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Chapter 971: Ice Coffin of Stars

The dragon turtle had such a violent coughing fit that it almost wept tears.

But he could not care about that. His huge body scrambled up from the ground, asking anxiously, "Which old madman?"

Previously, he looked so unshakable and calm as he enjoyed its food, and he even spaced out as he listened to the giant silvery white bear roaring furiously.

But now, he looked as though his butt had caught fire. He abandoned his food, and his eyes widened with fright. The difference was too stark.

But the giant bear did not laugh or mock him because his heart was already weighing heavily at the mention of the 'old madman.'

"Is there another old madman who could scare us to this state?" said the giant bear irritably.

The word old madman was like a taboo. The mention of it caused their emotions to roil uncontrollably in their hearts.

The dragon turtle said dazedly, "He...isn't he dead?"

"How could he die?! Even the boundless starry sky can't stop a person like him from going crazy! How could he die so easily?" The bear clenched his teeth, his eyes blazing wild with fear.

"Are you sure?" The dragon turtle grew more and more nervous. His tremendous body started to tremble, and his scales rattled against each other.

In his memory, the old madman was an existence terrifying beyond imagination!

"The aura around the young man is very unique. Although he is very weak, and not even at a ten-thousandth of the power of the old madman, their aura is very much alike!"

Light surged within the giant silvery white bear's eyes. "I came into close contact with the boy, so I have personally experienced it. It can't be wrong!"

"Is it really that aura?" The dragon turtle's lips quivered and its fangs chattered.

He looked pretty comical. A terrifying creature who could swallow half-step kings alive was scared stiff by an aura.

Anyone who saw it would likely not believe their eyes.

The giant bear nodded heavily.

It was also scared out of its wits. Although it knew that the young man's cultivation was not enough to threaten him, it couldn't bear the thought of facing him so it had to flee.

The reason was that the aura of great dao power on the young man made him feel fear!

“Now you should understand that we have to change territories now.”

The giant bear sighed, “Actually, following the great changes in the Boundary River, I already predicted that such a day would come. I just didn’t expect it to come so soon, and even the aura of the old madman appeared...”

“Old man, we have no choice but to leave...huh?”

When the giant silvery white bear said that, it turned its head to find that the dragon turtle had already fled in a full-speed dash.

“You...why are you still the same as you were back then?! You didn’t even give me a shout when you run away!” The giant bear fumed, dumbfounded.

“If I told you in advance when to flee, then we would have died back then. Stop talking nonsense and hurry up and get away with Miss!”

At the bottom of the lake, the dragon turtle frantically moved its limbs, propelling its huge body through the water with unbelievable speed, disturbing the calm silver lake water. The rocks rumbled as the water surged into them.

Anyone who saw this scene would likely not believe their eyes. A terrifying dragon turtle was running faster than anyone else like a startled bird!

The giant silvery white bear also started to sprint wildly at the bottom of the lake.

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Rumble!

As soon as Lin Xun entered the silver lake, he felt the lake water raging violently, creating a powerful force that oppressed him from all directions.

“Huh? Could it be that the dragon turtle has been holding back all this time, just to wait for me to enter before launching an attack?” Lin Xun felt his heart tighten.

He quickly manipulated the Nameless Pagoda to protect his body before he rushed toward the bottom of the lake.

It would be more dangerous to turn back now. Whereas, if he acted in the opposite way, he might have had a chance to fight for and protect his life.

Moreover, he was curious to know how powerful the dragon turtle beast was.

However, regardless of how the lake water tumbled turbulently, Lin Xun came across no danger from the beginning to the end, which made him all the more vigilant.

It was not until he dove to the bottom of the lake that he spotted a tremendous white shadow whizzing across his eyes with astonishing speed.

“Hey! Isn’t that the giant silvery white bear?” Lin Xun was taken aback for a moment.

He never thought that he would see no signs of the dragon turtle beast but would end up running into a familiar face here.

What is that guy doing down here?

Also, it looks like it's running for his life. Is it being chased by the dragon turtle beast?

A chill came to Lin Xun's heart. He didn't care about any other things and immediately chased after the bear, activating the Hornless Ice Dragon Step to its peak.

"Damn it, that kid is actually catching up!" The giant bear cursed when he sensed Lin Xun's aura rapidly approaching, becoming more and more anxious.

"Big White, why are you running away?" Lin Xun's voice rang from a distance. He had a vague feeling that the situation was not right.

Big White?!

The giant silvery-white bear fumed in his heart but he said aloud in a deep and resounding voice, "Young man, I am just taking a stroll, why are you chasing my butt?"

"A stroll? A stroll my butt!" Lin Xun cursed in his heart then he said with a smile, "What a coincidence! I am also taking a stroll. Why don't we walk together? The scenery at the bottom of the lake is pretty good."

"Haha, yes, this lake is not ordinary. It is formed from a Life Star Core. It is filled with mysterious star essence, which has beneficial effects in relaxing the muscles, promoting tissue regeneration, and removing blood stasis. It can cure all sorts of backaches, leg pains, and cramps."

"It's that amazing?"

"Of course, otherwise, why would I take a walk here?"

"Then, I'll also give it a try."

"Oh, you're still very young, you are full of vigor and energy. You don't need it, going beyond is just as bad as going not far enough. I advise you to leave quickly as soon as possible."

"I can't do that. Only idiots will miss out on such an opportunity. Big White, why are you so anxious to persuade me to leave, do you want to keep all the beneficial effects to yourself?"

