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Chapter 561: Gorgeous Counterattack

The Five Elements Holy Island was gone.

The entire area collapsed, including the Verdant Palace, Purple Gold Sacred Mountain and Lake Heart Island. Everything had sunk into the lava lake.

In the end, even the lava lake sank and vanished.

But deep below the ground was a suspended Dao platform with multiple chains across it, emitting prohibition qi of the Great Dao.

A jade stone enveloped in chaos qi was standing on the dao platform. Within it was a floating figure, a tattered golden scripture, and a pill shaped like a horned dragon.

"I will remember you all. You all can't escape! How dare you snatch what belongs to me! When I come out, you all will have to die!" a shrill and furious voice rang from the jade stone.

Soon, the voice faded, and everything sank into silence. Darkness shrouded the entire area.

Imperceptibly, an old ape figure appeared in front of the dao platform, staring at the being in the jade stone that had once again fallen into a deep slumber.

"Fortunately, the sacred medicine left by the Master is still there..."

After a long moment, the old ape let out a sigh, thinking of the handsome young man and the octagonal nine-storey pagoda in his hand.

"Is it that pagoda? It still exists in this world..." he muttered.

Then, he transformed into a rain of light and disappeared into the darkness.

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In the vast desert, a figure darted like a bolt of lightning, vanishing from the world in a flash.

Before long, a group of murderous-looking figures blotted the sky as they sped past, trying to catch up to the figure.

Naturally, it was Lin Xun and the experts of the Dragon Whale Clan.

Boom!

Lin Xun came to an abrupt stop and brought out the Four Coiling Dragon Pillars, instantly trapping an expert of the Dragon Whale Clan into the illusion.

Very quickly, the Dragon Whale Clan expert with Heaven Ascension strength was killed and Lin Xun collapsed on his buttocks, gasping for breath.

His face was pale, and his brows were creased with fatigue. He had almost exhausted his physical strength.

However, he knew that he couldn't relax or let his guard down. He took out a bottle of medicinal pills, consumed them, and used his remaining strength to refine the medicinal effects. Hopefully, he could restore his strength as soon as possible.

The pursuit had already been going on for one day and one night.

Occasionally, Lin Xun would summon the Four Coiling Dragon Pillars to slaughter Dragon Whale Clan experts who had struck out alone. He was like a scheming hunter.

The Four Coiling Dragon Pillars had magical effects—They could transform into an illusion isolated from the outside world, and, once trapped inside, even a Life Death Stage King wouldn't be able to break out for some time.

The mysterious treasure had helped Lin Xun slaughter several Dragon Whale Clan experts along the way, including veteran Heaven Ascension Stage experts!

However, he also suffered a lot. The consecutive battles consumed a lot of his strength and put a lot of strain on his body. Not only that, he had sustained several injuries and hadn't had the time to tend to them.

Moreover, although the Four Coiling Dragon Pillar was magical, its power would gradually weaken. When that happened, enemies would be able to break out of the illusion.

Worst of all, enemies would use the opportunity to set up an ambush for when Lin Xun walked out of the Four Coiling Dragon Pillars. At that time, he would have to face attacks from all sides.

Almost all the injuries that Lin Xun had sustained along the way had come from such situations.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

After a moment, Lin Xun awoke from meditation, and he instantly knew that the enemies had surrounded the Four Coiling Dragon Pillars once again.

"This is too much!"

He gnashed his teeth. If he was at his peak condition, he wouldn't need to fear anyone and could crush all enemies.

However, injuries had accumulated, and his physical strength had been exhausted. It wouldn't be wise for him to fight head-on. Otherwise, he would be in danger of being killed.

"When I get out, I must find a place to break through to the next cultivation level. As long as I advance to the Heaven Ascension Stage, I wouldn't need to be afraid of Lin Lang or Yu Xiaosheng!" He got up, drew a deep breath and took out Broken Blade, his expression resuming its usual calmness.

Once he was prepared to fight, nothing in the world could distract him. That was the fighting spirit he developed in Blood Kill Camp.

As he stepped out of the illusion, he turned his hand over, and a bright red lantern-shaped fruit appeared in his hand, shining like the sun. It was spewing out mist-like essence and emitting a tantalizing aroma.

A fruit of the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng!

Lin Xun swallowed it without any hesitation.

He was always worried about wasting such a divine medicinal fruit by using it in unnecessary circumstances. But now, his entire body was in an extremely bad state. He would suffer a fatal accident if he encountered any more enemies along the way.

He couldn't care about wasting precious medicine anymore. He decided to consume it and put an end to everything in one battle!

Boom!

The second the glistening fruit touched Lin Xun's lips, he felt as though a scorching sun was releasing tremendous medicinal power and replenishing his strength and healing his body at an unbelievable speed.

It was powerful and pure, but not violent. It was strong enough to make Lin Xun groan in satisfaction.

His injuries healed instantaneously like a miracle.

"A drop of liquid of the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng is said to be able to restore a dying person to their peak condition. It indeed deserves its name and reputation."

Lin Xun inhaled deeply, appreciating the tremendous power that was pulsing in his body like a volcano. It was an unprecedented power that he had never felt!

Swoosh!

Without any hesitation, he withdrew the Four Coiling Dragon Pillars, wielded Broken Blade and charged out.

"He came out!"

"Kill him! We can't let him escape again!"

"That little bastard still isn't dead?"

Furious roars broke out as soon as Lin Xun appeared. A group of Dragon Whale Clan experts had long surrounded the area with blazing murderous intent lingering around them like malicious spirits.

They immediately launched into action when they saw Lin Xun appear!

Rumble!

All kinds of weapons erupted with brilliant light as they poured down like a tide. The tremendous accumulation of power seemed capable of obliterating the area.

Unquestionably, many other cultivators would be slaughtered on the spot without being able to react to the devastating attacks coming from all directions!

Fortunately, Lin Xun came prepared.

"Go!" he thundered.

Starry brilliance swept out from Broken Blade as it slashed through the air. It was Moon Catch. A pure, sacred moon rose from the battlefield, illuminating the mountains and rivers with its splendid light!

Rumble—

The moon instantly broke through the waves of attacks like they were pieces of paper, turned them into showers of light, and sent them scattering in all directions.

Unable to dodge in time, some Dragon Whale Clan experts almost lost their lives from the impact. They could only scream in agony and cough up blood.

One strike destroyed everything!

Screams of anger and wails of pain rang endlessly in the area. They couldn't believe that the severely wounded and dying teenager would unleash such terrifying powers all of a sudden.

Lin Xun's dark hair was bunched causally behind his head and his face was peaceful and calm, but his eyes were flashing like lightning and a superior air surrounded him.

Broken Blade emitted a clear cry in his hand like a dragon's roar, making Lin Xun look more majestic and imposing. He was like a young genius cultivator!

"Why...why has his aura changed? He has become much stronger than before!" someone exclaimed in panic, face blanching.

Color also drained from the faces of other experts.

"Who cares! Let's attack him together!" someone thundered.

Pu!

But before his voice died away, Lin Xun emerged in front of him like a ghost and brought his blade up in a slash with lightning speed. In a flash, a head dripping with blood tumbled to the ground!

"I have no grudge against you, but you all hunted me down all the way here. You have gone too far, and I have to pay you back by sending you on your way!" Lin Xun's voice was indifferent but thick with murderous intent.

The overwhelming killing intent caused the air to whimper and induced shivers all over the Dragon Whale Clan experts' bodies. He has indeed become stronger!

"Kill!"

Simultaneously, they launched into action and dared not to disregard their situation.

The pursuit had already exhausted them so they would have given up if Lin Xun hadn't been severely wounded and on the verge of death.

However, it never crossed their minds that Lin Xun would recover so quickly and grow so much stronger!

They realized their situation was bad.

Boom!

That side of the world plunged into chaos—earthshaking explosions rang in rapid succession, beams of light wreaked havoc upon the world as they swept through, and the area within a radius of tens of miles was turned into a wasteland.

Lin Xun's figure moved unhindered across the void and Broken Blade glowed with a starlight brilliance and heaven-defying might in his hand as it slashed in all directions.

The Dragon Whale Clan experts fell one after another, screaming in misery, roaring in anger and wailing in terror.

The bloody and ghastly scene dyed the desert bright red.

What was power?

Lin Xun vividly displayed the meaning of power. As he swung Broken Blade, his figure flickered across the battlefield like an invincible warrior!

He had accumulated a lot of anger and hatred in his heart after being chased for so long. Now that his strength had recovered, he wouldn't hold back.

"Run!"

It didn't take long for the remaining Dragon Whale Clan experts to break down from the terrifying pressure and flee for their lives.

But how would Lin Xun let them leave? He swiftly caught up to them using the Hornless Ice Dragon Step and continued the slaughter.

Pu!

As soon as a cultivator was about to run for their lives, a blast of blade qi split them into two halves and splattered blood everywhere.

Boom!

On the other side, a woman cloaked in a divine glow was moving stealthily, but in the blink of an eye, the light around crumbled apart and her body collapsed to the ground!

"Quick! Quickly go and find the Saint!"

The Dragon Whale Clan experts felt so helpless and terrified as if they were lost dogs being hunted by Lin Xun.

As for Lin Xun, he followed behind them at an unhurried pace. He was now wielding the No-Nonsense Bow rather than Broken Blade.

The body of the bow, which seemed to be formed from the bones of the dead, emanated a fierce and malevolent air. As Lin Xun applied a little strength to it, the blood-red bowstring was drawn tight and emitted a blood-thirsty buzz.

Shua!

An arrow of nothingness fired across the air, silently piercing the head of a Dragon Whale Clan expert thousands of feet away and bringing up a chilling fountain of blood.

Without even glancing at the victim, Lin Xun once again drew the bow, resembling a killing god from hell tasked with the mission to harvest all lives along the way!

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Chapter 562: Golden-Winged Dapeng and Great Snake

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Invisible arrows were fired out like streams of light shuttling through space. There was no color and no fluctuation. It was silent, mysterious and terrifying.

The Dragon Whale Clan experts were shot to death one after another. Some were pierced to death before they realized what happened.

This was because the arrows were too mysterious and silent, making it impossible to capture with the naked eye. They were like invisible assassins appearing out of nowhere to take away unguarded people's lives.

As Lin Xun clasped the bow, his vision became completely clear. He felt as though he could pry into the secrets of the nine heavens and ten lands while maintaining a state of absolute calmness like he was devoid of emotions.

That was the No-Nonsense Bow.

Lin Xun had obtained it from an assassin called Remnant Wind in Haze City.

The bow was originally sealed in a gray eye, but Lin Xun discovered it by chance and took control of it.

It contained obscure and frightening powers, capable of disturbing a cultivator's mind and will. Lin Xun wouldn't have been able to contend against such powers if not for the Little Divine Meditation Art.

Anyone who tried to get close to the bow would sink into a dream-like state. It was as though they had come to a barren gray plain with only a bow suspended under the sky, releasing an icy aura.

Lin Xun still vividly remembered the spectacle he had witnessed back then. The sky was collapsing while an ancient dragon turtle as tremendous as a mountain emerged in the air, shaking the sky and crumbling mountains with its mighty roars.

However, as soon as the invisible bow took shape, the ancient dragon turtle was shot dead and stained the world a ghastly red!

The silent, bizarre and domineering scene produced no resounding noises, but had a chilling deterrent power!

At the time, Lin Xun learnt that the bow was called the No-Nonsense Bow—a mysterious name.

Now, he was hunting down Dragon Whale Clan experts with the bow and killing them with precise accuracy.

The weapon was silent and terrifying.

However, it consumed too much power. Otherwise, Lin Xun would have taken it out at every battle and wouldn't need to use it with moderation.

