched, able to instantly burn down creatures into scattered ashes.

Shi Hao stood there, not moving like a fossil, waiting for that creature of darkness to appear.

Finally, the sun leaned to the west, the waning sunset like blood, the sound of horse hooves could be heard.

Dark mist surged over there, pitch-black like ink, even the sunset splendor would be swallowed up when it was cast inside, devoured, not a trace of light visible.

A strange horse appeared, its figure massive, covered in scales. When it opened its bloody mouth, a strong smell spread, carrying a rotting odor.

On its back was a knight, his black armor flickering with cold radiance. There was a wave of austere energy; this was an extremely powerful cultivator.

However, he didn’t reach the Supreme Being Realm, which was why Shi Hao didn’t feel any fear, calmly waiting here.

He had to admit that this individual was strong, exceeding most Self Release Realm cultivators, a terrifying figure!

Before there was a true interaction, Shi Hao could already sense that this was a difficult individual to deal with.

There was black mist around him, murderous energy surging, the warrior arrived on the black warhorse. He was extremely callous, eyes penetrating like blades.

“Did you bring it?” The darkness knight asked.

Shi Hao sighed. This man and mount were both surrounded by black mist, really about to slaughter their way over. This was rather troublesome, he didn't know if he could smoothly capture and interrogate him.

"I brought it, however, I wish to know your origins." Shi Hao said. He held the rotten wooden chest in hand, showing it to him.

"Nonsense, is this something you can ask?" The knight berated.

"I am gifting you something, yet you are still so arrogant, this transaction is hard to complete..." Shi Hao said with a sigh.

"Heh, the Nine Heavens Ten Earths are about to be swallowed in darkness at any time, yet you all still dare show me arrogance." The voice of the knight on the warhorse became increasingly cold.

"Arrogant? I'm going to cut you down!"

Shi Hao immediately took action after saying he would, too fast. With a raise of his finger, blade energy shot out streak after streak. He displayed the Grass Symbol Sword Art, launching a sudden assault.

Stalks of grass emerged in the void one after another, all of them with nine leaves. They moved together, the nine leaves on each stalk shining, sword energy endless!

Hou!

The darkness knight roared, raising his fist and smashing out. This place immediately became chaotic, darkness energy going wild, wishing to surge over.

Dong!

An intense collision erupted between the two, shaking heaven and earth, the world itself as if about to go dark.

Shi Hao sighed. He backed up a set distance. He didn't fear the opponent's strength, but rather the darkness energy. That stuff corroded one's primordial spirit.

Not far out, a man and mount roared, charging forward.

That warhorse's entire body was covered in dark scales like a demonic dragon. It opened its bloody mouth, biting towards Shi Hao.

The hooves were deafening, the entire great earth shaking, starting to collapse. This warhorse was too powerful, charging just like that, making the nearby mountain peaks all collapse.

"Accept death!"

The darkness knight released a great roar, sending a fist smashing out again.

However, one could see that his fist had faint black blood flowing through it, injured from the first encounter with Shi Hao.

This left the darkness knight furious. He felt like he had been careless, which was why the second fist was especially ferocious, as if the heavens smashed down, wishing to destroy all things on the great earth.

Hong!

Raging flames surged about Shi Hao's body. He bathed in divine flames, the True Phoenix' void projection appearing, drowned under this type of fiery light. His entire being became incomparably pure and holy.

At the same time, sword energy shot out of his hands, still using the Grass Symbol Sword Art.

The former belonged to the phoenix bloodline's extreme inheritance, reborn in flames, ensuring that one was eternally imperishable. The latter possessed incomparable power, sword energy rushing into the heavens, cutting down all enemies in the world.

"Yi, it's effective!"

Shi Hao was shocked. When he operated the True Phoenix Precious Technique, it stopped the darkness matter, no longer having to face the threat of death. He was able to hold on.

"No wonder the phoenix was known as the undying bird, there was a reason behind this after all!" Shi Hao was shocked. Even if the darkness energy surged over, he still didn't have to fear being corroded.

During this process, phoenix cries sounded endlessly. He bathed under this type of fiery light, resisting the aura of darkness.

Meanwhile, the Grass Symbol Sword Art displayed the most powerful offensive power, hacking out with exceptional sword radiance.

During this intense struggle, he charged ferociously. Pu! Shi Hao hacked off the great horse's head, making black blood splash extremely high into the air.

"I loathe the undying bird!" The darkness knight roared.

Even his face was covered, only the eyes revealed. His gaze became increasingly cold. A great shout was released, a black war spear appearing in his hands, piercing forward with extreme speed.

His entire being was running, diving down, wishing to provoke and kill Shi Hao.

The black spear was extremely sharp, flickering with cold light, held in that creature's hands, stabbing towards the space between Shi Hao's brows.

Peng!

The void exploded.

This strike's power was boundless!

Unfortunately, even though this creature was extremely strong, rarely meeting his match under the supreme being level, Shi Hao still stopped him. Sword energy surged in his hands, pouring outwards, forming a boundless white expanse.

Qiang!

That black war spear was broken, half of it falling onto the ground.

The Grass Symbol Sword Art really was worthy of being known as one of the world's three greatest sword arts since ancient times. This meant that it was precisely one of the most powerful attacks!

Then, there was an intense clash. The darkness knight was brave and courageous, brandishing his fists, stirring the wind and clouds with his attacks, with even the void shattering.

Shi Hao was decisive, and also extremely cool-headed. Many phoenix feathers appeared in his surroundings, turning into fiery light, burning the darkness, trapping the darkness knight within.

"Speak, what kind of background do you really have!" Shi Hao shouted.

He basically caught this creature alive.

Chapter 1796 - Eternal Darkness

The True Phoenix feathers were like scarlet chains, linked together, interweaving about, forming a cage, locking the darkness knight inside.

Whenever a feather shot out, it would be enough to destroy a large expanse of the mountain range, turn mountain peaks into magma, turn great rivers into mist, the power incomparably great.

With so many of them linked together, it was simply enough to refine stars one after another!

Right now, Shi Hao displayed his might, forming a crimson cage with the True Phoenix Precious Technique, imprisoning this person.

The darkness knight didn't reply, his eyes cold, pupils contracted, staring at Shi Hao. He was inwardly shocked; the Nine Heavens Ten Earths still had a youngster this powerful?

One had to understand that he had cultivated for an endless amount of time in order to obtain his current achievements!