The man and the beast, one in front and one at the back, constantly spouted nonsense as one tried to get away and the other tried to catch up to one.

"Beneficial effects? Don't misunderstand. I'll leave soon. If you don't believe me then come back later and see." As the giant bear grew more anxious, its feet also moved more rapidly.

"No, what if I don't see you later?" Lin Xun also quickened his pace. He began to suspect that the big white bear was scheming something.

The next second, he came to discover that they were going around in circles. It was now clear that the bear was deliberately playing some tricks.

"Big White, you are not very honest! Why are you leading me to run around in circles?" Lin Xun was shocked to realize that the other party might be stalling for time.

"I'm taking a stroll, isn't it like this?" replied the giant bear very casually, without so much as the slightest change of expression or heartbeat raising.

"Then go ahead, I'll go first." As Lin Xun said, he darted to the other side.

This was because at that moment in his mind-sea, Little Silver notified him of the location of the spirit source.

"Hey, little friend, didn't we agree to go for a walk together? Why are you leaving now?" said the giant bear in a panic, especially when it saw the direction that Lin Xun was heading in. It almost jumped up in shock.

With a swoosh, he spun around 180 degrees and ran wildly, chasing after Lin Xun.

This confirmed Lin Xun's speculation that the crafty bear was trying to restrain him before!

"Little friend, wait for me, aren't you tired from running so fast?"

"Little friend..." the bear cried out behind Lin Xun, but he ignored the calls and sprinted with all his strength.

Before long, a glaring streak of silvery light flashed in front of his eyes. He squinted his eyes and discovered that it was a Star Debris Meteorite that looked like a little hill!

It was more than ten feet tall and its body was crystal clear like ice. Dazzling silvery light shimmered on its surface like it was a real star in the sky.

Indistinctly, mysterious visions appeared around it, stars subsiding, the moon setting, the sea turning to mulberry fields, and everything changing...

Every vision presented the mysterious aura of changing time.

"That should be the Star Debris Meteorite that everyone is after. It is indeed a magnificent treasure!" Lin Xun's heart pounded.

A rush of life force as vast as the ocean and as strong as the sun assaulted his face.

Rumble!

But before Lin Xun could investigate closer, the huge Star Debris Meteorite split open, and a thirty-foot-long beast with a dragon head, turtle body, and pillar-like hooves charged out from it.

The beast was entirely covered with ice-like scales and was carrying an ice coffin on its back.

The ten-foot-long ice coffin shimmered with wisps of sacred starlight. Vaguely, diagrams of flowers, birds, insects, fish, sun, moon, and stars glowed on the surface, radiating a feeling of mystery, age, and history.

But its most eye-catching characteristic had to be the silver star chart imprinted on its coffin lid. It was as though a vast boundless starry sky was stored within it.

A dragon turtle, carrying a mysterious ice coffin on its back, was charging out of a huge Star Debris Meteorite. It was undoubtedly an astonishing spectacle.

Lin Xun did not hesitate to mobilize all his strength. The Nameless Pagoda, which had been accumulating power all this time, sprinkled out streaks of bright golden lights.

The dragon turtle was terrifying. Otherwise, the half-step kings would not have come to a stop by the lakeside and dared not approach!

But to Lin Xun's astonishment, the dragon turtle seemed even more surprised than him. It jumped up with its eyeballs almost popping out as it screamed, "Heaven! It's really the aura of that old madman. This...this...this...is too terrifying!"

It cried out in a panic, looking overly frightened at Lin Xun as if he was the most terrifying being in the world.

It...

Lin Xun was a little dumbfounded. He was about to strike, but he never imagined encountering such an absurd and bizarre scene.

"Ahhh, the descendant of the old madman has appeared, the descendant of the old madman..." the dragon turtle wailed like a ghost, lifted its four pillar-like legs, and fled with the ice coffin on its back, disappearing with a swoosh.

It looked like a stray dog running in panic, which left Lin Xun a little speechless. Am I that scary?

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A dragon turtle with a terrifying aura looked so shaken from the beginning to the end.

If Lin Xun hadn't seen it with his own eyes, he would never believe that would happen.

After standing in a daze for some time, Lin Xun finally accepted the fact and chuckled out loud.

"The descendant of the old madman? That fierce creature must have been mistaken, right?" Then, a thought struck Lin Xun and he couldn't help scrunching his brows.

Ever since he started cultivating, he had never formally acknowledged someone as his master. He had been seeking and exploring the path of the great dao by himself.

If he had a teacher, then it would be Mister Lu.

But Lin Xun didn't think that Mister Lu could be some kind of old madman.

After thinking about it over and over again, Lin Xun finally came to a conclusion.

The reason that the other party had such a misunderstanding about him should either be related to the Omega Secret Realm, the Sacred Combat Arts that he practiced, or...

Or related to the inheritance of the Cangwu Mountain!

Otherwise, nothing could explain what he had experienced.

“Master, quickly! That stream of pure spirit source is in that meteorite!” Little Silver was buzzing with excitement in his mind-sea.

Lin Xun immediately stopped thinking about the reason and turned his gaze to the split-open Star Debris Meteorite.

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Meanwhile, the giant silvery white bear and the dragon turtle had met back together, both hardly recovered from the shock.

“How was it? Did that kid make things difficult for you?” asked the giant silvery white bear.

“No, I just got a fright.” The dragon turtle’s voice trembled. “It’s actually true. The old monster that swallowed the countless starry rivers in ancient times has a descendant in the Ancient Wasteland Domain!”