It was different now. He had just consumed a fruit of the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng. He was in his peak state with tremendous power pulsing endlessly around his body.

Lin Xun also found it immensely enjoyable. Of course, that was only a split second of thought. He had sunk into a state of absolute calmness, and his emotions didn't ripple in the slightest.

Soon, under the strong pursuit of Lin Xun, only a few Dragon Whale Clan experts remained. But all of them were trembling with despair and helplessness as though the shadow of death was looming over them.

How would they have thought that a mere human boy who they had almost killed could strike back with such a strong counterattack?

Thud!

Another Dragon Whale Clan expert collapsed to the ground with a bloody hole in his throat and eyes popping out. He died a violent death.

Huh?

But just as Lin Xun was about to continue the massacre and get rid of the remaining enemies, his eyes narrowed and he snapped out of the state of absolute calmness.

He sensed a kind of extreme danger. The dangerous aura was as sharp as a blade. It made his hair stand on its end, his scalp numb and his blood run cold.

It was too unusual!

Without any hesitation, Lin Xun turned around and bolted at full speed. He even mobilized his ultimate strength!

Even so, a dangerous aura still lingered behind him. It was as though a pair of chilling eyes were secretly watching him.

Run!

He gritted his teeth and fled with the help of the Hornless Ice Dragon Step.

"Huh? That guy...suddenly left?"

Lin Xun's sudden departure left the remaining Dragon Whale Clan experts puzzled. The little demon who killed without batting an eyelid had left without a reason.

They felt a huge weight lifting off of them as they had just survived the catastrophe. But at the same time, they couldn't help but wonder why the boy would leave like that. It seemed too unreal.

Suddenly, the world dimmed as a shadow blotted out the sky.

They froze to the spot, their eyes widening.

A snake!

However, the snake looked too terrifying. Its head was as huge as a mountain, its blood-colored eyes were like a lake, and its body was as winding as a mountain range.

What kind of snake was that?

The Dragon Whale Clan experts stiffened, and their hearts almost jumped out of their chests while their souls briefly left their bodies. The giant monster had made them feel like jelly and they almost collapsed after getting hit with its aura alone.

A gust of foul-smelling wind suddenly swept the area like a raging storm, engulfing all remaining Dragon Whale Clan experts.

It turned out that the disaster-like storm was just the giant snake's normal breath!

All remaining Dragon Whale Clan experts were sucked into the snake's mouth with no chance of surviving.

In a faraway place, Lin Xun inadvertently looked back, only to see a giant snake coiling between heaven and earth. Its body was covered with azure scales, producing an icy sheen. Its head was as huge as a mountain, and its eyes resembled blood-red lakes. It was impossible to judge how big it was!

Si!

Lin Xun inhaled sharply, trembling with shock. He realized that the dangerous aura had come from the giant snake.

He was certain that even if he hesitated the slightest, he would have failed to escape

While Lin Xun was still in a state of shock, a clear and resounding cry resounded throughout the nine heavens and ten lands, whipping up a storm of sand and dust in the desert.

However...

He was astonished to see a fierce bird beast beating its cloud-like golden wings in the sky. They were so bright and dazzling that they appeared to be cast from gold.

It was a giant golden-winged dapeng!

Legend had it that it was one of the savage overlords of ancient times. The dapeng rocked the nine heavens, fed on dragons and snakes, and had once killed true gods!

As it swooped down, it spread out its glistening golden wings and slashed at the giant snake.

The two ferocious creatures fought in the sky like ancient overlords!

Lin Xun watched on, aghast and terrified.

Then, he suddenly turned and bolted. He dared not stay any longer.

He finally truly understood the terror and danger of the Deva Secret Realm. He could lose his life with the slightest carelessness.

That was the so-called coexistence of opportunity and disaster. It wasn't as simple to win an opportunity. Anyone would first have to bear the risk of losing their lives!

In truth, the Deva Secret Realm was a place full of danger, and anyone able to remain standing in such a place had to be extremely powerful.

The golden-winged dapeng and the great snake were a perfect example. In terms of strength, they were superior to Life Death Stage Kings.

Even the most powerful figures of a great clan would avoid direct confrontation with such terrifying beasts.

Everyone who entered the Deva Secret Realm was only at the Heaven Ascension Stage, so they would no doubt die if they were unlucky enough to run into such creatures!

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Outside the Return Dominion.

"What? The human boy stormed into the palace and destroyed the mysterious scripture that Lin Lang was about to take possession of?" The patriarch of the Blood Lion Clan flew into a rage.

The Blood Lion Clan experts never thought they would hear such bad news.

The other influential figures in the vicinity couldn't sit still.

Inside the palace were quaint dao altars, mysterious jade stones and golden scriptures.

They were all great blessings!

It was no wonder that the patriarch of the Blood Lion Clan was so furious and lost control of his anger.

"Haha, I must congratulate your Dragon Whale Clan. If no accidents happen, your clan will win the blessing," someone sneered.

Immediately, everyone's expression turned strange. They all knew that, regardless of whether the blessing fell into the hands of the human boy or Saintess Lin Lang, they were only doing the work for the Dragon Whale Clan because there was a group of Dragon Whale Clan experts lying in ambush on the periphery of the Five Elements Holy Island.

With that thought, the Blood Lion Clan patriarch's face darkened, and he hated the fact he couldn't rush in to kill the human boy!

If it wasn't for him, how would so many unexpected things have happened!?

On the Dragon Whale Clan's side, Granny Sky Kill smiled as she listened. She knew that the blessing was destined to fall upon their Dragon Whale Clan.

However, to everyone's surprise, the Life Soul Altar on the Dragon Whale Clan's side suddenly vibrated before the figures of several Dragon Whale Clan experts appeared.

“Patriarch, it’s not good! The Five Elements Holy Island is sinking and on the verge of being destroyed. Even...even the opportunity is gone!” a Dragon Whale Clan expert said through gritted teeth.

Uproar broke out.

Another accident had happened!

“What happened?” Granny Sky Kill asked, frowning. The smile immediately faded from her face.

“It’s that human boy! He and Lin Lang joined forces and destroyed our ambush!”

The Dragon Whale Clan experts were both furious and frustrated to see such a huge opportunity slip away from their hands.

“Human boy!”

Granny Sky Kill’s eyes flashed murderous intent.

The nearby figures’ expressions turned strange. Why is it that boy again?

The Blood Lion Clan experts seemed to have suffered great casualties, and only Saintess Lin Lang was still standing. But it would be all worth it if they won the blessing in the end.

On the contrary, the Dragon Whale Clan experts who had been waiting patiently had unluckily failed and wouldn’t get what they wanted.

Buzz—

The Life Soul Altar vibrated again. Before long, experts of the Dragon Whale Clan were transported back one after another. Every one of them was gnashing their teeth and screaming in anger.

Only then did everyone know that the human boy had been slaughtering Dragon Whale Clan experts to the point that they couldn’t do anything to him.

The atmosphere changed. All the powerful figures couldn’t imagine what kind of young man Lin Xun was. He had repeatedly ruined their plans, but they couldn’t do anything to him. It was too strange!

Granny Sky Kill’s face was dark and unpleasant, looking as furious as the patriarch of the Blood Lion Clan!

“Say, did the human boy also take a part of the blessing on Five Elements Holy Island?” someone suddenly asked.

One sentence made Granny Sky Kill and the patriarch of the Blood Lion Clan even more enraged, and they even ignited their killing intent!

The great blessing that they had already regarded to be in their pockets had fallen into the hands of a human race boy. Not only that, they had lost many clansmen. How would they not be infuriated?

The news surprised everyone in the Return Dominion and caused an uproar.

They became more and more curious as to who the human boy was.

He not only possessed heaven-defying combat strength, but was also terrifyingly fearless. He had slaughtered almost all the descendants of the Dragon Whale Clan and Blood Lion Clan who had entered the secret realm!

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Chapter 563: Momentary Recovery Before Death for the Old Toad

Thousands of miles away, Lin Xun paused for a break, staying on the alert.

Along the way, he had encountered several dangers, including a five-colored poisonous scorpion lying dormant in the desert's depths.

It was several feet long with a body seemingly cast from bronze and a hook-like tail. Its aura alone was frightening.

Fortunately, it was in deep slumber, allowing Lin Xun the chance to quickly avoid the area without any danger.

Lin Xun stopped and gazed into the distance. He was already on the edge of the desert. Ahead were dramatic mountain ranges and rolling hills stretching endlessly into the distance and towering into the sky.

Suddenly, he narrowed his eyes. Many figures were coming his way.

"Little brother, did you return from the depths of the desert? Did you see any shocking changes there?" asked a middle-aged man as he stepped forward.

But before the other party neared, Lin Xun brought out the No-Nonsense Bow in a flash and fired an arrow. With a swoosh, a hole was pierced into the middle-aged man's chest, sending blood jetting everywhere like a waterfall.

The man's eyes widened, seemingly a little surprised and a little furious as he lay in the pool of blood.

"Bastard! We were just asking for directions, how dare you kill?" the rest of the cultivators thundered with murderous intent, infuriated by Lin Xun's action.

"If you want to kill me, just say it out loud. Why cover it up?" Lin Xun said with a smile, but his hands continued to move.

The No-Nonsense Bow quivered as a rain of arrows silently shot in all directions.

"How dare you?!"

"Let's attack together!"

How would the other cultivators sit still and do nothing?

However, they had underestimated the terror of the No-Nonsense Bow. Within seconds, Lin Xun slaughtered several people.

They finally realized that their situation was bad and panic set in. They switched to threatening Lin Xun instead.

“Little bastard, who are you? How dare you attack our Flying Spirit Clan?”

“How dare you?! Do you know what you’re doing?”

“When the saint of our clan comes, you will die a tragic death!”

Swoosh!

Lin Xun’s expression remained calm as ever as though he couldn’t hear their threats. He didn’t want to waste any more time with them. He took the opportunity to speed into the mountains using the Hornless Ice Dragon Step.

Although furious and unwilling to accept defeat, they didn’t have the guts to chase after the youth.

Lin Xun snorted in his heart. He had already noticed that something was wrong when the middle-aged man asked him a question and the rest of the members of the Flying Spirit Clan quietly leaned forward. There was no doubt that they wanted to surround him.

Most importantly, Lin Xun sensed the presence of other experts hiding in the vicinity of the area who were secretly watching him.

Therefore, he attacked without any hesitation.

The Deva Secret Realm was dangerous, but the experts of the various clans who had entered the secret realm were even more dangerous!

They would do anything for opportunities and blessings.

“I should make good use of the time to raise my cultivation level...”

A hint of worry rose in Lin Xun’s heart. His previous experiences made him deeply aware of his dangerous situation, so he felt a sense of urgency.

Witnessing Lin Xun’s departure, the cultivators watching in the dark were taken aback for a second. But they didn’t give chase. They now knew how terrifying the human race boy was after watching him heartlessly slaughter the Flying Spirit Clan experts!

Soon, Lin Xun disappeared into the mountains.

“Why does this area attract so many cultivators?” Lin Xun was puzzled. Along the way, he had sensed the auras of many different cultivators venturing deep into the desert.

It wasn’t until half an hour later that he found out the reason when he eavesdropped on the conversation among a group of weaker cultivators.

It turned out that everything was related to the destruction of the Five Elements Holy Island!

It shook the world, and terrifying visions appeared across the sky, attracting the attention of everyone. Many people believed that world-changing opportunities would emerge there.

Lin Xun’s expression turned strange when he learned about the reason. There were indeed opportunities and blessings there, but they had long disappeared with the sinking of the Five Elements Holy Island. He knew that he would gain nothing even if he had gone there.

“Haha, the desert is full of dangers. There are golden-winged Dapengs, giant snakes and terrifying five-colored poisonous scorpions. I hope you all can come back alive...” Lin Xun shook his head.