"Are you going to talk or not?" Shi Hao asked.

"We will ultimately march into this great earth regardless, darkness eternal, the final destination of all living things, the fate of the heavens." The darkness knight said coldly, not displaying any emotional fluctuations, not fearing death.

He spoke extremely calmly, but in Shi Hao's ears, it crashed down like thunder, making his mind tremble.

The more calm the darkness knight was, the more it proved the severity of the matter. It was as if it originated from his very bones, already becoming his faith!

What kind of creatures are those?

"If you aren't going to speak, then I'll just search for the answers myself!" Shi Hao said coldly.

He released a low roar, his entire body releasing zheng zheng noises. Feathers that were even more dazzling flew out, turning into a streak of divine rainbow. He was like a true phoenix, brilliant feathers swirling in his surroundings, all of them phoenix feathers.

All of the divine feathers were moving, making Shi Hao's aura become incomparably powerful. He used a great method, using the True Phoenix Precious Technique to oppress this creature.

All of the divine feathers shone, raging flames surging. Together with the cage's support, strand after strand of black energy was refined, evaporated into a strange black mist.

Ah...

That creature released a low roar.

Unfortunately, it was useless. He couldn't resist, he wasn't Shi Hao's match.

It couldn't be said that he was weak, on the contrary, he was extremely strong. At the very least, in the Nine Heavens Ten Earths, there weren't many at the Self Release Realm who could suppress him!

It could only be said that Shi Hao was strong, especially in recent years after obtaining the Grass Symbol Sword Art, as well as the Chaos Demonic Ape and True Phoenix inheritances, his strength clearly making great progress.

Comparatively, he was even stronger than when he was at Desolate Border!

Strand after strand of black mist was refined and burned up. Some strange black ashes appeared on the ground.

"One day, you will fall into eternal darkness!" The darkness knight roared out, feeling that the situation was dire, unable to remain calm.

The black mist was their source of power. It could corrode everything, turn a great world into a land of darkness, into their pure land. However now, Shi Hao was refining it away, breaking down this type of power.

"Eternal darkness? I'm waiting." Shi Hao didn't seem too concerned, not treating these words as a big deal at all.

"You will regret this! Darkness will completely bury you!" This knight's voice was overcast, as if he was chanting some type of curse.

Shi Hao didn't pay him any attention, but he frowned, because he felt like refining a darkness knight like this took too much time. If it was a normal creature, they would have long been detained.

Yet now, he had to refine the black mist strand by strand, wisp by wisp, it really was strenuous.

Hong!

Then, he used lightning, sending it hacking down. This was great yang power, the effects not weaker than the True Phoenix's raging flames.

These were the most powerful methods for dealing with evil spirits, extremely effective.

Unfortunately, the darkness matter didn't seem to be a type of evil spirit. Even though Shi Hao could suppress it, he couldn't break it down quickly, make it fully collapse.

After a long time had passed, the darkness knight became dispirited, on the verge of collapse. There already wasn't much dark mist within him, as if he became sick, lacking vitality.

"Just get over here!" Shi Hao released a shout. After completely refining the darkness matter, he reached out a large hand, grabbing towards the darkness knight's head, about to directly search his soul imprint.

Hou!

The darkness knight roared out, the divine black armor releasing kengqiang noises, releasing dark light, struggling intensely.

However, right now, his vitality was greatly injured, his body actually releasing a rotting smell, not having much of his powerful strength left.

With a peng noise, he was first grabbed by Shi Hao and raised up, and then Shi Hao's palm shone, restricting this person with natural laws, wishing to search his primordial spirit imprints, examine him fully.

Ah...

However, right at this time, the darkness knight went mad, becoming uncontrollable, actually struggling free from the restrictions. He released a miserable roar, and then his body exploded into dark light.

Shi Hao frowned. At this moment, he used wondrous methods, not holding back. Grass Symbol Sword Art hacked out, wishing to pierce through his body protecting dark light, break down his fighting strength.

Dang!

That dark light was extremely terrifying, carrying a type of demonic nature, not like something the darkness knight released himself, but more than the resonance with nearby black matter that was supporting him, forming a defensive domain.

Shi Hao was shocked. This dark matter really was imperishable. He felt quite a headache, sensing how strange, terrifying, and difficult to deal with it was.

However, it had to be said that the sword art on the same level as the Chaos Calming Art was powerful, immediately making the dark light become dimmer from the first strike.

"One of the three great ancient sword arts!" The darkness knight's pupil contracted. He sensed that he was in great danger.

Hong!

Around his body, symbols covered everything densely. Those were dark scriptures, dark patterns. They protected him within, some of them released by him, some produced by dark matter.

Behind him was a black sea that extended as far as the eye could see, mists surging, able to offer darkness power.

Chi!

The Grass Symbol Sword Art was extremely sharp, exceeding Shi Hao's imagination. The second streak of sword energy shot out, tearing through everything, unstoppable, ripping through the dark light.

Pu

The darkness knight was hacked apart at the waist, cut in half, his fighting strength crippled on the spot.

With a peng noise, Shi Hao raised him up. A stench immediately wafted out, making one feel like vomiting.

"I won't yield! You won't obtain anything from me!" The darkness knight said.

In that instant, Shi Hao saw that his primordial spirit was burning, becoming a black flame, even burning through the crown of his head.

Shi Hao shook his head, throwing him onto the ground. This person was already dead, there was no meaning left to this.

He never expected the darkness knight to be this resolute, not fearing death at all.

On the ground, the rotting smell became even stronger. The darkness knight's head was burned through, his corpse laying on the ground, not moving at all.

This left Shi Hao shocked. Under the armor was actually a rotting corpse. He had just lost his life, so why was his body already rotten?

When the armor was lightly tapped, it also shattered, as if it had experienced an endless amount of time, destroyed by the passage of time. The powerful and sturdy armor was like paper, turning into dust. n-Ove**Lb1n**

"Darkness is eternal, the predestined fate of all realms." A demonic voice rang through this place.

The darkness knight's primordial spirit light scattered, thus disappearing.

Shi Hao tried to grab it, but the rain of light that landed in his hands all turned to black ashes. There was a type of malevolent power. He quickly scattered it.

Eventually, the rotting corpse on the ground was in an even worse state.

It was as if it experienced endless time in just that instant, crushed by time, rotting, decaying, withering away, ultimately turning into dust.