“So, I don’t know how the Miss will feel when she wakes up and finds out about this matter...” sighed the giant silvery white bear.

“Let’s go! I don’t want to stay in this damn place anymore. I feel fear flooding my heart whenever I sense that aura.” The dragon turtle was already speeding towards the lake’s surface as it spoke.

“By the way, where’s the star core spirit source?” yelled the giant bear.

“Oops, I forgot about this treasure!” The dragon turtle screamed, “What should we do?”

“Forget it, let’s leave first. Even without that thing, Miss will wake up sooner or later.” The giant silvery white bear sighed.

Very quickly, the two ferocious beasts moved together, heading out of the lake.

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Rumble—

But to the outsiders, ever since Lin Xun entered the silver lake, the calmness of the lake had been destroyed by turbulent waves roaring up from the bottom of the lake from time to time.

The same thought surfaced in the minds of all the spectators—

That young man must be locked in a fierce battle with the dragon turtle beast!

With this thought, many experts could not bear standing still anymore, especially the half-steps kings. They launched into action one after another.

They came out from the nearby islands and reefs and quickly approached the lake, thinking that this was an excellent opportunity to benefit from the fight between the snipe and the clam.

In just a blink of an eye, over a dozen of half-step kings had sped out from hiding and scattered around the silver lake, investigating everything that had happened in the silver lake.

They were cautious and did not act rashly.

“Miss Le, the situation seems bad. Young Master Lin Xun...” Kou Xing and the others tensed up nervously.

“It’s going to be all right. At worst, Young Master Lin will return frustrated. Even an old monster of the Life Death Stage can’t trap him.” Miss Le remained surprisingly calm.

In truth, she was a little uncertain.

The turbulent motion within the silver lake was so intense that it made it impossible for them to see everything that happened at the bottom of the lake.

Miss Le could not be certain whether Lin Xun was safe or not.

However, she was quite sure that, based on the ability and power that Lin Xun had demonstrated along the way, a dragon turtle beast posed no threat to him as long as it hadn’t set foot onto the Longevity Path.

Rumble—

Before long, the silver lake churned violently with silver waves rearing high and crashing down like a volcanic eruption. It never quieted down

But that only made the experts around the lake more eager to take action.

This was because those were all signs that suggested a fierce duel was happening at the bottom of the lake and that it was the best opportunity.

Shua!

A half-step king was the first to move. A purple sword flashed out of his grip and pierced the surface of the silver lake, vanishing in an instant.

“Let’s go!”

“Let’s act now!”

The other half-step kings couldn’t sit still and do nothing.

They had already found out that, a few days ago, a huge mountain-like Star Debris Meteorite was sitting at the bottom of the lake, which was an earthshaking fortune. Who would willingly miss out on that?!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Light trails streaked across the sky like rain as half-step kings disappeared into the lake with incredible speed.

“Quickly, quickly catch up! Or there will be nothing left!”

At the same time, the Cyclic Derivation experts also could not hold back from doing something anymore. They wanted a share of the pie. Even a slice of the huge mountain-like Star Debris Meteorite was enough to split between them.

Moreover, they suspected that there were other meteorites in addition to the enormous Star Debris Meteorite at the bottom of the lake!

However, just as they were nearing the lake, a shrill, tragic scream caught their attention.

Then, under everyone's horrified gazes, the body of a half-step king was hurled out of the lake to over a height of one hundred feet like a kite that had been snapped from its string.

The body was dripping with blood, the chest was sunken in and the arms were twisted like fried dough twist. The half-step king clearly died from terrible injuries.

"That..."

All Cyclic Derivation cultivators paled with horror. What's going on? The operation has just started, but a half-step king has already met with an accident.

"Ah—"

Another wailing scream resounded like a pig being slaughtered followed by another half-step king's body thrown into the air.

This man looked more miserable. Half of his body was mangled beyond recognition with bone-deep claw marks all over it, and blood flowing down it like a waterfall.

Si!

Gasps sounded endlessly.

Those who had yet to enter the silver lake felt their blood run cold and their bodies trembling. Those were half-step kings, but they had been beaten into such a tragic state in the blink of an eye.

Their gazes changed when they looked at the silver lake again. They could not help but draw back several steps and dared not approach the lake again.

"Run! It's a trap! At the bottom of the lake is not only a dragon turtle beast but also an equally terrifying white bear!"

With a rumble, an old man gushed out of the lake, hair disheveled, face ashen, and expression tinged with hatred and sullenness.

He was also severely wounded. The skin on his back had been ripped with a striking claw mark, and most of his muscles and bones had been crushed!

A trap?

Two fierce beasts?

The experts in the distance were all horror-struck, but they secretly rejoiced in the fact that they hadn't taken action immediately. Otherwise, they would have been the ones who suffered instead!

As expected, in the following time, one after another, half-step kings were catapulted into the air from the lake, each one wounded heavily.

Shrill screams and resentful curses echoed endlessly, chilling everyone.

All the experts on the lakeside stood stupefied, finding it hard to believe their eyes. How can more than a dozen of half-step kings lose so quickly?

The two fierce beasts at the bottom of the lake have to possess frightening strength and abilities to do that.

“Where is Young Master Lin? Why hasn’t he shown up yet?” Within the king-level forbidden array, Kou Xing and the others were very anxious, realizing the grave situation.

“Wait a little longer.” Miss Le also knitted her brows, feeling a flurry of worry.

All the scenes that happened in front of her made her feel more uncertain.