“Have you heard that the Herculean Demon Bull Clan, Spirit Treasure Holy Land and other tyrannical clans are eyeing the same place?” A cultivator’s words caught Lin Xun’s attention just as he was about to leave.

“I heard that the place is the dao altar of a legendary Deva and houses a supreme inheritance that has never been seen in the world.”

“Not everyone can get their hands into a place like that. From what I know, many cultivators of different clans have already given up and won’t get involved.”

An altar of a Deva?

Lin Xun exclaimed inwardly, casting his mind back to the diagram that Elder Gao Yang had given Zhao Jingxuan and the others. Could the diagram be connected to the dao altar of the deva?

If that was the case, it would be too amazing. It could make any cultivator go crazy! Even the top authority figures in the outside world would also take action.

Those cultivators continued to discuss and speculate, but there was no further valuable information that Lin Xun could glean from them, so he quickly left the area.

“I should train and quickly improve my strength!”

He headed into the depths of the mountain, searching for a place that was suitable and safe for closed-door cultivation.

Along the way, he was pleasantly surprised to discover many rare medicinal herbs, elixirs and special rune materials.

“Six-legged purple cicada, silver horned worms...” His eyes lit up. They were all rare treasures that were almost extinct in the Ziyao Empire.

Additionally, he discovered many rare minerals, such as cinnabar blood, treasure light stones and floating sun copper.

“Taiyi Treasure Vine!” Lin Xun’s eyes almost popped out when he noticed a vine glistening like pure water.

The vine was only seven inches in length and around the thickness of a thumb, and the surface was marked with wave-like veins. Taiyi Treasure Vines grew in the crevices of rocks and had an ordinary appearance so they weren’t particularly noticeable.

However, those with good eyes would know that they were rare treasures!

The vine contained Taiyi real water, which was not only useful in refining medicine and pills, but also played an important role in refining peerless treasures and weapons. In addition, they had an incredible magical effect on understanding and controlling water imago power!

Lin Xun was worried as to how he could improve and control the trace of water imago power that he had grasped, but the Taiyi Treasure Vine had given him great confidence.

He harvested the Taiyi Treasure Vine and hastened on his journey.

A few days later, he found a peaceful and quiet mountain range, opened up a cave-dwelling, set up rune formations, and went into closed-door cultivation.

Lin Xun had long planned to go into closed-door cultivation and tackle the Heaven Ascension Stage. Unfortunately, he had been distracted by all sorts of matters, so he had to delay his plan until now.

Now, after learning the terror of the Deva Secret Realm and the danger of his situation, he finally made his mind up to start tackling the next cultivation realm.

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Lin Xun opened up a cave isolated from the world on the mountainside.

He sat cross-legged on the ground and took out the Nameless Pagoda.

“Toady, are you okay?”

Lin Xun looked into the first floor of the pagoda and saw Jin Dui sitting there cross-legged, hair disheveled and body stained with blood.

Jin Dui had been severely injured in his battle with Saintess Lin Lang for the golden scriptures, so Lin Xun had been very worried.

Although the three-legged toad guy was cunning, despicable, arrogant, and a showoff, he had helped Lin Xun massively, so Lin Xun couldn’t help but feel bad to see him in such a state.

“I am...I am fine...”

When Jin Dui opened his eyes, his face was deathly pale and his brilliantly golden eyes were dull and lifeless.

Lin Xun felt more bad. “Toady, I’m sorry. I will let you go when you’ve recovered.”

Jin Dui sighed, his voice weak, “If you want to compensate me, then why don’t you give me the stem of the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng? Perhaps it is the only thing that can repair my severely damaged cultivation...”

He suddenly coughed violently like he was on his last breath.

“About that...”

Lin Xun stuttered.

Logically speaking, he wouldn’t mind giving Toady the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng after he had helped him with such a big favor,

But when he heard Toady directly ask him for it, he felt that something was wrong.

Seeing Lin Xun's hesitation, Jin Dui seemed a little anxious. He coughed even louder and more violently while uttering weakly, "Ahh, if I can't get the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng, I guess the Qilin grass will do...I...I..."

He coughed up a mouthful of blood and tottered from side to side, looking increasingly weaker.

Lin Xun grew more and more suspicious. "Toady, why don't I give you both precious medicines? I don't mind as long as you can recover."

"Really?" Jin Dui's eyes lit up, but he quickly declined, "No—No need, just the ginseng is enough. Um, of course, if I also have the Qilin grass, I can recover to my top state..."

He coughed again, "Of course, I also know that I am asking for a lot..."

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A ray of Wonder Gold Dao Light struck down like a whip, lashing his body. Jin Dui screamed and leapt three feet into the air, baring his teeth and claws.

"Damn you, what are you doing?! Do you not see that I am dying?" he roared.

"Oh, you're almost dead yet you still have the strength to jump up and scold me?" Lin Xun smiled coldly.

"I..."

Jin Dui's expression stiffened, and he immediately collapsed to the ground with a thud, twitching. "It's over, I'm going to die, that must have been my last burst of energy before my death..." he muttered, blood dripping down the sides of his mouth.

"Last burst of energy?"

As Lin Xun muttered, another ray of wonder golden dao light descended, flickering in front of Jin Dui. "How about I try it again?"

Jin Dui looked at the ray of wonder gold dao light inches away, and his expression changed dramatically. His body no longer twitched, and he stopped coughing up blood.

"Damn it, it's so hard to get some benefits from you...you are such a cunning guy..." he murmured pitifully.

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Smiling coldly, Lin Xun withdrew the wonder-gold dao light.

Toady had given up on pretending. When he got up from the ground, his face was rosy, and his golden eyes were shining brightly. He radiated a unique arrogance and haughtiness and didn't seem wounded at all.

Lin Xun couldn't help but marvel inwardly. This toad's life force is too amazing. He had been struck by lightning, but he is still alive and jumping after just a few days as though nothing had happened.

"I have helped you a lot this time, so I should have a share of your spoils. You better not keep them all to yourself," Jin Duyi said righteously.

Lin Xun was left speechless. This toad has such a strong personality. He not only pretended to be dead to get what he wanted but he also shamelessly asked for it when that attempt failed!

Lin Xun bluntly refused his unreasonable request, which made him yell and curse out loud. Even so, Lin Xun stood his ground.

"Toady, how is the investigation into the incomplete golden scripture?" Lin Xun suddenly changed the subject.

As expected, Jin Duyi's attention was diverted and a ball of golden light spewed out of his mouth, taking the shape of a golden dao scripture.

Jin Duyi exclaimed in excitement, "This is no doubt a dao scripture written by a saint!"

Lin Xun's face lit up.

The damaged dao scripture originated from the Five Elements Holy Island. It was originally intact, but had been torn into three parts in the battle.

The other two parts had fallen into the hands of the mysterious being in the jade stone and Saintess Lin Lang.

Lin Xun had also previously studied the scripture and found that it was very unusual. He couldn't identify the materials it was made from, but it was golden and heavy and emanated a unique sacred aura.

Unfortunately, he couldn't open up the incomplete scripture, and the writing on the pages had disappeared.

In desperation, he had no choice but to ask Jin Duyi for help. He was a three-legged golden toad who claimed that he could identify all things in the world and that he was familiar with all sorts of rare treasures.

"It's a pity that the scripture is incomplete and can't show the writings of the saint. What a pity..." the toad sighed.

The anticipation and excitement in Lin Xun's heart extinguished as if a bucket of cold water had been poured over him.

"It can't show the writings?" Lin Xun was unwilling to accept the truth.

"Do you think that I don't want to see the secrets of this dao scripture with my own eyes? This is written by a saint and must involve the secret of the great dao! But the scripture is left by a saint. It is impossible to pry into its secret without the other two parts to complete it."

Understanding dawned on Lin Xun. If he wanted to comprehend the mystery of the saint scripture, he had to obtain the other two parts first.

Saintess Lin Lang and the mysterious being in the jade stone were no ordinary beings. Imaginably, it would be difficult to steal the dao scriptures from their hands. Lin Xun felt a headache coming on.

If he guessed correctly, the mysterious being in the jade stone must be the little young master that the old ape spoke of!

The entire Five Elements Holy Island was originally a training place specially prepared for the little young master by the old ape's master.

That indicated that the little young master had an extraordinary background and was very likely the descendant of a saint!

Fortunately, the little young master hadn't been born yet, so Lin Xun didn't have to worry about any troubles for the time being.

"Ahh...worked so hard for nothing," Lin Xun sighed.

"I'm going to be blunt with you, even if you were to obtain the complete form of the dao scripture now, you will not be able to comprehend it because it is a treasure left by a saint and it involves the secrets of the saint path. Do you think someone at the Heaven Ascension Stage would be able to comprehend it?" Jin Duyi's words were full of mockery.

Lin Xun paid no attention to him and carefully stored away the incomplete saint dao scripture.

He believed that both Saintess Lin Lang and the little young master would come to find him for the secrets of the scripture in the future.

That was also an opportunity for him. Perhaps, if he seized it, he could complete the saint dao scripture!

Of course, that was a matter of the future. No one knew when the little young master would be born or where Lin Xun would be when he was born.

He should first think about how he could take the part of the dao scripture that was in Saintess Lin Lang's hand in the Deva Secret Realm.

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Lin Xun had a good harvest on the Five Elements Holy Island after slaughtering experts from the Blood Lion Clan and the Dragon Whale Clan.

Not only did he obtain two treasures, the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng and the Qilin Grass, which were identified as king-level elixirs by Jin Duyi, but he also had gotten his hands on a part of a saint dao scripture.

In addition, he found over thirty kinds of rare medicinal herbs.

Most were looted from the Blood Lion Clan and Dragon Whale Clan, and he had only collected a small portion himself.

Additionally, there were weapons, pills, ores and other miscellaneous items.

However, most of the items were of little value to Lin Xun. Of course, they could still fetch a sky-high price in the Ziyao Empire.

He did keep some rare ores and rune materials that could be used in crafting rune armaments and were of high value.

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Lin Xun was preparing to go into closed-door cultivation.

Sitting cross-legged in the cave-dwelling, he silently recited the Chaotic Void Dao Scripture, producing waves of Buddhist-like chantings, which had a mysterious and beneficial effect on cultivation.

At the same time, a bead of water floated over the center of his brows.

The water droplet was transparent and overflowing with a dreamy glow. Its shimmery rays seemed to contain a vast and boundless power.

It was the Taiyi real water, extracted from the Taiyi Treasure Vine. Even if it was only a drop of water, it was priceless and had an incredibly magical effect on understanding water imago power.

Before the breakthrough, Lin Xun had to perfectly control the water imago power that he had grasped!

He came to understand that he was only able to grasp the wisp of water imago power at the Spirit Sea Stage not because of his strong comprehension ability but because the Heavenly Water Sacred Bead had tempered his physique and incorporated its essence into his body. His constitution was naturally close to the great dao of water. Moreover, he had undergone training on Sky Stairs Mountain. All of those contributed to the fact that he was able to miraculously comprehend a wisp of water imago power.

Otherwise, no matter how great his comprehension ability was, it would be impossible for him to master water imago power at the Spirit Sea Stage.

After all, in terms of comprehension ability, there had to be some amazing geniuses better than him in the past.

However, none of them had achieved what Lin Xun had done. This proved that the miracle that happened to Lin Xun wasn't related to comprehension ability!

Lin Xun assumed a serious look and became as motionless as a clay statue. There was a detached indifference on his face.

He fell into a state of deep comprehension, his heart was full of the wonderful truth of the water imago power.

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While Lin Xun was into closed-door cultivation, conflicts constantly broke out in the Deva Secret Realm.

Everyone fought for opportunities and blessings!