"What kind of thing is this? Is it a living creature?" Shi Hao was extremely shocked.

Later on, the black dust all turned into a tornado, entering the sea of darkness.

It was precisely as the darkness knight foretold, darkness was everlasting, the home of all living things. When he died, that was where he went.

Shi Hao's mind sunk. Just what exactly was going on? These creatures, where did they come from?

He stood in place for a long time. There was no second creature who came out of that black mist, this place becoming extremely peaceful, lacking sound.

Shi Hao disappeared. He went into hiding, wishing to observe this pitch-black region.

It really was rather strange, recently, the darkness didn't continue spreading, still occupying fifteen provinces of territory, as if it stabilized.

He watched from the distance, staring into the depths of the darkness, wishing to know what exactly there was inside, how this place formed.

En?

Shi Hao was shocked. In the past few days, there were powerful individuals from the Nine Heavens who came again, but they weren't from Wind Clan, but rather from another family.

They set up a strange altar, carrying out a sacrifice here. In the end, they summoned an existence from the darkness, conversing with him.

Shi Hao's heart went cold. Was there another family who was abandoning this world?

What left him furious was that a few days later, another family came from a different region, also summoning someone from the sea of darkness, carrying out a transaction.

In the end, Shi Hao sighed. He felt his heart going cold, not wishing to stop here anymore.

"Even the long life families are like this, what can I, a Self Release Realm cultivator, do? Let's just let the flood do what it will!" Shi Hao left.

He was discouraged. The long life families were all starting to give up, about to defect to the other side, having transactions with the creatures of darkness on the other side, so why should he even bother fighting?

With a dong sound, Shi Hao lifted up the nine dragon skeletons and the bronze coffin, quickly leaving, hiding from everyone's sight, silently heading towards Crucifix Yin Yang Earth.

Eventually, he returned to the lower realms!

"You actually brought this thing back?!" Along the way back, when he had just passed by the ancient restricted region ruins, that half snow-white skeleton immediately shone, turning into a white-clothed individual. His face was full of shock, staring at Shi Hao and the bronze coffin.

Chapter 1797 - Three World Bronze Coffin

This time, Cosmos Lake didn't appear, nor did the thatched cottage. The medicinal fields and other things were still dried and withered, no long life medicinal fragrance wafting out.

However, the middle-aged man, under this state where the restricted region still hadn't changed yet, took form just like that, different from before.

His clothes were purer than snow, complexion fine like jade, like an exceptionally beautiful man. His face carried an expression of shock, staring at the nine dragon skeletons and bronze coffin.

“Senior, do you have any guidance for me?” Shi Hao asked. He lowered this copper coffin.

Regardless of whether it was the dragon bones or the bronze coffin, they were both extremely heavy. If it was a normal person, they wouldn’t be able to move it at all. When placed on the ground, the earth quaked and mountains shook.

“What kind of corpse did this bronze coffin previously bury?” Shi Hao asked.

“Corpse? Why do you feel that it definitely buried the deceased?” The lord of the restricted region stared blankly.

“Could it be that the coffin doesn’t hold remains?” Shi Hao became a bit stunned, asking like this.

“Correct. With the changes of a great era, the original purposes of artifacts have also changed.” The white clad man shook his head, as if in a daze. He released a light sigh, feeling a bit moved.

“There are actually other purposes for coffins?” Shi Hao was shocked.

“This is the Three World Bronze Coffin, its origins previous extremely great, extremely mysterious, exceptionally ancient.” The lord of the restricted region told him some things about it.

Shi Hao had already heard that this coffin was named Three World Coffin. He had always been curious, but no one was able to tell him about its origins. Now, his mind erupted with desire, because he knew that this lord of the restricted ought to know of its origins.

“The coffin is a place of slumber, a place of rest, the war fort of the strong!”

When these words sounded, Shi Hao was stunned, completely toppling everything he knew. Weren’t coffins where corpses were stored?

“This one in particular is the most famous. It represents the past, present, and future, the place of hibernation for the strong, not a place of burial, but rather for the sake of cultivation. It is so that they can become stronger in the future!”

The words of the lord of the restricted region left Shi Hao shocked.

There were some who wanted to remain eternally imperishable, continue living, not die? That was why the Three World Bronze Coffin didn’t bury the people from three worlds, but rather represented eternity.

The past, present, and future, there were people dormant inside. It wasn’t a place to keep corpses, but rather a war fort.

“What about its owner? Could it be that he is still sleeping inside?” Shi Hao asked. If this was the case, then it was just too shocking.

The lord of the restricted region shook his head, saying, “The coffin is too ancient, impossible to destroy. However, there are already no creatures sleeping inside, its owner has left.”

According to what he said, one or two great eras ago, this coffin had already been empty, its owner disappearing.

Of course, it might be even earlier.

No one could say for sure what this coffin's origins were, not knowing which era it came from.

During Immortal Ancient years, it was only used by those true immortals, previously using it to escape. Because Immortal Ancient was about to be destroyed, it metaphorically buried an entire great era.

"Perhaps it is a coffin from the Age of Emperor Collapse." The restricted region lord released a light sigh.

Shi Hao was moved. He thought back to the Everlasting Sword Core. This sword was extremely special, under extreme circumstances, not only was there immortal ascension light, terrifying scenes of blood flowing along the great earth, ancient graves appearing one after another would also appear. Among them, the most shocking scene was that there was a creature who hugged its knees, seated on a bronze coffin.

"It's that coffin!"

Shi Hao found it hard to calm down.

Then, he asked many questions, all of them related to this coffin. Unfortunately, the restricted region lord didn't know about its origins either.

Not long afterwards, Shi Hao was rather bold and daring, trying to enter the coffin.

"There is a small coffin!"

Within the several dozen meters long giant bronze coffin was a small coffin.

With the lord of the restricted region here, he wasn't all that worried, starting to boldly examine it.

Even though Shi Hao was innately strong, full of magical force, he still had to exhaust quite the effort before he opened the small coffin. Multicolored smoke immediately surged, essence energy spreading outwards.

Large amounts of brilliant lights shone, carrying strong life force.

Mists surged inside, extremely hazy, impossible to see through with a single look, as if there was a realm gate there.

Shi Hao was shocked. This was just like what the lord of the restricted region said, a war fort, the inside full of strong life force.

"Oh, its withered self, after the baptism of endless years, gradually recovered, now revealing vitality again." The lord of the restricted region was shocked.