The lake water tumbled and rolled, and a giant silvery white bear and dragon turtle beast that was thousands of feet tall emerged from the lake.

The two’s appearance made the sky pale and the air whimper. The terrifying aura emitting from them turned the atmosphere suffocating for the nearby experts.

Most frighteningly, the dragon turtle beast was chewing with relish on the corpse of a half-step king. Bones crackled as they were crushed between his teeth, and blood flowed between the gaps of his snow-white fangs like streams.

Heavens!

Everyone shuddered, their liver and gall tearing apart from within.

A half-step king was defeated, caught, and eaten like food. The bloody and ghastly sight horrified everyone.

Amidst the dead silence, the dragon turtle beast suddenly raised its eyes and voraciously ran them across the experts.

They were being treated like food. Everyone trembled, and their faces blanched.

Unexpectedly, the giant silvery white bear slapped the dragon turtle head on the head, flying into a rage. “Eat, eat, eat, you’re still eating! What time is it? Hurry up and run!”

Without so much as a glance at the many experts, it transformed into a stream of snow-white light and whizzed into the distance.

The dragon turtle shook his huge head, sighing regretfully, before he turned around and also left.

His huge thousand-foot-long body obscured the sky like a mass of black clouds, seemingly moving slowly, but it vanished without a trace in the blink of an eye.

Did they leave...like that?

Everyone felt they were dreaming. The more they thought about the scenes they saw, the more unreal it felt.

But when they saw the several half-step kings who were either dead or wounded, they knew that what happened just now was indeed real!

“Why hasn’t Young Master Lin shown up?” Kou Xing and the others felt more and more uneasy.

Some people with sharp eyes also noticed this. “Where’s the young man? Why hasn’t he showed up yet? Even if he died, his body should float to the top of the lake, right?”

“Maybe he has been eaten by those two ferocious beasts!”

“Impossible, we haven’t heard his scream. How could he have died?”

“Idiot! Who cares about that?! Now that the two beasts are gone, there is no more threat at the bottom of the lake!”

It didn’t take long for the experts to realize that, although the danger occurred very unexpectedly, at the same time it provided them with the perfect opportunity!

The two fierce beasts did not bring the huge Star Debris Meteorite at the bottom of the lake with them when they left!

Immediately, everyone’s breathing turned rapid and their eyes glittered with greed.

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Chapter 973: King-Grade Herbs and Star Core

At the bottom of the lake.

The dragon turtle had smashed a hole in the huge Star Debris Meteorite, which became like a portal leading to the inside of the mountain-like Star Debris Meteorite.

Lin Xun was standing motionlessly before it, eyes slightly narrowed and face blank.

Not far away from him was a fist-sized stone shining brightly like a star.

It stung Lin Xun’s eyes with its pure white light.

According to Little Silver, that was a true star core, the life source of a star and it was incredibly valuable!

The power that Little Silver called spirit source was contained within that star core.

At this moment, Little Silver’s grain-sized body was laying down on the star core and wildly absorbing the spirit power inside.

For cultivators, a star core was so valuable that even old monsters of the Saint Stage longed for one because of its use in crafting Saint treasures!

For Little Silver, the pure spirit source contained in the star core could help it advance, transform and reach the next stage of its evolution.

In its next evolution stage, it could shed the shackles of its body and turn into human form!

Kacha! Kacha!

Muffled gnawing sounds rang endlessly, while Little Silver looked to be in extreme hunger and thirst. It crazily ravaged the star core as if it had a death feud with it.

Lin Xun felt uneasy seeing the greedy face of Little Silver. No one is fighting with you, so why do you have to look so vicious and cruel?

It looks so unmannered as if it had never seen much of the world!

Lin Xun looked at Little Silver with disdain.

He began to examine the tremendous Star Debris Meteorite.

Wisps of silver starlight permeated the area, and an obscure but vigorous life force filled the air. One breath of it refreshed the mind and energized the body.

If a cultivator was able to train here, they could yield twice the result with half the effort.

Lin Xun carefully studied the meteorite with his spirit sense, but to his disappointment, he came to discover that, although the meteorite was as huge as a mountain, it had no special aura.

He even took off a chunk of the meteorite with the Broken Blade and dissected it, but the inside was empty.

Impossible! It attracted so many half-step kings to search for it, but it has nothing inside it except for a star core.

But Lin Xun did not give up. He cut off a dozen chunks of meteorites one after another with the Broken Blade, but all, without exception, contained no treasures.

Lin Xun looked more irritated when he looked at Little Silver gnawing greedily on the star core. Did I come all the way here just so that little guy can fulfill its wish?

“No, when the dragon turtle escaped, it carried a mysterious ice coffin on its back. Perhaps that was taken from inside this Star Debris Meteorite!”

It suddenly dawned on Lin Xun that the tremendous Star Debris Meteorite was smashed by the dragon turtle.

Additionally, the ice coffin he took away had to be extremely special because it was inscribed with a vast and mysterious star chart.

Could it be that the real treasure contained inside the Star Debris Meteorite is that ice coffin...

Lin Xun's heart sank horribly.

If that's the case, then this operation has been a waste of effort. We obtained nothing apart from a star core.

Huh?

With this thought, Lin Xun noticed a rectangular imprint in the ground, and wisps of obscure, almost imperceptible energy was seeping out from there.

Lin Xun's heart pounded. The outline perfectly matches the shape of the ice coffin!

He stepped forward, crouched down, and carefully investigated it with his spirit sense power.