Almost all of the people who entered the Deva Secret Realm were the most powerful cultivators of the major clans in Spirit Burial Sea.

Battles and bloodshed were inevitable.

Although many opportunities were concealed in the Deva Secret Realm, there was still a limited amount and so the competitions were incredibly fierce.

In less than three days, many clans had been slaughtered and eliminated!

Not only did they fail to obtain any opportunities, but they also suffered heavy casualties. That was the heavy price they had to pay for competing.

Those who managed to survive and remain standing were all extremely tyrannical clans, such as the Herculean Demon Bull Clan, the Golden Luan Clan, Cloud Hou Clan and the Mysterious Ao Clan.

Earth-shaking roars rang outside Return Dominion, "What, my Flying Spirit Clan has been wiped out? Who? Which clan did it?"

It was the patriarch of the Flying Spirit Clan. He was so furious that his hair was standing up, and his eyes almost popped out of their sockets.

The other powerful figures wore different expressions. Some were sighing, some were sympathetic, and some were gloating.

Many similar incidents had happened in the past few days. Besides the Flying Spirit Clan, other clans who entered the Deva Secret Realm were almost all eliminated.

Only the core disciples equipped with the Life Soul Bone Talisman were able to escape. Without that, the consequences would have been disastrous.

Some cultivators brought back some shocking news to the others after they were eliminated. Almost all of these were related to the opportunities and blessings.

For example, cultivators of the Herculean Bull Demon Clan fought under the lead of Saint Niu Tuntian and obtained a jade ruyi from a valley shrouded in violet qi.

In that battle alone, no fewer than one hundred experts had died at the hands of Niu Tuntian!

He rose to fame after that and many people's faces paled at the mention of his name.

In addition, Saintess Meng Lianqing of the Golden Luan Clan single-handedly defeated Saints of three different clans and obtained an ancient medicinal cauldron from the ruins of an underground cave.

Both Niu Tuntian and Meng Lianqing had become well-known terrifying figures. Even the influential figures outside the Return Dominion dared not disregard them.

Saint Kong Xiu of the Cloud Hou Clan, Saint Xuan Luozi of the Mysterious Ao Clan and Su Xingfeng, a successor of Spirit Treasure Holy Land, also received a lot of attention.

These days, they had made a name for themselves from battling in the Deva Secret Realm.

Of course, some more terrifying people liked to keep a low profile.

At least, Elder Gao Yang knew that, among the disciples of Spirit Treasure Holy Land, Xiao Ran wasn't inferior to Su Xingfeng in terms of strength!

The influential figures outside Return Dominion only found it strange that the human race boy, who shone through with his extraordinary talents on the first day of entering the Deva Secret Realm, hadn't been mentioned. There wasn't any news about him.

Many people couldn't help but wonder whether the kid had committed too many sins that someone had secretly eliminated him...

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Chapter 565: The Great Dao of Heaven and Earth, and the Tribulation of Heaven Ascension

Seven days later.

When Lin Xun woke up from meditation, he noticed the drop of Taiyi real water vibrating in the center of his brows as it floated, turning into specks of light and integrating with his mind-sea.

Buzz!

At the same time, he stretched out his right hand, and his fair and slender finger made a gentle tapping motion in the air. A wisp of shimmering water fluttered up into the air, rippling with dao energy.

With one thought, the shimmering water changed again, turning into a round and plump water droplet and falling from the air.

Sometimes it turned into a drizzle, streaming down gracefully.

Sometimes it turned into a waterfall, pouring down rapidly.

Later, it turned into a river, lake, cloud and other forms of water, all filled with Dao energy and indescribable mystery.

In the end, the drop of water stretched out and transformed into a sword with a dreamy shimmering water surface.

Lin Xun quietly studied it, his expression detached and without a ripple of emotion.

After a long moment, the water sword changed again, gradually taking the shape of a lark. But just as it was about to complete its transformation, it exploded into a mist.

Lin Xun couldn't help but mutter to himself, "As I thought, it is difficult to condense true spiritual intelligence in this stage, and it is impossible to form true spiritual beings..."

The great dao generated all things between heaven and earth.

Every Dao was imprinted with the wonderful profound truth of heaven and earth, and cultivators who were able to comprehend the Dao could seek a path to longevity!

The Heaven Ascension Stage pried into the mystery of heaven, a name for the great dao.

In other words, a cultivator who reached the Heaven Ascension Stage could truly pry into and comprehend the mysteries of the Great Dao. This cultivation stage was also known as the true starting point of the path to cultivating the Dao!

However, Lin Xun was a special case. He hadn't yet set foot into the Heaven Ascension Stage, but he had already grasped and controlled the mystery of the great dao of water!

Undoubtedly he was a miracle. At least, it was unheard of in the past.

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Lin Xun had already understood that the Great Dao between heaven and earth was endless and infinite, and included the five elements, yin and yang, wind and thunder, light and darkness and so on.

However, every kind of Great Dao had its own mystery, so there was no one aspect that was better or worse than the others.

It only displayed different powers based on a cultivator's control of the power of the Great Dao.

The world's understanding of the Great Dao was based on an extremely strict standard and divided into three distinct stages: Dao Ripple, Dao Meaning and Dao Seed.

Dao Ripple was the initial stage of cultivators grasping a certain Great Dao power. At this stage, they could already manipulate and display the aura and ripple of the Great Dao.

Dao Meaning was a stage higher than Dao Ripple where cultivators began to comprehend the true meaning contained in the Great Dao.

Dao Seed was the stage of reaching the pinnacle and perfection. Cultivators would have already begun to explore and master the true essence of the Great Dao!

The great sages of ancient times had unanimously believed that chaos was like a seed, giving birth to the power of opening up the world. The Great Dao was also like a seed, giving birth to the wonders of the true essence of the Great Dao.

The so-called Dao Seed Stage referred to the fact that cultivators had begun to trace the source and essence of the Great Dao.

It was equivalent to mastering a complete Great Dao and planting one's own Dao seed, nurturing one's understanding and perception of the Great Dao. When the seed sprouted, it would transform and grow once again!

At present, Lin Xun's understanding of the Dao of water was only at the initial stage—Dao Ripple. Even so, he was able to display the aura and ripple of water imago power and produce earthshaking changes in battle.

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Boom!

Lin Xun stood up and casually punched out. A ripple of water dao lingered around his fist.

Immediately, the air was torn like a piece of paper, and the blast from the punch left a deep dent into the wall.

"This is the power of Dao Ripple! Amazing..." Lin Xun marveled.

After seven days of training, he was finally able to control the Dao Ripple of water. Even his punch had changed significantly from the past.

“If I fully mobilized my power and integrated the Dao Ripple of water into a punch, how powerful would it be?”

In the end, Lin Xun didn’t try it. His cave dwelling couldn’t possibly withstand that kind of damage.

Huh?

A thought suddenly struck him, as though he sensed a mysterious secret known only to heaven.

“The tribulation to advance to the Heavenly Ascension Stage is coming!” His dark eyes suddenly shone brightly and qi frantically circulated his body.

He had been suppressing his cultivation, but now that he had begun to control the Dao Ripple of water, his cultivation had reached the point of completeness and perfection.

His cultivation base was perfect, his physique was perfect, his spirit was perfect, and his Dao Ripple was also perfect!

He was on an unprecedented path of perfection, completely different from other cultivators in the world. If word spread out, it would no doubt cause an uproar!

Any other cultivator would have tackled the Heaven Ascension Stage once their cultivation base had reached the point of perfection.

Who would wait until their physique and spirit reached the point of perfection like Lin Xun did? Who would attempt to even control the Dao Ripple power in the Spirit Sea Stage?

Lin Xun was destined to walk a different path!

Shua!

With a flash, he vanished from the cave dwelling. The next moment, he was already standing atop the mountain.

It was twilight. The sky and the earth were dim, and the distant mountains looked more vast than usual, winding like dragons. Bursts of terrifying beast roars shook the mountains from time to time.

A gust of mountain wind blew, whipping Lin Xun’s lustrous black hair and white robe and highlighting his straight and handsome figure.

He clasped his hands behind his back as he looked up at the sky, his deep-black eyes swirling like a great abyss.

The sky darkened before he knew it, and leaden clouds rapidly gathered above him. It suddenly became oppressive and stifling.

Beasts continued to roar in the distance, sounding extremely uneasy and restless. Creatures rushed out of the nearby forests like a tide and bolted like they sensed something.

More and more black clouds gathered, growing denser and denser like ink. The atmosphere became more and more oppressive as though a disaster was about to descend upon the world.

The bizarre and terrifying vision made Lin Xun narrow his eyes, and his heart pounded indescribably.

That was his heavenly tribulation!

However, Lin Xun had a feeling that the tribulation was more terrifying than he could imagine. He already felt stifled and chilled to the bone before it had descended.

Lin Xun had witnessed Gu Yunting overcome a tribulation on Sky Stairs Mountain, but that seemed ordinary when compared to the scene before him.

"The power of the lightning tribulation is rumored to be related to a cultivator's cultivation. The stronger the cultivator, the more terrifying the tribulation they will face, and the greater the danger they will have to bear. It seems like it is true..." Lin Xun murmured.

However, he wasn't the slightest bit afraid. He had been waiting for the lightning tribulation to come for a long time!

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Afar, two figures were shuttling through the mountain range at lightning speed.

"Remember our agreement, you can have the Dao scripture on him, but you have to let me take a look at it first. In addition to that, I want a share of the elixir on him."

Saintess Lin Lang's expression was ice-cold, strands of blood-red hair fluttering around her face.

"Of course."

A mighty and imposing-looking young man smiled. It was Saint Yu Xiaosheng of the Dragon Whale Clan.

"Are you sure he's hiding in these mountains?" Saintess Lin Lang frowned.

"He has killed so many people from my Dragon Whale Clan. I would be useless if I can't remember his aura." Although Yu Xiaosheng spoke indifferently, frightening killing intent flashed in his eyes.

Saintess Lin Lang didn't say anything more. In truth, she felt her heart ache and bleed at the thought of the clansmen who had died at Lin Xun's hand.

The reason she tolerated Yu Xiaosheng and agreed to work with him was mainly to find Lin Xun and kill him!

The enemy of the enemy was a friend. That was the case here.

Both Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang regarded Lin Xun as a thorn. So when Yu Xiaosheng proposed they work together, Lin Lang agreed without hesitation.

Of course, the condition was that Yu Xiaosheng return the seedling of the Golden Spirit Treasure Tree and Saintess Lin Lang agree to hand over Lin Xun's portion of the dao scripture.

As for the other treasures on Lin Xun, they had agreed to divide them equally.

That was the agreement they made, but as for whether they would keep to their words after killing Lin Xun, it was unknown.

After all, they were not friends but enemies so they were still wary and vigilant of each other.

“Is that human boy really nearby?”

Suddenly, chatter in the distance caught the attention of Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang. They exchanged a glance and went into hiding.

“It has to be accurate. It’s intel from the Wind Falcon Clan. They said that the human boy hid himself in these mountains after leaving the Five Elements Holy Island.”

A group of cultivators were standing in the distance. They were not from the same clan, but they were gathered together, talking and discussing in whispers.

“Haha, the human boy is so strong. He almost slaughtered all the experts of the Blood Lion Clan and the Dragon Whale Clan! How bold!”

“Hahaha, the Blood Lion Clan and Dragon Whale Clan have been completely humiliated. Not only did they fail to grab any opportunity, but a human boy also slaughtered their pants off. Hahaha, it’s so funny.”

The conversation between the cultivators was full of gloating.

Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang gritted their teeth, furious and bewildered.

What happened on Five Elements Holy Island? Why would the matter spread out? Why would so many experts search for the human boy?

Something is wrong!

Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang had a bad feeling.

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“Say, who is that kid? Not only did he fend off cultivators from two top clans, but he also won the great blessings of Five Elements Holy Island!”

The cultivators started to speculate about Lin Xun’s identity.

“Does it matter? I only want to know what kind of good blessing the kid won from Five Elements Holy Island.”

“I heard that it is an ancient scripture left by a saint.”

“It is said that Five Elements Holy Island gives birth to saint elixirs and the human boy has taken them all!”

Yu Xiaosheng’s and Lin Lang’s faces grew darker and darker as they listened on. Who the hell leaked the news?

The two only joined forces to snatch all the treasures from Lin Xun without anyone else knowing about it.

They never thought that the news about Lin Xun would have already spread all over the world!

“The Wind Falcon Clan!”

After eavesdropping for a long time, Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang were finally certain that the Wind Falcon Clan had leaked the news.

Speaking of which, the Wind Falcon Clan might not be the strongest among the major clans in Spirit Burial Sea in terms of strength. But, in terms of being well-informed, the Wind Falcon Clan was no doubt ranked first!

The clan was born spies as they had mastered unique secret techniques that allowed them to come and leave without a trace.

Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang were not surprised to learn that the news had been leaked by the Wind Falcon Clan.

The only thing that gave the two a bit of a headache was that many people had directed their attention onto Lin Xun and planned to snatch the blessings from him.

That would no doubt add a lot of trouble to Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang.

“We must move quickly and kill that kid before anyone else!” Lin Lang said through gritted teeth.

“Let’s go!” Yu Xiaosheng drew a deep breath.

He realized that the situation was serious and called for immediate action.

The two were as swift as the wind as they carefully searched for traces of Lin Xun. However, along the way, they found that there was more than one group of cultivators looking for Lin Xun!

It made them more anxious.

The others might not know, but they knew very well what was on Lin Xun!

Before long, beast roars rang in the distant mountains and forests, full of discomfort and unease. The ground quaked as if countless creatures were fleeing.

“Heavens, what is that? Could it be that there is a heaven-defying monster challenging a tribulation? The aura of the tribulation is too frightening...” Exclamations sounded from the nearby mountains and forests from time to time. Many experts noticed an abnormality as soon as they came to the area, and all turned to look in the same direction.

There, a mountain stood alone, thick black clouds scudding above and blotting out the sun. It was strangely silent. A terrifying and oppressive aura spread out as though about to destroy the world.

All beasts felt so uneasy and restless that they wildly fled.

Even the cultivators who had just arrived at the area were staring aghast at the scene. Who is overcoming a tribulation? Why is the aura so oppressive and terrifying?

"It's the Chaos Cave Lightning Tribulation of the Heaven Ascension Stage, but...the visions are too terrifying. Even the Saints of ancient times have never triggered such a lightning tribulation..." Saint Yu Xiaosheng palpitated when he saw the black tribulation clouds gathering in the sky.

"Is this vision recorded in ancient books?" Saintess Lin Lang's eyes glinted strangely.

"No." Yu Xiaosheng shook his head.

Saintess Lin Lang's expression changed. The Dragon Whale Clan held many ancient books handed down from ancient times. Among these, many were records about the Great Dao tribulations.

However, Yu Xiaosheng admitted that he had never heard of such a lightning tribulation!

"Look, there is a figure standing at the peak of the mountain!"

Yu Xiaosheng's eyes glinted coldly as he peered at the distant mountain. "It's the human boy! Is he the one overcoming the tribulation?"

"It must be him. I have fought against him before. I'm certain he is at the Perfect Spirit Sea Stage!" Saintess Lin Lang gritted her teeth, eyes flashing with hatred.

"The Perfect Spirit Sea Stage?" Yu Xiaosheng was shaken when he heard about Lin Xun's cultivation level, realizing that the problem was serious. Saintess Lin Lang was incredibly strong and could kill a Spirit Sea cultivator as easily as slaughtering a chicken, yet the human boy was able to take a part of the dao scripture from her hands.

"You must also realize that this is a monster-like guy. If we allow him to grow, he will only become an enemy of you and I in the future!" Saintess Lin Lang drew a deep breath, assuming a solemn expression. "Now, can you imagine how terrifying his strength will be if he survives the tribulation?"

"That boy—we must use this opportunity to get rid of him!" Yu Xiaosheng's voice was thick with murderous intent as he paused between each word. Previously, he only wanted to take away Lin Xun's blessing, but now, he wanted to eliminate a great enemy on his future cultivation path.

He knew very well that someone like Lin Xun would be capable of suppressing them all if he was allowed to rise!

Boom!

Suddenly, a rumble of thunder shook the world like the deafening roar of the god of thunder, stinging their eardrums.

All the beasts and creatures whimpered and shivered across the mountain area. There was a supreme might that subdued them.

Even the cultivators around the area felt their hearts trembling and their bodies stiffening from the indescribably oppressive aura.

Suddenly, a flash of splendid purple lightning ripped through the black clouds, illuminating the sky and earth.

From afar, it looked like a mighty purple dragon breaking out from the depths of the dense, dark clouds to destroy the world!

Many cultivators paled from the power alone.

That heavenly tribulation...

...it was too unbelievable and terrifying!

"It's that human boy!"

"It turns out that he is the one who triggered the lightning tribulation!"

"Heavens, he hasn't ascended to the Heaven Ascension Stage, yet he was able to kill so many Heaven Ascension experts of the Blood Lion Clan and Dragon Whale Clan. He is simply...too abnormal."

"He really is abnormal. Look at the power of the lightning tribulation. Have you ever seen something like that before?"

In the nearby area, bursts of exclamations rang out. The cultivators from every single clan started to panic when they identified who it was.

Many people's eyes were swirling with murderous intent, and they were itching to take action. The human boy would be exposed to attacks without someone's protection during the tribulation.

Even if the tribulation was successful, Lin Xun would be extremely weak afterwards, and it was the best time to launch an attack!

"There are great treasures on the kid. We should take this opportunity to kill him!"

Many cultivators had the same thought. Take advantage of the opportunity to kill Lin Xun and snatch his treasures!

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On the peak of the mountain.

When the purple lightning descended upon the world, Lin Xun, who had his hands clasped behind his back, finally moved!

Shua!

He didn't retreat nor evade, but instead soared into the sky like an illusory hornless ice dragon. His body radiated a pure and dazzling brilliance as he charged into the rolling tribulation clouds!

"Is that kid going to force his way through the lightning tribulation?"

"Does he want to die?!"

Many cultivators exclaimed in horror.

The rare lightning tribulation sent a chill down many people's spines even from afar, but Lin Xun didn't hesitate to face it head-on!

Boom!

The first bolt of lightning struck down, and purple light roamed and intertwined, illuminating the mountains and valleys.

Lin Xun was completely bathed in it, sparkling like crystals. He forcibly withstood the impact without suffering the slightest injury.

His amazing feat stunned many people.

How strong was his physique to be able to survive the lightning tribulation?

Faintly, Lin Xun's blood and qi could be seen pulsing out of his body like dragons and surging like raging waves!

It was pure physical strength, a release of his physical potential. Once exerted, he could crush experts of the same cultivation level with his physical strength alone.

Boom!

Not long after that, the second heaven tribulation descended, turning into a thunderstorm, a rain of light, but it was all formed from the purest lightning!

The thunderstorms raged and poured down like a waterfall, drowning Lin Xun. The sky and the earth had become an expanse of pure purple like a sea of purple lightning.

"What...What kind of tribulation is that? Why is it so terrifying?" someone remarked after swallowing saliva with difficulty.

"Is he dead?" Many people's eyes went wide.

Thud! Boom! Boom!

It was the sound of a beating heart, but it sounded like the vibration of a divine drum, making everyone's ears buzz.

Then, to everyone's astonishment, Lin Xun emerged from the sea of thunderstorms. His body grew brighter and sparkled more after being cleansed by the flashes of light and rolling thunder. Even his pores were glowing.

His physique was rapidly being transformed. His skin was becoming more and more smooth and flawless like glass.

"Physical transformation!"

Everyone was shocked to find that Lin Xun's physique was improving after the second tribulation lightning!

"We must kill him! We absolutely can't let him successfully pass the tribulation..."

The murderous intent of Yu Xiaosheng and Saintess Lin Lang intensified. The lightning tribulation was terrifying and had never been seen in ancient times, but Lin Xun was coming out unscathed. Not only

that, but he also used the lightning tribulation to transform his body and physique. He was an abnormal monster!

If such a person grew up, who in the same generation could suppress him?

Boom!

The thunderstorms in the sky endlessly tempered Lin Xun's body as though they were being controlled, causing rainbows to circulate around him and illuminating the mountains like a godly being.

In the end, the second lightning tribulation fell silent.

Without a second of hesitation, Lin Xun soared into the air and rushed into the sea of dark tribulation clouds.

His entire body was glowing like glass, and his black hair glistened as it danced in the air. His expression was resolute, calm and detached.

Boom!

Before Lin Xun neared, the third lightning tribulation struck from the depths of the clouds. The sky collapsed, the ground split and the world quaked from the ear-splitting eruption of a purple-gold thunderbolt!

Undoubtedly, the third lightning tribulation was even more terrifying. The instant it struck, Lin Xun plunged from mid-air. When he looked up, he was coughing up blood, hair disheveled and face deathly pale!

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Chapter 567: Uninterrupted Breakthrough

Pff!

Lin Xun violently coughed up blood every time his body was blasted into the air.

A group of cultivators inhaled sharply in the distance. The third lightning tribulation was too frightening. They couldn't understand how Lin Xun could withstand it.

After all, they would be instantly killed if they were in his shoes.

"I remember that my lightning tribulation was similar when I overcame it..." Saint Yu Xiaosheng murmured, feeling a little aggrieved and jealous.

This was because he knew very well that Lin Xun had only just begun the lightning tribulation, yet it was already so terrifying. It indicated that Lin Xun's foundation was incredibly strong, far superior to his back then.

"Only the most outstanding figures of the Heaven Ascension Stage can draw on a lightning tribulation. Moreover, the lightning tribulation that guy attracted is very rare and terrifying. I really can't imagine how he trains..." Saintess Lin Lang spaced out.

"He has to die!" Yu Xiaosheng gritted his teeth.

Boom!

The purple-gold lightning continued to rampage in the sky, filled with the aura of destruction. It repeatedly bombarded Lin Xun, causing him to cough up blood, stagger and collapse, looking extremely miserable.

Die!

What made everyone horrified was that Lin Xun leapt back up every time and fearlessly counterattacked.

His black hair fluttered upwards as he brought out all the potential in his body to contend with the lightning tribulation. His cultivation base was constantly changing and improving, ascending into the Heaven Ascension Stage. A powerful aura shrouded him, and his blood and qi pulsed endlessly to repair his body.

Buzz!

His body glowed, boomed and crackled. Every time he was blasted into the air, his bones and body would be repaired again and again.

Soon, the third lightning tribulation fell silent and vanished.

The spectating cultivators were all speechless. He survived the tribulation?!

He had indeed survived, but it wasn't over just yet!

Lin Xun sensed that his cultivation level still hadn't quite reached the Heaven Ascension Stage.

It couldn't be helped. His foundation of the Spirit Sea Stage was too strong and complete, so the transformation was consequently extremely difficult.

Rumble—

The tribulation clouds gathered in the sky, growing more and more terrifying. Faintly, the lightning tribulation started to change in color, transforming into a golden shade and taking the shape of a sword, spear, blade and halberd.

Many cultivators cried out, numbed from the shock, "Lightning tribulation weapon! Heavens, the legend turns out to be true!"

They had never thought that the fourth tribulation would transform into weapons!