It was clear that he had also come into contact with this coffin before, examining it before.

Shi Hao gritted his teeth, charging straight in. This was a lush small world, the plant life full of life, spiritual medicines concentrated, just too different.

The inside was extremely vast, able to support the lives of a large population.

"This is basically a secluded paradise, there isn't a problem even if Stone Village is moved inside!" Shi Hao was shocked.

In reality, it was fine even if more people were moved in.

"The heroic spirits who used to live inside have all departed, this can be considered an ownerless object." The restricted region lord nodded, and then with a pensive look, said, "Is the outside world starting to experience turmoil, undergoing great changes?"

Ever since he saw that the coffin was empty, he knew that something great had happened in the higher realm.

Shi Hao nodded, telling him about the events of darkness surrounding fifteen provinces.

"As expected!" The restricted region lord was startled. Then, with a sigh, he said, "The Immortal Ancient war spirits who resided in this bronze coffin have most likely been completely wiped out!"

"Ah?" Shi Hao was shocked.

"Darkness has appeared again, how could the ruined souls of deceased true immortals be able to stop it?" The lord of the restricted region said, moreover being sure that if Immortal Domain didn't take action, then the Nine Heavens Ten Earths would be destroyed.

"What are the creatures of darkness? What kind of origins do they have?" Shi Hao asked. He really wanted to know this.

"You can see for yourself, go and explore, try to understand them on your own." The restricted region lord didn't reply.

"Why?" Shi Hao was confused. Why didn't the white-clothed middle-aged individual directly tell him?

"I am scared that it will leave you with too great of a mental blow. It is extremely cruel, you will discover that those people are too strong! Moreover, as for their true origins, even I do not know for sure." The restricted region lord's words left Shi Hao stunned.

There were definitely secrets behind this. The lord of the restricted region knew quite a bit, but there were some things that not even he knew.

In the end, Shi Hao brought the nine dragon bones and copper coffin into Stone Village, leaving everyone stupefied.

"You went into the higher realm, actually brought this back..." Yun Xi was stupefied. She had heard about this coffin before, feeling deeply shocked towards Shi Hao's feat.

"There are so many dragon bones, can we make some soup?" The big black tortoise ran over, reaching out its neck, starting to drool.

"They really are dragon bones!" Everyone here became shocked, rushing over to touch them.

“Even white tiger bones can be fermented into rare medicinal wine, then the wine produced by true dragon bones will definitely be astonishing!” The Zhuyan wiped at its saliva.

“You group of foodies, none of you are allowed to shame my ancestors!” The crimson dragon said while widening its eyes. It threw itself over, stroking these dragon bones.

When Shi Hao saw this, he was a bit moved. “I’ll give you a new task. Carefully sense it, see if you can detect any True Dragon symbols on them, try to grasp the inheritance!”

The crimson dragon closed its eyes, lightly shaking its head, but became dispirited soon afterwards. “They have long been erased.”

“If no symbols can be found, then it’ll be used to simmer soup!” Shi Hao said.

He walked out again, still using that heavenly path to head into the higher realm. He wanted to see this to its end. Darkness was descending, what exactly would this bring to the higher realm? n-Ove**Lb1n**

He found it hard to calm down. There were some old friends that were in the higher realms. If there were changes, he hoped that he could rescue those people, bring them to the lower realms.

At the very least, the Three World Coffin could resist the corrosion of darkness.

“Immortal Domain has sent out soldiers!”

When Shi Hao returned to the higher realms again, he received shocking news. Immortal Domain made their move, sending out great armies, hurrying towards this world.

They finally couldn’t sit still anymore!

“When will they arrive?”

“They are going to appear soon!”

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While listening to their discussions, Shi Hao found it hard to calm down.

That day, Immortal Domain’s emissary passed down a decree, informing this world that Immortal Domain won’t just watch as a bystander, that a great army will arrive soon, that they will protect this world.

Shi Hao curled his lips. Immortal Domain was also doing this to protect themselves, fearing that the darkness matter would become too strong, that it would encroach Immortal Domain sooner or later.

One had to understand that back then, when he entered with two undead knights, he had previously been discriminated against by Immortal Domain’s creatures the entire time, claiming that the three of them were tainted, carrying inauspiciousness.

Now, the creatures of darkness have appeared, so Immortal Domain found it even harder to endure.

Then, when Shi Hao understood what happened during the days he left the higher realm, he became even more shocked, feeling greatly shaken.

No wonder Immortal Domain couldn't sit still, it was because the land of darkness was changing. In just a few days, it had spread from fifteen provinces to a hundred provinces!

So many of the three thousand provinces were eaten up, losing a hundred provinces, this speed was too shocking!

Moreover, the darkness region was no longer quiet, one could see that there were figures moving in the darkness. They were numerous, everywhere in the darkness.

There was an endless great army moving through the dark mist!

When Shi Hao learned what happened, he couldn't help but suck in cold air. The situation had become extremely bad

Chapter 1798 - The Most Terrifying Thing

Hundred provinces, just how vast was this?

Just how many days had passed? Yet such a huge amount of land fell into darkness. This meant that countless creatures had died, becoming corpses; this was definitely a great disaster.

Even now, they had no idea who the enemy was, where they came from. There was immediately a sea of creatures who died, this was a terrifying black storm.

Shi Hao stood in the distance, his brows deeply furrowed. He activated his Heavenly Eyes, staring for a long time. A chill ran down his back, even his scalp feeling a bit numb.

Right now, the scenes he saw exceeded his expectations!

In the darkness, figures were everywhere. There was a great army, all of them creatures of darkness. However, when he looked even more carefully, they looked familiar, as if he had seen them before.

"Could it be that they..." His voice became unnatural, making an extremely terrifying association.

There were several creatures that were rather close, breaking free from the darkness region, so he could see them clearly. Their hair was disheveled, blood flowing out from the corners of their lips, the expression in their eyes empty.

In the back, there was a black Flood Dragon like giant snake. It swam through the mountain region, thick like a water jar, immediately devouring their bodies, blood gushing out.

Pulengleng!

In the skies, a group of Flame Crows beat their wings, densely packed, pitch-black, diving down, immediately drowning out that Flood Dragon, feasting on its flesh.

In that instant, this place became incomparably bloody.