Immediately, he noticed something unusual. The ground was also made of Star Debris Meteorites and as soon as his spirit sense approached it, a cryptic undulation blocked the detection of his spirit sense.

Vaguely, Lin Xun seemed to feel that there was something mysterious inside the meteorite that could not be examined.

"It is indeed strange!"

Quivering inwardly, Lin Xun grasped the Broken Blade and carefully dissected along the imprint left by the ice coffin.

Crack—

Stone fragments flew everywhere under the incredibly sharp Broken Blade and melted into the lake water, turning it cloudy.

Soon, a sharp-edged pit was cut into the ground, gradually extending downwards.

Within just a few breaths, when the pit reached a depth of around twenty feet, the Broken Blade seemed to have pierced the shell of an egg as a shaft of colorful divine light burst out from the ground.

At the same time, a pure and rich medicinal aroma permeated the air. It was as cool as ice and as fragrant as wine, seemingly able to penetrate the depths of the spirit and leave people entranced.

Aeth herb?

Lin Xun's eyes lit up. The medicinal aroma rushing into his face was so pure that even a whiff of it was enough to set his blood and qi leaping around his body. He felt as though he was soaking in a hot spring.

He drew a deep breath to calm himself, and then he began to dissect the underground meteorite.

Soon, an aeth herb was presented to Lin Xun.

It had the appearance of a little black sapling with a stalk that was only the thickness of a thumb and nine leaves hanging from its stem.

Each leaf was shaped like a full moon and glowed a snow-white hue. Their veins were like dao patterns, releasing an incomparably captivating medicinal fragrance.

The snow-white nine leaves were a stark contrast to the sapling's black jade-like body, but it radiated a perfect, pure, sacred, and ethereal charm.

A rain of black and white light fluttered around the little sapling, like yin and yang, forming a mysterious and perfect cycle around it.

Gulp!

Lin Xun could not help but swallow a mouthful of saliva, fighting back the excitement in his heart because...

It was a rare king-grade herb!

At the Dao Lantern Festival, Lin Xun captured a white ginseng, but he came to find that it was an old monster who had lived for an unknown number of years.

But the king-grade herb before him was different. Although it lacked spiritual powers, the medicinal power surging around showed traces of the perfect great dao!

It was indeed a king-grade herb!

Moreover, it was a flawless king-grade herb of the superb grade. It was so rare in the world that even Life Death Stage Kings would fight to the death over it.

“What a treasure!” Saliva almost trickled down Lin Xun’s chin. He could be regarded as someone who had seen much of the world, but even he lost his composure.

This was because the little Yin Yang Sapling was truly amazing.

Although it was impossible to know what miraculous effect it had, it was unquestionably a treasure born and bred from the blessings of nature!

Without any hesitation, Lin Xun dug up the roots of the little Yin Yang Sapling.

To prevent it from withering, Lin Xun also chiseled out the part of the meteorites that were tangled with the roots of the sapling.

Only when the treasure was safely stored in the Nameless Pagoda did a satisfied smile spread across his face.

If he hadn’t noticed that something was unusual, then he would have missed out on the precious king-grade herb!

“If that ice coffin was right on top of the king-grade herb, then perhaps there is some kind of living being hidden inside the coffin that needs to use the king-grade herb to cultivate...” Lin Xun said thoughtfully.

Then, without wasting any time, he continued to dig like he didn’t want to leave anything behind, which made Little Silver, who was gnawing on the star core, stare at him, dumbfounded. Master is crazy...

Then, it also gritted its teeth, seemingly unwilling to lose, and it gnawed faster and faster on the star core.

The faces of the two could only be described by the words vicious and wicked. How would other cultivators feel if they see them?

“What a treasure!”

Before long, Lin Xun unearthed another king-grade herb, which made his eyes glow like never before.

It was a plant as red as the rose-tinted sky at sunset like it was carved from fire jade. It was only the size of a palm with slender stems and leaves, but upon a closer look, the plant was covered with natural scale-like veins.

To Lin Xun’s surprise, those strange veins were imbued with the mystery of the fire dao!

He realized that the herb had to be extraordinary.

Then, he also carefully put away the flame grass.

He became even more motivated to dig. He rolled up his sleeves and continued...

On the ground, the size of the holes continued to expand. Inch after inch of stone was chiseled away and disappeared into the lake water.

"Indeed!" Lin Xun gasped.

He found another king-grade herb. It was a brilliantly golden wood-decay fungus that was as smooth as a gemstone and sprinkled a shower of golden light into the air.

Chi!

A beam of light shot toward Lin Xun with astonishing speed. It was a faint blue arrow entwined with terrifying lightning bolts.

Lin Xun caught the arrow with a stretch of his hand. Gathering the power of the Star Annihilation Heaven Devourer to his palm, he silently dissipated the destructive power contained within the arrow.

At the same time, he located the attacker. It was a man dressed in a golden robe and bathed in faint blue lightning. He was approaching him from the lake water in the distance.

He was clasping a huge bone bow in his hand and emitting an intense menacing aura.

"My friend, I have occupied this place. I'll give you a chance to disappear from my sight now!" The golden-robed man's expression was cold and domineering.

As he was speaking, he glanced at the golden fungus, making no secret of his desire to take it.

"Are you from the Lightning Wing Clan?" Lin Xun raised his eyebrows.

"You have good eyes. Since you know about my background then why don't you hurry up and get out of here?" The golden-robed man's voice was not particularly loud, but it was full of arrogance.

He had a slender figure and a handsome appearance. The blue lightning wings rumbling on his back made him as radiant as a lightning spirit.