The kid has to possess heaven-defying strength to provoke the heavens to unleash such terrifying means to eliminate him from the world!

"The fourth level, lightning tribulation weapon..."

Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang looked increasingly worse. They knew well what it meant. Lin Xun's cultivation foundation was incredibly strong and heaven-defying.

The same thought came to their minds. They hoped the lightning tribulation would directly strike Lin Xun to death!

The lighting tribulation exploded in the sky, transforming into lighting blades, lightning swords, lightning spears and lightning axes...

They repeatedly attempted to kill Lin Xun. It was as though a supreme master who wielded lightning punishment powers wanted to destroy Lin Xun.

Die!

Lin Xun also didn't hold back. He mobilized all his strength to fend off the powerful weapons, and he fully displayed his mastery of the wonders of the Nine Heavenshaking Destructions Art.

The scene was terrifying. Lin Xun collapsed again and again. His body was mangled, and blood was dripping everywhere, but he still endured.

Boom!

The rumbling thunder almost ruptured everyone's eardrums, shattered their souls and shook the sky and earth. The area was thrown into chaos and blinding blazing light filled every inch of space.

Lin Xun seemed to be struggling and on the verge of crumbling.

Even from afar, the scene was beyond terrifying. It was difficult to imagine what sort of pain and danger he was under.

Lin Xun's skin cracked open again, and his body had become completely scorched with blood streaming down the crevices.

However, despite his severe wounds, his aura intensified and his blood and qi soared to their peak. He didn't look dejected at all. Instead, he looked as superior as usual and bravely withstood the bombardment of attacks.

Many experts were horrified. The physique and strength of the human boy were so terrifying that they were comparable to those of the Herculean Bull Demon Clan.

Any other cultivators would have long been pulverized under the lightning tribulation, but he was still fighting!

The commotion alerted and attracted more and more cultivators in the mountains. They all gathered around to watch the earthshaking lightning tribulation with incessantly changing expressions.

When did such a freak appear in the human race?

In the eyes of the various clans in Spirit Burial Sea, the human race had always been viewed as weak and insignificant, but who would have thought that such an abnormally strong teenager who could rival the successors of the top powerful clans would appear?

As Lin Xun unleashed a long roar, a splendid brilliance erupted all over his body, blasting away the lightning tribulation in the sky.

However, he was dripping with blood, and his face was deathly pale. He didn't look like he was able to withstand much longer.

Even so, the present cultivators were astonished to see that he had survived the fourth lightning tribulation.

“Since ancient times, how many young geniuses have died with regret under such great tribulations? How many people have ever successfully passed such obstacles and risen to the top?”

Very few people would draw upon lightning tribulation when breaking through to the Heaven Ascension Stage. Generally, only people with remarkable talents would attract a lightning tribulation to temper themselves!

However, Lin Xun was special. He not only drew upon a lightning tribulation, but also an incredibly rare one!

Many people were stupefied by the rare scene, unable to figure out the reason.

“Heavens! Could there be a fifth lightning tribulation?” someone exclaimed.

Lightning was still brewing in the depths of the clouds. It wasn’t over just yet.

They had never heard or imagined that such a terrifying tribulation would descend during a cultivator’s breakthrough to the Heaven Ascension Stage.

Even Saint Yu Xiaosheng and Saintess Lin Lang couldn’t understand the situation. But unquestionably, since the lightning tribulations had yet to end, it proved that the human boy was terrifyingly strong.

The more a person defied heaven, the fiercer the lightning tribulation they would suffer.

That was common knowledge known to all cultivators!

To their surprise, the next lightning tribulation was silent and no longer dazzling and splendid. Instead, it was gray and illusory.

What kind of tribulation is that?

Everyone looked baffled.

However, they were more surprised to see Lin Xun sit cross-legged in the air with his eyes closed!

“Slaughter Spirit Tribulation Lightning!”

Yu Xiaosheng paused at every word, his face twisted with shocked disbelief. It was a tribulation that specifically targeted the spirit and was invisible and intangible!

It could destroy a cultivator’s body and spirit leaving no possibility of survival.

“It turned out to be that tribulation...” Saintess Lin Lang’s eyes flashed with a strange glint. She seemed tempted to take the opportunity to kill Lin Xun once and for all.

However, before she took action, someone already made a move. It was an azure wind falcon. It spread out its wings, gathering a dazzling rainbow in the air to kill Lin Xun.

The other cultivators were taken aback for a moment before it dawned on them that this was the best opportunity to kill Lin Xun and seize his treasures!

Immediately, many cultivators gathered their strength, ready to take action.

A strange scene instantly happened. The newly formed divine rainbow silently vanished before it neared Lin Xun. It had only touched the gray mist.

Almost at the same time, the wind falcon let out a shrill scream and its body and spirit ruptured!

The scene immediately deterred the rest of the cultivators from making a move.

“That’s just seeking death! Under the lightning tribulation, who would dare to intervene? That’s an area enveloped by the power of heaven. Also, the lightning tribulation is very bizarre and terrifying. It directly targets the spirit. Whoever dares to attack would suffer damage to both their body and spirit!” Yu Xiaosheng snorted coldly.

Although he was itching to kill Lin Xun, he knew this wasn’t the best time to do so.

Saintess Lin Lang broke out in a cold sweat. She had also planned to make a move, but fortunately, she hadn’t.

Lin Xun sat cross-legged in the air, his entire body stained red with blood, but his face was without a ripple of emotion as though he was unaware of his dangerous situation.

Without any hesitation, he released his spirit power to meet the bizarre, gray, misty lightning tribulation.

It was a tribulation that specially targeted the spirit with all sorts of illusions. It was the most ruthless and cunning attack.

However, Lin Xun was as still as a bell as he mobilized the Little Divine Meditation Art, changing from the Star Cycle to Moon Phases. His mind-sea became clear and bright from the illumination of stars. Then, the divine little moon started to move towards a state of fullness, emitting silvery moonlight and lighting up his mind-sea.

Lightning tribulation continued to bombard his spirit. Other cultivators likely would see their spirit get annihilated and be possessed by demons if they suffered from the same attack.

However, Lin Xun seemed unaware. He treated the lightning tribulation as a sharpening stone to temper his spirit and grasp a new realm of the Little Divine Meditation Art—Moon Phases!

Following the transformation of his physique and cultivation base, his spirit also started to grow under the lightning tribulation!

The lightning tribulation was relatively quiet and calm to the spectators, but anyone who knew more about lightning tribulation would know how terrifying it was!

A few minutes passed like that.

Lin Xun’s eyes snapped open and scanned the audience. Every cultivator felt chilled to the bone. It was as though those calm eyes could pry into the secrets in the hearts.

They realized that Lin Xun had changed. His aura and demeanor seemed to have been tempered and polished and regained a natural state like the luminous full moon in the clear sky.

“Just like that, he survived another tribulation?”

All cultivators stared aghast at Lin Xun as if they had seen a ghost.

Even Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang felt a wave of dizziness. How could that be? That was the Slaughter Spirit Lightning Tribulation! How can he overcome it so easily?!

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Chapter 568: The Ancient Tribulation Lightning Tablet

Lin Xun’s black eyes were brilliantly bright like a pair of dark suns illuminating the sky. His body was shrouded with surging divine brilliance with a faint aura of Dao Ripple.

Dark tribulation clouds roiled above his head like ink, releasing an increasingly more terrifying aura of destruction.

The heaven and earth fell silent, while an indescribably oppressive air filled the Eight Wastelands. Everyone went stiff.

The lightning tribulation...

...still hadn’t ended!

“Is he a human being or an invincible monster? He is just overcoming a tribulation of the Heaven Ascension Stage. Why would it trigger such a terrifying heavenly tribulation?”

All the cultivators had the same thought. It was too bizarre and unheard of.

Boom!

The sixth lightning tribulation was about to descend. The noise alone sounded as though the sky was collapsing and the earth splitting. Amidst wailings of demons and howling of ghosts, the tribulation clouds turned a striking red shade before erupting with endless lightning.

This was a blood-red tribulation lightning filled with an unbelievable aura of destruction and death.

Lin Xun let out a long roar. His aura had already soared to its extreme peak, and he was one step away from the door of the Heaven Ascension Stage!

His physique, blood and qi were raging like a dragon. He fully unleashed all his powers.

Even his spirit power was completely mobilized in his mind-sea. The spirit stars shined brightly, guarding a divine moon, illuminating his spirit sea and bathing his spirit!

He felt an unprecedented power and self-confidence.

Boom!

A bolt of blood-red lightning struck down like a dragon, only for Lin Xun to smash it with one punch. The blinding light rays dispersed across the area.

The spectating cultivators couldn’t believe their eyes and almost bit their tongues in shock.

Is he human?

That was the sixth stage of lightning tribulation! Even a Saint-level genius figure would be badly wounded if not dead under the blood-red lightning, but he defied heavenly laws...

Rumble—

Another deafening boom shook the world as blood-red lightning gathered and bombarded the world like giant whips.

However, Lin Xun didn't retreat or evade the attacks. He met the lightning head-on. With a rumble, he created large blasts of air from his fist and smashed all the lightning into a drizzle of light.

Everyone's hearts froze. What a monster! The human boy is a monster!

Lin Xun had a strong feeling that his cultivation, spirit, physique and other areas would undergo significant changes if he survived the lightning tribulation!

He'd be like a carp that had transformed into a dragon after leaping over the dragon gate!

He brought out all his power to fend off the lightning tribulation and displayed his martial arts to their full majesty.

Although he chose to directly face the lightning tribulation, he wasn't the slightest bit careless because a strike of lightning could pulverize his bones and annihilate his spirit.

"Why is it so strong?" he muttered. He couldn't help but feel anxious and a little worried. He didn't expect the lightning tribulation to be so bizarre and powerful.

Legend had it that only an innate genius in ancient times would trigger such terrifying heaven tribulation.

And now, Lin Xun was encountering a similar experience!

"It's getting more and more terrifying..."

Lin Xun looked up at the tribulation clouds raging in the sky, feeling exhausted from the drawn out battle.

However, the blood-colored lightning tribulation showed no sign of weakening or receding. Lin Xun felt a sense of impending doom.

It was as though the heavenly tribulation wasn't allowing him to take that step!

Rumble!

Suddenly, the blood-red lightning sea rioted in the depths of the tribulation clouds, like an erupting blood ocean.

"This is bad!"

Lin Xun's face blanched. He sensed imminent danger. An ancient tablet flowing with blood lightning bolts and emitting terrifying waves of destruction emerged from the sea of lightning.

The ancient tablet was a tribulation lightning!

The spectators in the distance couldn't believe their eyes.

Dong!

The ancient tablet crashed down, pulverizing the surrounding space.

Lin Xun unleashed another extended roar and attacked with all his strength in an attempt to destroy it.

The lightning tribulation erupted. The space was plunged into chaos, and blood-red light beamed all over the world. The ancient tablet weighed a thousand tons and seemed indestructible. In just an instant, it was pressing down on Lin Xun.

Pu!

Lin Xun's skin cracked open, and his flesh tore apart. Under the terrifying lightning tribulation, he finally couldn't hold on anymore and suffered severe wounds.

The ancient tablet was sturdy and bright with blood-red lightning bolts circulating around it, seemingly able to subdue and obliterate everything in its way. Such a terrifying object was constantly bombarding Lin Xun.

The scene was so terrifying, earthshaking and unbelievable that the cultivators present almost forgot to breathe. They had come intending to snatch the treasures on Lin Xun, but instead they were witnessing a world-shattering lightning tribulation!

The blood-red thunderstorm produced an ancient tablet, a vision they had never seen before in their lives.

Die!

Despite the constant bombardment and his severe injuries, Lin Xun frantically counterattacked, his eyes growing sharper and fiercer.