The black Flood Dragon was an extremely savage vicious beast. He struggled fiercely, shaking his body, striking away many of the Flame Crows, smashing apart their flesh and crushing their bones.

However, there were just too many Flame Crows, numbering in the tens of thousands. They were all extremely strong, fiery light spat out, their bird beaks incomparably sharp, a single peck enough to make great mountains explode.

That was why not long afterwards, the black Flood Dragon wasn't a match. His flesh was completely devoured, only a giant white skeleton left.

In this region, the darkness creatures' movements were extremely messy, struggles happening between them. They all wanted to attack the other party.

Shi Hao's feeling of coldness increased, because these creatures were extremely similar to those from the Nine Heavens Ten Earths, to the extent where they could be said to be the same species, the same clans.

He didn't utter a word, just continuing to watch what was going on.

There were humanoid figures who approached the border, becoming more and more lively. The darkness mist there was sparse, so he could see them relatively clearly.

Their clothes, their apparel, they were too similar to the people on the Nine Heavens Ten Earths, the styles traced back to the same roots.

A group of people walked out from the darkness region, stirring forth waves of black mist. There were waves of foul smelling wind as well, as if the most savage ancient beasts were moving about.

This type of fiendish aura made one's skin go taut. This was the omen of a great vicious being.

They were human form, many of them not any different from the human race!

Dong!

There were people who held metal rods, under a single strike, a ten thousand zhang tall great mountain was crushed to pieces, exploding there.

It had to be said that these darkness creatures were extremely strong!

They moved in groups one after another, these clans fighting each other from time to time too.

"Their clothing isn't just similar to that of the three thousand provinces' creatures, it's exactly the same!" Shi Hao's mind jumped, feeling more and more uneasy.

He felt like his suspicions were true, that the most terrifying thing happened.

"It's those corpses, they've come back to life!" Even though Shi Hao didn't want to believe it, he had to. The distance was too close, he could see the truth.

Their apparel, the way they were acting, it was no different from the clans of the three thousand provinces, they were completely the same species.

The ruined battle clothes, the mottled black blood, it was all the result of battle.

Their expressions were empty, like corpses, yet their bodies weren't deathly still, instead having characteristics of life, their hearts throbbing again.

However, their minds didn't seem to be well, as if they were still lost, not forming a complete consciousness.

"The dead creatures revived, only, they have fallen into darkness!" Shi Hao felt a headache. There was nothing more terrible than this. The massive territory of a hundred provinces, there were countless creatures within them.

If they all revived, this would simply be an unimaginable army!

At the same time, Shi Hao noticed that regarding these creatures with vacant expressions, their strength really wasn't weak, to the extent where it could be considered quite strong.

That humanoid creature, his metal rod directly smashed apart a giant mountain. There was also that scarlet red old ox, raging flames surging, melting down large areas of the mountain region into a sea of magma.

To turn the creatures of the three thousand provinces into one's own soldiers, just how terrifying was this?

The black mist spread. Within that great territory, it was unknown just how many creatures were moving. In the dark expanse, there were figures everywhere, the scene horrifying.

Within the hundred provinces, all of the creatures had fallen into darkness!

They turned from people into demons!

Just what kind of heaven reaching method was this?

Previously, their primordial spirits were erased, only their flesh shells left. Turns out there was a reason for this, their flesh could be revived, turned into slave soldiers to attack the three thousand provinces instead.

"Their bodies have been strengthened, becoming even stronger than before!"

Shi Hao felt a type of premonition that these demonized creatures were even more difficult to deal with than when they were alive.

He saw several species, for example, the heaven covering Flame Crows, the groups of Crocodile Dragons, all of them great clans. However now, they were just too many times stronger than before.

A Demonic Ape could jump from one peak to another, its constitution just too vicious, able to easily tear apart a mountaintop.

Following a muffled low roar, a scarlet red old ox rushed out. Fiery light overflowed into the heavens, mountains collapsing, earth caving in!

That day could be considered one of shocking changes. All types of creatures appeared in the darkness region, charging viciously, roaming about the darkness mist region, appearing before the eyes of the three thousand provinces' creatures.

"Not good, those demons are about to slaughter their way out!"

“Heavens, things are really bad, they are... our own clans! Only, they seem to have lost their intelligence, becoming servants, about to fight us!”

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This was a day of great changes. Many people woke up. They saw what was going on. These were actually the creatures from the captured territories, becoming darkness creatures.

Without a doubt, there would be a tragedy of massacring their own. The ones who were fighting them all originally belonged to this world, of the same origin, yet their hearts were now changed.

“Where are Immortal Domain’s reinforcements? Why are they not here? Didn’t they say they were going to send their celestial troops and generals?” There were some who began to panic.

This was especially true for the clans that were closer to the darkness territory, their foundations nearby. If there were no powerful reinforcements soon, then their sects would be enveloped in darkness.

Even though the sects were all retreating, the foundations of their inheritances and many other things couldn’t be brought away.

At the same time, a sea of mortals also couldn’t withdraw. This region was too vast, the population too great!

Shi Hao watched everything carefully. What made him feel uneasy was that besides the endless darkness creatures, there were many mortals, tearing at each other, devouring each other, bloody and cruel.

As for those who devoured other people, if they lived, their constitutions would become even more powerful!

Even ordinary mortals could become stronger?

This was not good news. Inside the darkness region, just how many creatures were evolving like this?

Shi Hao understood. He previously saw the Flame Crow, black Flood Dragon, Demonic Ape and others races fighting against each other, tearing at each other, also evolving, becoming stronger.

Hou!

Shi Hao saw that in the darkness, there was a ravenous wolf-like vicious beast who opened its eyes. The radiance was cold like lightning, no longer empty, now completely developing its own will, becoming a king of a region.

It became even stronger!

It was because it had killed many creatures, devoured their darkness blood essence.

Hou!

There were some kings that released terrifying roars, shattering large amounts of mountain ridges, even more so suppressing quite a few creatures until they fell weak onto the ground, shuddering in fear, to the extent where they even exploded to pieces.

This region became increasingly bloody, becoming extremely terrifying.

The kings of different regions roared out at each other, approaching each other. An intense battle then erupted between them, wishing to devour each other.

“Not good!” Shi Hao felt like things were becoming more and more terrifying. This really was a demonic evolution! Extremely powerful experts were being produced. n-OverLb1n

The outside world sank into a state of panic and alarm.