"Haha, as I thought, like servant, like master." Lin Xun chuckled. He had already guessed the other party's identity.

Xing Yitian!

The leading figure of the younger generation of the Lightning Wing Clan who had personally received guidance from Saints. He was like a ruler of lightning, enjoying an illustrious reputation in the East Victory World.

This was what Miss Le had told Lin Xun, so he guessed the attacker's identity right away.

"Oh?" Xing Yitian was taken aback at first, and then his face darkened and his eyes flashed with lightning. "Are you the one who killed my servant?"

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Lin Xun said casually, "He wanted to die and then he died. You better not learn from him."

Xing Yitian curled his lips, his smile chilling and threatening. "Wanted to die? I think you are the one who does not want to live. You killed my people yet you dare to speak so rudely to me. You are indeed arrogant!" His tone of voice did not change, but it was thick with murderous intent.

Blue lightning wildly roamed around his wings, making him look more terrifying than before.

At this moment, many figures appeared in the area near the bottom of the lake, but they chose to watch from afar instead of coming closer.

At the same time, they also noticed the golden fungus plant that had just been dug up from the ground, and their eyes gleamed.

Indeed, a fortune was contained inside the tremendous Star Debris Meteorite!

"Young master, hurry up and kill him, otherwise there will be more and more people and it will be a bit troublesome then." A group of youngsters closed in on Lin Xun, each one exuding an astonishingly powerful aura.

From their expressions and menacing looks, they had to be Xing Yitian's servants!

"All right, you guys watch the other people, and I will put an end to this arrogant man," Xing Yitian said indifferently as if talking about something very trivial.

Buzz!

He raised the huge bone bow in his hand and set a pale blue lightning arrow in it. With a light pull of the bowstring, the lake water began to churn.

Then, a terrifying wave of energy lifted before taking the shape of a lightning spirit shadow!

"Wow!" Everyone gasped, staring intently at the huge bow. The bow was a wondrous blue shade and patterned with complicated dao runes. Even its appearance was miraculous.

The lightning spirit shadow was precisely derived from those dao runes. Where it stood proudly in the air, the lake parted and receded. Its body was over ten feet tall and enveloped with lightning bolts as it guarded Xing Yitian.

What a terrifying scene!

Everyone realized that the huge bow had an extraordinary background and that it was very likely an amazing ancient treasure. Otherwise, it wouldn't have such power!

Lin Xun raised his eyebrows as azure light circulated his body. He didn't dare to lower his guard.

The aura that Xing Yitian exuded was comparable to that of Yu Lingkong and Shun Baixuan. As Miss Le had said, he was very extraordinary.

Buzz—

Xing Yitian pulled back the bow until it resembled a full moon, which intensified his imposing aura, and the lightning spirit looked down at Lin Xun. Everyone's ears were suddenly deafened by a crashing roll of thunder.

Boom!

A dazzling blue arrow flitted across the air with terrifying force!

Lin Xun's pupils shrank, and he dodged to one side in a flash. His opponent's bow and arrow were a great killing weapon despite not being a Saint treasure.

While avoiding the blow, he deftly put away the golden fungus plant on the ground. Otherwise, it would have been destroyed by the arrow!

Boom!

When a terrifying sonic boom was felt, the blue arrow was already speeding across the air, creating blasts of wind and lighting and setting off monstrous waves.

Crack!

The huge Star Debris Meteorite exploded to pieces from just the force of the arrow.

Meanwhile, the arrow was inches away from Lin Xun. Strangely, even though Lin Xun had dodged it, it still followed him and refused to give up as if it had its own intelligence.

Seeing this, Lin Xun's eyes flashed, and his spine swayed like that of a huge dragon. Then, a blast of compressed air struck the arrow like a mighty fist.

Boom!

When the two collided, divine light surged and rioted, creating a massive explosion. Waves of wind and light erupted and finally the fist power exploded into a shower of light.

The arrow was also crushed, buzzing as it returned to Xing Yitian's hand.

In the distance, everyone was aghast. To them, the arrow was already remarkable and unstoppable, but the young man managed to deflect the blow with his bare hands.

"Interesting." Lin Xun's right hand and fingers went numb, and his muscles and bones throbbed with pain, which surprised him.

He realized even more that he must not be careless in the face of the bow and arrow in Xing Yitian's hand.

"Oh, did you block the arrow with your bare hands? But I only used thirty percent of my strength. Let's see if you can block the next one?" Xing Yitian sneered contemptuously.

Meanwhile, the people in the distance were terrified. Xing Yitian is indeed as domineering and arrogant as rumored. If the arrow just now was only fired with thirty percent of his power, then how terrifying would it be if he applied all his strength?

Boom!

Amidst the raging wind and lightning, the blue arrow shot across the air again, creating a gush of terrifying lightning wind and leaving a trail of dazzling light that flooded the area.

The arrow was instilled with the great dao power, and was visibly and significantly much stronger than the previous!

From afar, it was as though a lightning bolt tribulation was piercing the void. Any ordinary Cyclic Derivation cultivator would be exploded to smithereens under that arrow! i

How was Lin Xun going to defend against it?

“Unleash!” Lin Xun roared.

A burst of boundless and primitive fist power shook the world as he displayed the profound secrets of the Nine Heavenshaking Destructions Art.

Space crumbled inch after inch. The fist power was filled with a primitive and natural aura like a symbol of the great dao as it blocked the terrifying arrow.

Boom!

The earth quaked, and the bottom of the lake stirred frantically like the boiling water in a pot.