Moreover, he had already begun to tackle the Heaven Ascension Stage!

Dong!

The ancient tablet seemed to have come to life as it incessantly brought up waves of blood-red lightning bolts to subdue Lin Xun.

After a moment, the ancient tablet finally crumbled into a rain of light while Lin Xun was violently coughing up blood. His face was deathly pale, and he had broken multiple bones in his body.

He survived!

As such a thought came to the cultivators' minds, a frightening vortex wildly rotated within the tribulation clouds!

Swoosh!

It instantly engulfed Lin Xun.

Exclamations rang out.

“Tribulation lightning vortex? What’s happening?”

“Is that kid going to die?”

“He’s been swept into the depths of the tribulation clouds! How could he possibly survive?”

All cultivators were shaken by the scene. The incident had happened too suddenly and too fast. Lin Xun had been swept away before they recovered from the shock.

They all realized that the human boy was most likely dead. The lightning tribulation vortex was too frightening, like a weapon sent down by the heavens to obliterate Lin Xun and stop him from defying the heavens.

“Is he dead?”

All eyes were fixed on the sky. But to everyone’s disbelief, the thick tribulation clouds hadn’t vanished. Instead, it blotted out the sun and produced a peal of thunder and turbulent noises.

Everyone couldn’t help but look at each other in dismay. Everything seemed too bizarre. They had no idea what the outcome would be.

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There seemed to be a kingdom of lightning being born in the depths of the tribulation clouds.

A thunderstorm raged like the ocean as it turned into an array of splendid shades—purple, gold, blood-red, silver and azure.

An aura of destruction once again flooded the world. From time to time, bolts of lightning transformed into various weapons including swords, spears, swords and halberds.

Ancient tablets took shape one after another, each one flashing with lightning and releasing an aura of destruction capable of wiping out the world.

Boom!

Lin Xun launched into battle without formulating a strategy. He immediately had to face a series of unprecedented attacks!

Lighting blades, lightning swords, lightning spears and lightning halberds stood tall in the sky like peerless masters. At the same time, ancient tablets came crashing down at him as though they wanted to crush him alive!

Within seconds, he suffered severe injuries. His skin was ripped and multiple bones snapped.

He was on the verge of death!

It was too terrifying!

Who would have thought that the sixth tribulation lightning would be so bizarre?

“Damn it! Am I really not allowed to live?” He coughed up blood again.

He might not be able to protect his life, let alone break through to the Heaven Ascension Stage.

Boom!

An ancient tablet crashed down on Lin Xun's body. He grunted from the agonizing pain.

He felt that he was about to collapse, and even his spirit was in grave danger.

"Damn it! I don't believe that I can't kill you!"

His eyes reddened. Under imminent threat, he couldn't care about anything else and immediately swallowed another fruit of the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng.

Instantly, his injuries recovered and his body was restored to its peak state.

That was the magical effects of a rare elixir.

"Die!" Lin Xun roared in fury, black hair billowing around him as he fend off the lightning tribulation.

Hornless Ice Dragon Step, Nine Heavenshaking Destruction Arts, Heavenly Yuan Blade Art, Bixi Collision...all his martial arts powers were mobilized to their fullest.

Rumble—

Lin Xun fought in every direction in the kingdom of lightning. Sometimes, he maneuvered in the air like a Hornless Ice Dragon, sometimes he punched out with the Heavenshaking Destruction Art, and sometimes he slashed out a deadly beam of blade light.

He had completely forgotten everything. The only thought in his mind was to defeat the lightning tribulation and survive!

In the process, his control of the cultivation arts improved by leaps and bounds. The Hornless Ice Dragon Steps became more and more unpredictable and mysterious, and the power of Bixi Collision had become fiercer and fiercer...

He even threw out a punch strengthened with eight of the Nine Heavenshaking Destructions! The force generated from his fist could pulverize mountains and valleys!

"Die!"

Lin Xun became braver and braver as he fought. The mystery and profound meanings of cultivation arts constantly floated into his mind.

However, the lightning tribulation seemed to never end. Ancient tablets came hurling towards him from all directions, and the thunderstorm completely submerged the area like a waterfall.

Not long after that, Lin Xun seemed to hear a faint Dao sound before a blood-colored lightning bolt transformed into a spear imbued with the power of supreme order and law!

It resembled a spear of judgment and represented the majesty of heaven!

It pierced Lin Xun's body in one swift motion. He felt his spirit almost exploding, and his body crumbling inch by inch.

"Damn it!"

Lin Xun let out a furious, pained roar, his eyes almost popping from anger. How could this be? Why is this happening? Do the heavens really not want me to live?

In the end, a fierce glint of determination flashed in Lin Xun's black eyes. It was obvious that his lightning tribulation was completely different from other people's. The only thing he could do was fight his way out and carve his own path!

It would no doubt be the most terrifying and dangerous path, but he had no other choice!

Boom!

He once again swallowed another fruit of a Treasure Lantern King Ginseng. He ignited his body. He was no longer infuriated and restless, but instead had become unprecedentedly resolute and calm.

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Chapter 569: Extreme Transformation

Die!

It was a battle of life and death. Lin Xun fought alone in the kingdom of lightning with bolts of lightning incessantly exploding, dancing and flying past him.

Every inch of his flesh and blood was restoring and healing at incredible speed. His strength returned to its peak state and soared even more!

Clang!

The Broken Blade flew out of its sheath, emitting a clear cry and water imago power, and displayed Star Gather and Moon Catch of the Heavenly Yuan Blade Art to its fullest.

Stars streaked down from the air wherever Broken Blade passed, crushing the raging lightning. Each one was filled with the terrifying aura of destruction.

Immediately, a bright divine moon rose into the sky, radiating sacred brilliance. All lightning bolts were completely obliterated before they neared.

Compared to the past, Star Gather and Moon Catch were distinctly different in terms of power. After being brought to its fullest and marked with the dao ripple of water, its power also underwent earth-shaking changes.

Attacks of that level could easily slaughter Heaven Ascension cultivators!

Through the course of the battle, Lin Xun's understanding of the two arts greatly deepened, especially after the tempering and cleansing of the tribulation lightning.

The power exerted from his every movement could be called earth-shattering!

"Burning Sun!" Lin Xun roared.

The Broken Blade slashed through the air, erupting with dazzling and brilliant light.

A scorching sun appeared, seemingly emerging from below the blade, and it burned fiercely while releasing the power that could wipe out the world!

It was Burning Sun—the third move of the Heavenly Yuan Blade Art!

Lin Xun had previously attempted to comprehend the mystery and profound meaning of Burning Sun, but found it too complicated. Although he had grasped a little knowledge, he couldn't display it.

However, under the fatal threat of lightning tribulation, Lin Xun unleashed his unprecedented potential and performed the move for the first time!

Suddenly, the scorching sun exploded, incinerating all nearby lightning tribulations!

The unbelievable power shocked even Lin Xun.

It's so strong! It's stronger than both Star Gather and Moon Catch! Its overbearing aura of destruction looks capable of burning all objects in the world!

Rumble!

But the lightning tribulation soon reappeared like it had been angered! Its power and might were several times more terrifying, and it brought out thousands of ancient tablets, each one flashing like lightning. The aura alone was enough to make people break down.

Die!

Lin Xun howled, blood and qi vaporizing from his body. He had survived to this stage, so how could he stop now?

He fought bravely, and whenever he sustained serious injuries, he consumed the fruit of the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng. He had never thought to give up.

This was destined to be a life-and-death battle. It was not only difficult, but full of deadly dangers. Other cultivators, including top geniuses, likely wouldn't be able to withstand as far as Lin Xun did.

In truth, if Lin Xun didn't have the Treasure Lantern King Ginseng to recover his strength, he also wouldn't have been able to survive. The lightning tribulation was too bizarre and abnormal. It wanted to eliminate him completely!

Boom!

After an unknown amount of time, ancient tablets no longer appeared within the kingdom of lightning. Instead, they all started to blur before taking the shape and form of lightning again.

Kacha!

Meanwhile, Lin Xun felt a shackle had been broken in his body. His cultivation base instantly soared to a whole new level.

Breakthrough!

In the sea of qi was a chaos cave being formed. It was chaotic like a cave dwelling of the great chaos void. It was mysterious like the embryonic form of the world. It was vast and boundless and overflowing with pure aeth power!

All the powers that Lin Xun had grasped were gathered in the chaos cave—water imago power, martial arts and cultivation origin.

The chaos cave was incessantly roaring and producing brilliant light filled with the aura of the great dao.

Imprinted with martial arts and cultivation techniques, it was constantly expanding and shining brightly!

Faintly, there seemed to be some sacred chanting echoing inside the cave as if ancient sages were meditating inside.

Rumble!

In the end, a mysterious Dao platform emerged within the cave, shining luminously like glass.

Heaven Ascension Dao Platform!

A Dao platform built from the foundation of an extremely talented cultivator. It was the embodiment of the ultimate elevation of one's cultivation!

It should be mentioned that the average Heaven Ascension cultivator could only condense their cultivation into a dao platform when they reached the perfect Heaven Ascension Stage, so as to strengthen and temper their foundation.

However, Lin Xun was very different. He had successfully formed a dao platform in the initial Heaven Ascension Stage. He was destined to walk a transcendental path!

Yu Xiaosheng and Lin Lang had been selected as Saint and Saintess respectively because they surpassed their peers when they broke through to the Heaven Ascension Stage and built a dao platform of their cultivation. It represented their transcendent foundation and potential.

However, Lin Xun was different from them.

His Heaven Ascension Dao Platform gave birth to three rays of sacred and pure white light.

Heaven Ascension Sacred Light!

Even in ancient times, very few people had been able to achieve this step, because it represented that one's foundation had already been tempered to the pinnacle level. It was the highest achievement in the cultivation stage!

The Dao produced one; one produced two; two produced three; three produced all things!

The Heaven Ascension Dao Platform represented a cultivator's cultivation. The origin cultivation corresponded to 'one' and the three rays of Heaven Ascension Sacred Light corresponded to the wonder of 'three' producing all things!

It was the embodiment of the strongest path!

The experience greatly enlightened Lin Xun.

The chaos cave called Heaven Ascension Cave was imprinted with his cultivation, knowledge, foundation, imago power, martial arts, techniques and origin power.

All those powers built the Heaven Ascension Dao Platform, which was the embodiment of his cultivation. The stronger the platform, the greater the power a cultivator could mobilize.

Heaven Ascension Sacred Light symbolized that he had reached the extreme pinnacle of the path he had taken. It represented one of the strongest paths in the world!

"This is the elevation after reaching the ultimate stage of perfection. As soon as I set foot in the Heaven Ascension Stage, I already possessed a Dao foundation that others can't match. I wouldn't have achieved this if I hadn't suppressed the breakthrough till now..." Lin Xun said thoughtfully.

He had become a great cultivator of the Heaven Ascension Stage. His blood and qi were pulsing around his body like molten lava, and his bones were booming and crackling, constantly reorganizing and transforming.

It was the change after the breakthrough. It was as though he had smashed down an obstacle of life and undergone a transformation. His solid foundation and potential had all been turned into the driving force for transformation.

Instantaneously, the injuries he had suffered earlier were completely healed. A divine glow shrouded his body, and the Dao Rpple lingered around him. A ray of blood and qi shot out from the top of his head like a beacon, piercing through the layers of clouds and heading straight for the great sea of lightning tribulation!

The scene was too unbelievable. His severely damaged body had been completely transformed, like a phoenix reborn from the ashes. His flesh and skin had become crystal clear and almost translucent like polished white jade. Every part of his body was glowing and flowing with terrifying life force and power.

His spirit had also grown ever stronger. Stars were orbiting in the mind-sea under the illumination of the divine moon.