The three thousand provinces’ cultivators were always monitoring the darkness region. When they saw this rebellion, such shocking changes, they all shivered in fear.

Everyone understood just how terrifying this darkness region would become.

Honglong!

That day, the darkness region’s battles weren’t just between each other anymore, but rather spread outwards.

“They are slaughtering their way out!”

“Those terrifying creatures are pouring out like a tide!”

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The hundred provinces of land rebelled, it was as if the heavens collapsed and the earth caved in.

Black mist surged chaotically. As these creatures charged out, it was like a roar, stirring up unrest in all directions!

A creature stirred on black mist, tearing apart the skies, the speed just too fast. It was like a defeated darkness luan bird king, releasing a long roar, making the great earth cave in. Its entire body was covered in blood, charging into the other provinces, continuously devouring flesh and blood, wreaking havoc in its wake.

The calamity was spreading!

In the back, there were even more terrifying kings that were in pursuit.

Moreover, this was just the tip of the iceberg!

The battlefield was cruel, the situation of the three thousand provinces dire!

That day, the hundred provinces of land spread, darkness creatures rushing out, black matter surging, engulfing over.

In one night, beast roars sounded continuously, bird cries endless, black mists overflowing.

Blood was left wherever they went.

The land of darkness immediately doubled in size, becoming two hundred provinces.

“Heavens, the Nine Heavens Ten Earths are finished!”

“Why isn’t Immortal Domain sending out their troops? If this continues, this entire world will soon fall into darkness!”

Chapter 1799 - Immortal Domain Dispatches Troops

Many provinces were sinking into despair!

That day, the darkness devoured another hundred provinces. No matter how vast the three thousand provinces’ territory was, there was no way they could stop this rate of corruption.

The most terrifying thing was that it wasn’t just the darkness surging, there were true creatures wreaking havoc, all of them extremely strong, led by the evolved kings.

“We’re finished, our realm really is going to be destroyed! I can see some familiar people, Jingang Sect’s old sect master has been resurrected, becoming even stronger than before.”

Someone said with a sigh, truly terrified.

He saw someone he recognized, someone that originally died in the darkness, unable to withdraw in time. His primordial spirit was completely erased, only an empty shell left now.

However now, he appeared again, clearly reviving. Moreover, he was transformed by the darkness, becoming much stronger than before.

Black blood flowed from the corners of his lips, the expression in his eyes like electrical radiance, releasing zheng zheng noises. Moreover, his body released a dark light, as if there were light sword cries. As blood flowed through his body, there were thunderous noises released.

One could see that wherever he passed, there were countless corpses. He directly fished out their hearts, then absorbed their essence blood, devouring them cruelly.

There was even less of a need to talk about the darkness region behind him. He slaughtered his way out from that place, just the kings who evolved to their final forms alone having several among them killed by him, their darkness essence blood devoured.

“Advancing through a mountain of corpses, continuously merging darkness essence blood, he has basically devoured a sea of creatures. This type of evolution is too terrifying!” Someone said with a trembling voice.

This was indeed a terrifying path. Only the heavens knew why it was like this!

It was because they were originally all dead, yet now, they were all vigorous, roaming the world once more, becoming even more powerful.

Only, their consciousness was now different, cold and indifferent, cruel and cold-blooded, no longer recognizing past old friends. When they saw them, they directly killed them.

During this process, Shi Hao took action. He previously killed some of the creatures who evolved into kings. He could kill them, but when facing the dark mist, it still left him feeling rather strained.

It was because a single moment of carelessness and he would be submerged under the darkness, his primordial spirit eaten through.

The sea of pitch-black substance was the source of this great calamity, able to protect all those who revived, moreover allow them to evolve.

This was just the beginning, not the ending!

If most of this world was corroded through, then the experts of this world would become even stronger. They would attack each other, mutually devour each other, become even more terrifying creatures.

Dong!

A drumbeat rang out within this world, extremely muffled and shocking.

Dong dong dong dong...

Then, drumbeats rang out continuously, loud and heavy like a sea. It was as if an ancestral dragon was roaring. Regardless of where it was, the cultivators of the great world could all hear it.

“Immortal Domain’s troops have arrived!” Someone shouted, excited and overjoyed.

The cultivators of different sects were almost in despair. When they heard the drumbeats, they immediately revealed looks of joy, becoming incredibly moved.

Even though they were only a day late, everyone still felt as if a year had passed. The great sects were all withdrawing. Even the long life families of the Nine Heavens were preparing to withdraw, so how could ordinary inheritances not panic?

A wave of troops arrived through the heavens, appearing in the skies outside the darkness region.

There weren’t many people, all of them surrounded by immortal light, great banners fluttering about. Chaotic energy was released, covering their magical force fluctuations, intimidating the creatures of darkness at the same time.

“Is there only one troop? There are only a few dozen of them, this number is too few! Will they be able to stop the creatures of darkness?” Someone said this, full of doubt.

If it was an immortal king, then that was one thing, but judging from their armor and other parts, they were clearly war generals, the highest level cultivators still impossible to be the extreme experts of Immortal Domain.

“The situation has worsened greatly, extremely bad. Everyone, withdraw, give up another hundred provinces of land!”

In the skies, someone ordered.

Then, they all rode their auspicious beasts, speeds extremely fast, sizing up the darkness region, observing along the borders of different provinces.

“We should just back off!”

They all backed off, in the end giving up another hundred provinces of territory.

“This is a dragon vein, we’ll use it as the dividing line. Abandon everything on the other side of this line, withdraw to this side!” An expert from Immortal Domain shouted.

The faces of many cultivators from the three thousand provinces paled. They were giving up on too much territory! Their mountain gates and other things definitely couldn’t be recovered.

Wu...

A conch bugle horn sounded. A path appeared from the distance. The true Immortal Domain army appeared, troops emerging one after another, lining up, covered in immortal mist.

Everyone could see that they were extremely powerful!

“Set up the formation, carry out your tasks as planned!” Someone ordered.

Honglonglong!

Formation cores flew out one after another, changing from the size of a finger to a giant mountain. They fell onto the dragon vein on the great earth, suppressing that dividing line.

Then, magical banners appeared everywhere, flying out down onto the dragon vein like raindrops, truly starting to seal up the darkness region.

The dragon vein changed, becoming like a wall. It stood tall, grand and imposing.

Seven hundred provinces of land now belonged to the darkness region, cut off here!

The three thousand provinces immediately lost a fourth of its territory!