In the end, the arrow was blocked and its power was dispelled, but when Lin Xun attempted to imprison the arrow, it returned to Xing Yitian’s hands with a strange flash of light.

What an amazing arrow!

Lin Xun exclaimed in his mind. He could tell that the power of that arrow was comparable to his Biluo Arrow.

At the same time, Xing Yitian’s expression subtly changed. It might be just a coincidence when Lin Xun managed to block his first arrow, but when it happened for the second time, he knew that Lin Xun was not an ordinary person.

In the past, his bow and arrow had taken the lives of real half-step kings!

This was exactly the reason why he dared to come to the silver lake where several half-step kings had gathered already.

But he couldn’t see through Lin Xun.

“Have you embarked on the Supreme Path?” Xing Yitian furrowed his brows.

“Stop talking nonsense. Continue if you have the ability. If not, then wait to be killed!” Lin Xun smiled.

Xing Yitian’s eyes glinted coldly. He had already stepped onto Supreme Path so he knew how difficult it was to deal with an opponent with such a background.

“Are you in a hurry to die? Fine, I will help you!” Lightning raged around his body and his long hair danced around his face.

Buzz!

The bow roared violently as he fired the third arrow.

But the power of this arrow was different. A resounding and ancient sound of the dao shook the lake to the verge of collapse.

Lin Xun felt a chill in his heart. Then, his entire body shone brightly as he demonstrated the profound mystery of the Star Annihilation Heaven Devourer. He seemed to have turned into an unfathomable abyss.

The power of his punch also changed.

That was the Star Annihilation Heaven Devourer power that had reached the level of Dao Ripple. It was immeasurably powerful, capable of wiping out heaven and earth!

“That...” Xing Yitian was aghast because his opponent’s power was beyond his imagination.

Additionally, the dao power exuding from his opponent chilled him to the bone.

What grand dao is that?

Boom!

The fist roared and erupted with infinite light, swallowing the arrow like a star vortex or black hole!

Under the gazes of everyone, the seemingly invincible arrow was blocked, its power constantly annihilated and swallowed. By the time it touched Lin Xun’s fist, it had lost all its power.

Boom!

But the power of the punch remained undiminished and struck the blue arrow hard, sending it shaking violently and whimpering.

Everyone’s scalp went numb. Lin Xun managed to fend off Xing Yitian’s invincible arrow three times in a row with his bare hands alone!

It was too incredible!

Xing Yitian’s face paled, and he withdrew the arrow without any hesitation. Then, he drew his bow fully and released it with all his strength.

Rumble—

The lightning spirit was also dispatched along with the blue arrow to kill Lin Xun.

Undoubtedly, that was Xing Yitian’s strongest strike!

Many cultivators drew back for fear of being swept into the impact.

The bottom of the entire silver lake had been plunged into utter chaos, flooded with the aura of lighting destruction as if a lightning tribulation had descended upon this place.

“Let’s see how you are going to block this arrow!” Xing Yitian’s voice reverberated like a thunderclap.

That blow was no doubt abnormal because even Lin Xun felt unprecedented pressure.

He drew a deep breath and punched out again without any reservation.

Buzz!

The turbulent and chaotic lake abruptly stilled as if frozen, and a gush of indescribably vast aura shot out from Lin Xun's fist.

What kind of punch was that?

It seemed able to accommodate all currents in the world like the ocean! But it also seemed to possess indestructible powers that could penetrate time and space!

That was the power of Dao Truth!

That one punch demonstrated the essence and true meaning of the water dao. It also displayed the supreme power of the dao!

Lin Xun had always wanted to test the power of the Dao Truth, but he hadn't been able to do so.

Boom!

The entire silver lake exploded like it was unable to bear the immense pressure, sending turbulent waves roaring into the skies and crashing onto the nearby islands and reefs. Many sank from the impact.

Miss Le and the others who were hiding in the king-level forbidden array were all petrified as if they witnessed a catastrophe breaking out before their eyes.

At the same time, at the bottom of the lake, before the lightning spirit could show its power, it was blown to pieces by the force of the fist and dissipated as light rain.

The pale blue arrow wailed violently!

Pu!

Xing Yitian was also impacted. His mind and spirit throbbed with pain and he coughed up a mouthful of blood. His expression dramatically changed.

The power of the Dao Truth!

How is that possible?

Isn't this great dao power that only Life Death Stage Kings can comprehend and control?

He was shaken as evidenced by the way he looked at Lin Xun like he was looking at an abnormal monster.

"Take this!"

Lin Xun charged forward, his aura changing, like an invincible sword being unsheathed.

It was the embodiment of the Dao Truth.

There was nothing gentler than water, yet there was nothing better than it to attack the mighty and strong!

The first half of the phrase implied that water was all-encompassing as all rivers ran into the sea, while the second half of the sentence suggested that it was the way to attack and kill as it could wipe out mountains and rivers and universes with its unrivaled force.

An ancient sage once said: the greatest virtue had the characteristic of water!

Xing Yitian was very strong, far superior to his peers, and he was well-known in the East Victory World, but when he faced Lin Xun, he felt unprecedented stifling pressure.

He quickly dodged, but was still struck by the wind generated by Lin Xun's fist.

Bang!

As if his body had been hit by a mountain, he was catapulted across the air, his bones and joints cracking incessantly.

Even his seven orifices were dripping with blood, and his spirit seemed to be on the verge of collapse.

A scream escaped his throat and his handsome face that was marred by blood became contorted and hideous!