That was the Heaven Ascension Stage!

Now that Lin Xun had established himself in this stage, he could pry into the mysteries and wonders of the Great Dao and absorb the essence between heaven and earth.

Although he was only at the initial Heaven Ascension Stage, he felt invincible. At that moment, he was as luminous as jade. His clothes were stained with blood, but he had a superior and invincible air around him!

He had suppressed his breakthrough several times in the past. But now that he had finally overcome the tribulation and stepped into the Heaven Ascension Stage, his cultivation base had erupted like a suppressed volcano.

His ultimate foundation after the extreme elevation would no doubt shock the world!

Boom!

However, to his surprise, the silent lightning tribulation exploded once again.

The sky crumbled, and the ground quaked. The power was more terrifying than before!

A chain of tribulation lightning flashed out of the clouds, flowing with the aura of supreme order and law.

Lin Xun froze. Before he could react, the chain of lightning lashed his body and tore open his skin!

Even so, he was severely wounded, and his newly formed Heaven Ascension cave was almost destroyed!

Pu!

His figure plunged miserably from the sky. How would he have expected such a terrifying blow to strike him after he passed the lightning tribulation?

If he hadn't broken through to the Heaven Ascension Stage and gained unparalleled powers compared to the past, that blow would have obliterated him from the world!

So painful!

He felt too helpless and furious. His body was badly mutilated from the terrifying power of destruction, but there was nothing he could do except watch himself fall.

Fortunately, after the blow, the lightning tribulation seemed to have exhausted all its power. It dimmed and blurred and began to recede.

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Half an hour had passed since Lin Xun was swept into the depths of the tribulation clouds.

During that period, the cultivators were very restless and horrified. Thunder incessantly rumbled in the depths of the clouds, and lightning constantly erupted with mighty powers. It made them realize that Lin Xun was most likely still resisting. But if any of them was in the tribulation clouds instead, they would have died already.

The human boy still isn't dead! He's too terrifying! It simply defies the heavens!

At that moment, Lin Xun's figure staggered and fell like a sandbag in the depths of the tribulation clouds.

He was mangled beyond recognition, and his skin was scorched!

He coughed up blood.

Everyone realized that he was still alive and broke out in an uproar.

He's not dead!

That guy didn't die and is coming out alive from the tribulation clouds!

The miracle astonished all the cultivators. They couldn't imagine how Lin Xun could fight against such a terrifyingly powerful lightning tribulation and still survive!

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Chapter 570: All Clans Take Action

A human teenager had triggered an incredibly rare lightning tribulation when he had broken through to the Heaven Ascension Stage.

The rare tribulation that had never been seen before in ancient times had already shocked the spectators, but they were even more speechless when they saw Lin Xun survive the situation.

Who is that guy?

When did such a heaven-defying monster emerge in the human race?

All cultivators stared at Lin Xun in speechless disbelief.

Swoosh!

Amidst the silence, a figure darted forward like a bolt of lightning, charging towards Lin Xun with terrifying killing intent.

It happened too fast and too quickly that all cultivators were taken aback for a moment.

Very quickly, it dawned on them that although the human boy had survived the lightning tribulation, he was on the verge of death, which was the perfect time to eliminate him!

The cultivators gathered in the area were itching to act at the thought of the great treasures of the Five Elements Holy Island on the human teenager.

“That guy from the Wind Falcon Clan is so cunning! He attacked first!”

“Hmph, so what? There are so many competitors in this area, how would they let the Wind Falcon Clan take the treasures?”

“Kill! We must get rid of the human teenager while he is seriously wounded! Otherwise, he will be undefeatable when he recovers!”

Roars rang one after another, breaking the shocked silence. A group of cultivators raced towards Lin Xun at full speed.

They were all powerful experts from various ancient clans in the Spirit Burial Sea. Those able to enter the Deva Secret Realm were all top masters.

They all launched into action to take the great treasures on Lin Xun but also to use the opportunity to get rid of Lin Xun once and for all.

After all, Lin Xun’s performance was too unbelievable and heaven-defying. He was a huge threat to them.

All of a sudden, dazzling lights beamed out from everywhere across the mountain range like divine rainbows.

“The Jade Qilin Clan, the Demon Elephant Clan, the Sea Spirit Clan, the Dark Wood Clan...Damn it! How come there are so many competitors?”

The appearance of experts from so many different clans caused an uproar. No one thought that a human teenager would have so many people aiming for him.

Many cultivators palpitated, realizing that a bloodbath was inevitable to compete for the treasures of the human race teenager.

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Lin Xun's body was charred and soaked in blood. As he lay in the pool of blood, he felt a weight lifting off of him after successfully surviving the tribulation, but he also felt the hatred and anger of being plotted against.

He never expected to suffer a fatal blow just as the lightning tribulation was coming to an end.

It was as if the heavens had deliberately targeted him and wanted him dead!

"That..." He noticed a section of a gray chain left in his Heaven Ascension Cave. It lingered around the Dao platform, producing a terrifying aura of order and law and constantly corroded the Dao platform!

Heaven tribulation power!

His face blanched. He never thought a trace of the power of the heaven tribulation would remain in his body.

It was equivalent to planting a source of tribulation in his body, and the slightest carelessness could lead to an unpredictable calamity.

The Heaven Ascension Dao Platform was built from the foundation of Lin Xun's Great Dao and gathered his cultivation and knowledge. But now, the chain of heaven tribulation was entwined around it, constantly corroding it.

It was equivalent to destroying his cultivation and foundation!

"Argh!"

Lin Xun looked up at the sky and gnashed his teeth. The heavenly tribulation was becoming more and more strange, like it was deliberately targeting him!

But he had no time to think about it. Sensing danger, he leapt up and saw a figure charging towards him.

The figure was as fast as a ghost, but upon a careful look, it was a wind falcon with azure wings and razor-sharp claws.

At the same time, Lin Xun also noticed streaks of light racing out of the mountains from all directions and coming in his direction.

They were cultivators from various clans!

Could it be that my tribulation stirred up too great of a storm? He narrowed his eyes.

"Young man, hand over the Saint Dao scripture and I will spare you death!" The Wind Falcon Clan expert was nearing him. Although he said those words, he beat his azure wings and blasted a cloud of azure light at Lin Xun.

In his eyes, Lin Xun was in his weakest state and on the verge of dying. This was no doubt the best time to kill him and snatch his treasures.

Therefore, he didn't hold back at all.

“Get lost! Do you think your Wind Falcon Clan is good enough to compete for treasures?”

Before Lin Xun made a move, a ferocious Jade Qilin Beast rushed over and blasted the Wind Falcon cultivator with one palm strike.

After that, a roar shook the sky, followed by a group of Jade Qilin cultivators. Their overwhelming murderous intent sent the leaves dancing wildly in the mountains and forests and plunged the area into chaos.

Many cultivators hurriedly moved aside.

However, many more continued to charge forward aggressively, unafraid of the Jade Qilin Clan.

For example, the fierce and savage Demon Elephant Clan experts. They were as huge as hills and made the surrounding mountains quake as they neared.

There was also the beautiful Sea Spirit Clan. They resembled human beings except their skin glowed like shimmering water, and they had blue eyes and long golden hair.

There was also the Scarlet Flame Clan, Dark Wood Clan and Water Ape Clan; all of them had assembled in a mighty manner.

“What an impressive formation...”

Lin Xun was oozing with contempt and superiority as he stood there with his black hair whipping around his head. He coldly swept his abyss-like dark eyes over the cultivators.

All clans had taken action. Countless cultivators had gathered and surrounded the area. The surrounding air seemed to be crackling with tension.

Someone thundered, “Human boy, hand over the treasures you obtained from the Five Elements Holy Island!”

“Why do you think you have the right to demand that?” Lin Xun’s face was devoid of emotion.

All the cultivators sneered. In their opinion, Lin Xun’s question was pointless. What? Of course, it’s strength! You’re at your weakest point now!

A seriously wounded human teenager was nothing but a lamb waiting to be slaughtered. He posed no threat to them at all.

“Get lost!” roared a Jade Qilin expert. He unleashed terrifying power and stirred the clouds.

Suddenly, a strong man from the Jade Qilin Clan roared, releasing fierce power that stirred the wind and clouds. His eyes flashed a bloodthirsty glint as he stared at Lin Xun.

“Little guy, hand over the treasures, and I can let you die with dignity!”

Experts from other clans interjected coldly, “Jade Qilin Clan, do you think we don’t exist? Do you want to keep the treasures all to yourself? Have you asked us first?”

“Haha, do you want a fight then?”

To get their hands on the treasures, the cultivators wouldn't back down.

"Everyone, why don't we kill the boy first and then discuss how we divide the treasures?" someone suggested and quickly there was a chorus of agreement.

They knew that they shouldn't give Lin Xun the chance to breathe and should eliminate him as quickly as possible.

The experts of the Jade Qilin Clan roared as they scanned the crowd, "Shut up! What qualifications do you have to compete with us? Get lost! Otherwise, don't blame us for slaughtering you all!"

Lin Xun stood there alone, listening to the squabble and threats of the various clans. He found the situation a little ridiculous.

What do they think I am?

Prey that they can divide how they want?

Murderous rage surged in Lin Xun's heart. He understood that they didn't come to kill him, but instead they were here to take away his treasures!

He couldn't help but say aloud, "Everyone, keep talking. I'll go first. When you reach an agreement, you can come to find me."

The quarrel faded into silence, and all the cultivators shifted their gaze onto Lin Xun.

It seemed that they didn't expect the prey to dare provoke them at such a time.

A cultivator bellowed, "Boy, you are so arrogant! Get over here and die!"

"Could it be that your clan can only trash talk? You should be called the Trash Clan instead!" Lin Xun frowned.

Trash Clan...

Everyone's expression changed strangely. Is the human boy not afraid of death?! He is speaking so recklessly at such a time!

"Do you want to die?", thundered the Jade Qilin Clan cultivator as he swung his palm. A series of palm seals were launched into the air like grinding stones, each one filled with Dao Ripple. The power of the palm strike was powerful enough to crush a mountain to smithereens.

He was an experienced cultivator with impressive combat power, Many experts started to retreat to avoid being wounded by the impact.

However, to their surprise, Lin Xun remained standing in the same spot. He punched and met the attack head-on.

An unparalleled terrifying force blasted out from Lin Xun's fist; it was filled with the aura of destruction and directly drowned the Jade Qilin cultivator.

The fabric of space crumbled!

The power of one strike stupefied the cultivators. What kind of punch was that? The power is so terrifying! It instantly drowned the opponent.

Boom!

Following the violent collision, the Jade Qilin cultivator screamed in terror, and his body exploded in the air. Blood rained down like a waterfall and dyed the air a ghastly shade of red.

“Heavens, isn’t the human on the verge of dying? How can he still fight?”

“He smashed a veteran Heaven Ascension cultivator to death with one punch! How can he still have such powers?!”

“What embarrassing strength...Your clan indeed only knows how to talk trash.” Lin Xun’s eyes flashed with a hint of disdain.

All of a sudden, the nearby Jade Qilin experts stormed forward and brought out their strongest means to eliminate Lin Xun.

The human boy is too arrogant. He insulted us and called us trash! We must kill him to wipe away the humiliation!

Naturally, the joint attack of so many experts was terrifyingly powerful. The wind raged, the air rattled and rocks whirled in all directions.

Although the Jade Qilin Clan cultivators were arrogant and domineering, they were undoubtedly strong.

Boom!

Lin Xun’s eyes gleamed with murderous intent, which was extremely frightening. He also attacked at the same time.

Even though enemies were in every single direction, he was unafraid.

It was an invincible confidence!

It was also his first battle after reaching the Heaven Ascension Stage, so he urgently wanted to test his new strength!