Immortal Domain’s troops set out not to kill, but rather to set up a barricade here, produce a sturdy ‘wall’, as if they were facing a great enemy!

In this realm, the hearts of all cultivators sunk, feeling like the disaster was even more terrifying than they had anticipated.

At first, many people felt that as long as Immortal Domain sent out troops, they would be able to dominate everything, sweep through the darkness territory, rescue them from this calamity.

However now, they discovered that Immortal Domain was only acting defensively, not slaughtering their way in. This was a terrible sign that left all of them feeling uneasy.

“Why is it like this?” Someone asked with a soft voice.

“Right now, before they have reached their strongest point, it is easier to get rid of them. Why aren’t we taking action now?” Even some sect masters in the three thousand provinces were confused.

Now, while the darkness creatures were still evolving, wasn’t this the best chance to take action?

“What do you all understand? What is terrifying is the darkness matter! Even if Immortal Domain’s warriors enter, they might still die.” Someone berated.

When these words were spoken, everyone's hearts went cold.

Just how terrifying was this darkness matter?

"This inauspiciousness is far more terrifying than your imagination!"

"One has to understand that the creatures of darkness are all people of this realm who have been killed, the true powerful darkness beings haven't appeared yet. If they rashly charge in and are ambushed by the true darkness creatures lurking behind, then that would be unimaginable."

Immortal Domain's words made their minds tremble greatly.

The true darkness disaster, this was only the beginning. It had just erupted, the true ultimate vicious beings haven't made an appearance yet.

This really was terrifying. If large amounts of Immortal Domain experts fell here and they were resurrected, devouring each other, carrying out an intense round of evolution, just what level of expert would be produced?

When they thought of these things, many people's bodies went ice cold. This type of darkness matter was simply impossible to deal with. The more they fought, the more soldiers the other side would acquire, moreover become even stronger!

"How did they achieve this? This defies normal reasoning!" Even the long life families' heads grew big, sighing.

What exactly was this darkness matter? It was simply impossible to understand.

Everyone found it hard to imagine just how those dead creatures were revived, how could they have become even stronger.

"This involves the most ancient struggles, accompanying the source of life, you all will not understand!" One of Immortal Domain's generals said.

On this dragon vein, great banners fluttered about, many troops from Immortal Domain stationed here. They were all incredibly serious, staring at the situation on this side.

In reality, even Immortal Domain's cultivators felt like the darkness matter wasn't easy to deal with. Only truly great figures understood it, previously facing it.

"Normally, when the darkness matter surrounds the great earth, even though there is creature evolution, it was still after many tens of thousands of years. Meanwhile, what is happening today is similar to a certain set of history. They definitely used some type of unmatched ancestral artifact to spur on this process."

"This is the start of the darkness calamity!"

"Just what kind of supreme treasure is it, to trigger such terrifying great changes?" Immortal Domain and Sacred Academy's supreme beings both came, seriously asking for guidance. The effects of this were too great.

"Over there!"

One of Immortal Domain's commanders whose attitude was still rather calm replied seriously to them. He produced a precious mirror, shining it into the depths of the darkness.

"That is..." *no ve(11b)/In*

Many people saw that once the precious mirror shone, it was no longer pitch-black within the darkness region, some of the scenes could be seen.

There was an ancient artifact flowing with nine-colored brilliance, mysterious and hazy. It was a chest, but it hadn't been opened, rising and falling on an altar.

It caused the darkness matter to surge, engulf in all directions, possessing a type of terrifying activity!

Shi Hao was not far out. He also withdrew, personally witnessing this scene, his mind incredibly shaken.

Others didn't recognize it, but it was too familiar to him, feeling like it was *deja vu*.

"It's that thing?!" He was shocked, but soon afterwards, he shook his head. This wasn't it, it was something similar, definitely having a great connection.

He had previously entered an abyss within Burial Earth's underground veins outside Desolate Border, entering an ancient cave palace with Shenming and Sanzang.

There was a chest that looked like it was metal, yet wasn't, like stone, yet wasn't, impossible to open. It was this unmatched and mysterious ancient artifact.

According to what Sanzang said, that was the Origin Ancient Artifact!

There was nothing more precious and powerful than this!

Shi Hao never expected to see this type of ancient artifact in the darkness region as well, similar to the one he had previously seen, but it definitely wasn't that one.

It hadn't even been opened, yet things were already like this!

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The Origin Ancient Artifact had a truly terrifying ability. At the peak of its glory, it had previously created Burial Kings!

Was this something that made undead knights? Shi Hao definitely wouldn't forget what he clearly saw back then, he even almost died in that abyss' palace.

Now, there was a similar object that released nine-colored brilliance, flowing with hazy imperishable light, swirling with chaotic energy.

Darkness matter surged, possessing astonishing activity. All of the corpses were granted life, allowing them to stand back up, moreover gradually become more powerful!

"What is that? Is it an unmatched supreme treasure?!"

Everyone was shaken. Was it one of the most powerful magical artifacts? It could actually create this type of scene, making everyone's souls tremble. They all found this inconceivable.

Now that Immortal Domain sent out troops, there was naturally no lack of extremely powerful individuals among them. However, these people were also stupefied. Even though they sensed that something was strange, they never expected to see this type of mysterious ancient artifact.

“What is that? Does the commander know?” Someone asked quietly.

“I am not sure, it is too sinister. This thing has revived all of the corpses, even more mysterious than the artifacts of immortal kings. It is unimaginably powerful!”

Those on Immortal Domain’s side looked like they were facing a great enemy, building an even longer line of defense along the mountain range. Great banners fluttered about, formation cores everywhere, forming a dark expanse, continuously piling up.

“What exactly are the darkness creatures, what kind of backgrounds do they have?” Some people began to surmise and make predictions.

At this time, an elder from Immortal Domain walked over. His age was great, even though he was nurtured every day by immortal energy and had taken all types of divine pills and wondrous medicines, one could still see that his blood energy was insufficient.

It was because there was only a layer of golden skin left around his entire body, wrapped around his bones. If one didn’t look carefully, one might even mistaken him for a skeleton.

“Black calamity, it has happened before. That time, it was extremely cruel, but it was ultimately quelled, a battle my mysterious ancestor had experienced. As for even further back, as for whether or not it has happened, I do not know. That is a secret classified at an even higher level.” The elder said.

Everyone stared blankly. This type of cruel disaster should have been carefully explained and passed down to later generations so they could be on guard, why did it end up becoming treated as a taboo level secret?

“I previously heard that this is something that touches upon the very foundation, for example, how did the other side appear, all of this might be related!” A commander said.

“Shut your mouth!” It was clear that this elder’s status was exceptional. He berated the commander, not letting him speak too much. There were some things that were classified as top level secrets that couldn’t be leaked out, there were naturally considerations and reasonings made by the higher levels.

The precious mirror was put away. The ancient artifact in the darkness disappeared, nothing visible any longer. One could only see that at the outer areas of the black sea, there were mountains and seas of creatures approaching.

This was a rapid rate of expansion. The region Immortal Domain set aside, after not much time had passed, was already eaten away, all of it becoming regions of darkness.

Newly evolved leaders and kings roared out within, glaring at the line of defense ahead.

Hong!

There was a creature who took action, a Nine-Headed Snake Dragon. Every single one of its heads was releasing black flames. It was massive, like a great peak, its offensive power astonishing.

“It was actually fast to this level, just how many days passed? However, the darkness beast kings already have such a powerful member!”

On the dragon vein side, everyone was shocked.

Killing the Nine-Headed Snake Dragon wasn't difficult, but these types of beast kings weren't few in number. There were many in every region, so how many of them were there within more than seven hundred provinces of darkness?

The most terrifying thing was this type of evolutionary speed!

Not much time had passed at all... it was only two weeks or so, yet they were already almost at the self release level. It really was horrifying, even shaking up one's soul.

Many people felt that this was absurd. Why did cultivators cultivate? It was to defy the heavens, undergoing all types of tribulations and bitterness before finally becoming strong.

Then what about these creatures of darkness? In just a short amount of time, they already accumulated more than ordinary cultivators did their entire lives!

Many people were unwilling, feeling a sense of defeat, even more so a bit discouraged.

“There is no need to feel discouraged. The reason why these creatures are strong is because they have continuously devoured each other. They look like a single creature, but they are actually a mass of a sea of beings.” Immortal Domain's commander said.

According to what he said, the creatures of a provinces might ultimately be devoured by a single creature, all of the vital energy merging together, becoming the most powerful being.

Meanwhile, there was danger behind this as well. From a certain perspective, it might mean that strength would be acquired from a single feast.

“Once they develop true consciousness, the ability to strengthen through devouring will disappear, they will become normal creatures.” Immortal Domain's elder said with a sigh.

However, this still made others sigh, shake in fear. This way of creating experts, just how terrifying was it?

“It can only create low level soldiers, the truly strong cannot be made unless there are some special bloodlines, or lucky evolutions.” Immortal Domain's elder added, having everyone calm down.

Shi Hao didn't approach this place, instead, he was in another province. He was exploring, staying far away from Immortal Domain's experts, because he knew that those people's senses were sharp.

Needless to say, there were definitely true immortals among them!

However, he could also learn some things he wanted to know through the news that were transmitted out.

Hou!

A world-shaking great roar sounded. In the darkness, there was a creature that rose in rank. This was an elder whose hair was disheveled, entire body covered in blood, body releasing golden light.

“Vajra Gate’s old sect master, he has continuously devoured beast kings and other creatures, becoming a cultivator at the peak of Self Release Realm. Is he going to defy the heavens?”

Many people were stunned.

They personally saw this scene. It was because that old sect master’s pupils shed cold tears, as if they were two silver-colored lamps, releasing a faint glow. His consciousness was becoming more and more clear.

“Something isn’t right, look, that mysterious chest flew over, stopping briefly over his head. Is this to grant him some type of benefit?” Someone cried out in alarm.

In the darkness, even the mist was scattered. The mysterious chest that released nine-colored brilliance flew over, rising and falling there, making Vajra Gate’s sect master tremble.

“Is this to create a leading figure, have him become a supreme being level servant as soon as possible?” Someone said with a frown.

Immortal Domain’s shriveled elder also revealed a serious expression. This type of chosen creature might produce a special bloodline, able to continue evolving, become a threat.

“Is this being operated by some true darkness creature behind the scenes? Or is it to say that this was the chest’s own choice?” He said quietly to himself.

Then, he gave Vajra Gate’s sect master a look, quietly ordering Immortal Domain’s cultivators, “Get rid of him!”

“It is rumored that unknown in which era it was, Shutuo unexpectedly appeared just like this. Was this how he rose in strength?” A commander near the elder said this quietly.

Those nearby vaguely heard this. They all widened their eyes in shock, making sure they didn’t hear wrong.

“What?!”

“There was actually this type of secret?!”

“Heavens, the source of the other side is related to these things? It was this complicated?” Those people were horrified, all of them feeling their scalps become a bit numb.

“This type of thing cannot be randomly spoken!” The elder scoffed. He looked around him, seeing that they were all Immortal Domain creatures, thus calming down a bit.

“Senior, we all know that this dark storm is but a corner of the real turmoil. As for how miserable it will be in the future, it has already been deduced by the great masters many years ago. Now, there are some things that, if they are blindly hidden, it will be unfair for us. We do not wish to be muddle-headed ghosts, even if we are to die, we wish to know clearly.” That leader said.

Nearby, those people's fine hairs stood on end, all of them shivering. What was the meaning of this? This commander great one was actually this pessimistic. This was definitely bad!

"It is due to fear of raising panic that some things must remain hidden!" Immortal Domain's elder said coldly.

"But we'll most likely be unable to return to Immortal Domain. We're already at this point, if things are continued to be hidden from us, I cannot accept it!" The great commander said.

"We can't go back?"

"Why? Could it be that we are all going to die here?"

The others were also stunned.

A layer of goosebumps covered all of their bodies, feeling like they were in great danger. Didn't they say that this battle wouldn't be too difficult? When they were leaving Immortal Domain, many people sent them off, smiles on their faces, saying they awaited their return.

"Perhaps you all do not know, but there were glorious great figures who fought with the creatures of darkness, yet in the end could not return to Immortal Domain." The great commander said, his eyes shining.

"Did they all... die?"

"No, there are some who are alive, to the extent where they are still healthy in this world. However, they do not have the qualifications to return to Immortal Domain anymore, only able to remain in this world." The great commander's voice was shaking.

"Why?" One person asked with difficulty, swallowing a gulp of saliva.

"They are all in the life restricted regions!" The commander replied.