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Chapter 975: Yielding the Divine Arrow

After the sound echoed, Xing Yitian fell to the ground in a sorry state.

Blood was oozing out of his seven apertures, which made his originally handsome-looking face look especially malevolent and frightening.

Everyone was startled. The formidable Xing Yitian had been utterly defeated, so they all knew that his opponent had to be a heaven-defying genius.

"You actually injured me!" Xing Yitian howled. He clearly found it hard to believe and was infuriated.

Bang!

He unfurled the wings behind him and blue lightning arced everywhere, forming a dragon-snake made of pure lightning. It charged towards Lin Xun as thundering sounds echoed everywhere, awing everyone who could hear it.

He was truly infuriated now. He had already been a peerless individual and had stepped into the summit at a young age. Furthermore, he had received the inheritance of a saint, so there was no way he had ever been on the backside before.

"It's your fate to die!" he bellowed as he bent back the bow. With a buzz, a bright and resplendent lightning image appeared, resembling a sacred mountain.

His expression was ashen and twisted. Being defeated like that was a huge humiliation. If news came out, then he wouldn't be able to show his face anymore.

Buzz!

Once he released the bowstring, a dazzling light blue divine arc of light appeared. It was over a hundred feet long and was imbued with the aura of thunder and lightning.

At the same time, the spirit lightning shadow appeared, puffing out snow-white light that was as sharp as a blade that could cut the void.

Lin Xun's entire body became imbued with the aura of rushing water as the qi within him exploded. He was operating his cultivation to its very peak.

He now resembled a vast and powerful sea with a boundless and awe-inspiring grandeur that amazed everyone.

As all of this was happening, he suddenly formed a fist and a bizarre palm imprint appeared in the void. A black divine flame spread out and the head of a black phoenix appeared, radiating a divine splendor of extinction.

The Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art!

This was an unrivaled ancient art that was famous for its fighting power in ancient times. It had the extinction ability and the might of a destruction art. It could be considered one of the top killing arts out there.

A few days ago, Lin Xun had spent time comprehending this art. It came from the Great Treasury Silent Scripture. Furthermore, Lin Xun didn't need to figure things out on his own. Instead, there was a black phoenix explaining and guiding him. This allowed him to get to the proficiency he had today by grasping key mysteries!

The black phoenix drifted around as its graceful wings sent out divine extinction flames, eliminating the arrow in a mysterious and terrifying way.

However, the power behind the arrow was extremely high, and Xing Yitian had been quite furious when he unleashed it. The arrow pummeled through the air and ripped apart the black phoenix, turning into a cascade of light rain.

This surprised Lin Xun, and he realized just how much power was behind that arrow in order to become that big and powerful.

Unfortunately for his opponent, this was exactly what Lin Xun wanted. He gestured with both of his hands and activated the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art again in order to polish and temper his understanding of it.

Rumble!

Chaos erupted. The silver lake had completely evaporated, and the earth around them was now filled with deep cracks and crevices. As for the observing experts, they had long taken the opportunity to withdraw far away for their own safety.

"It's Older Brother Lin Xun!" shouted Xiaohe excitedly from the far end of the lakeside within the King-level forbidden array.

“Young Master Lin Xun is truly unharmed. However, his opponent is quite powerful, just who is he?” Kou Xing and the others were at first pleasantly surprised before their expressions became serious. They could tell that Xing Yitian was quite strong.

“Of course it’s Xing Yitian,” stated Miss Le as her eyes narrowed and understanding dawned on her face.

Bang!

Within the void, the lightning spirit shadow howled. As if it was alive, it slashed down with a lightning hammer, making the black phoenix dim before it was destroyed.

At the same time, another light blue arrow shot forth, charging toward Lin Xun ferociously. It was extremely tyrannical and left a bright electric arc as it traveled through the air.

Lin Xun sighed inwardly. He had only mastered the surface of the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art and could only display about a tenth of its true power. Otherwise, it would not have been destroyed that easily.

Buzz!

Shortly thereafter, the imposing aura surrounding him shifted, and a magnificent black Buddhist light appeared. It was solemn and dignified, looking as if a Buddha had come to life.

Everyone observing absently thought that the current Lin Xun was united completely with the heavens and earth. He resonated with the surroundings as dao sound echoed from him with the chanting resembling thunder!

This was the Earth Treasury Temple’s Great Earth Treasury Scripture’s inheritance!

Bang!

His palm pressed down, and a black buddhist seal condensed and appeared within the void.

Immediately, a giant vajra appeared, looking as if it could never be eliminated. The wisdom it emitted filled the universe and felt as if it could crush the void.

“The Earth Treasury Temple’s inheritance?” Miss Le was astonished and quickly realized that Lin Xun had gotten many other opportunities besides the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art within that old Buddhist temple!

What surprised her the most was that both of the techniques, whether it was the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art or the Earth Treasury Temple’s inheritance, had very strenuous requirements on the practitioner.

For example, those who had not awakened the Celestial Phoenix bloodline would find it almost impossible to learn the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art.

Yet for Lin Xun, this kind of restriction had been smashed apart!

Thump thump thump~~

The Buddhist seal covered the area and collided with the light blue arrow, causing the area to shake and tremble. A buzzing sound appeared, and finally, the arrow was smashed apart as its mournful cry echoed everywhere.

“How could...this happen?!” Xing Yitian was furious and startled at the same time. This time he had not held back and used all of his power, yet it had still been broken!

With a swish, Lin Xun rushed over through the void. Under his feet, black lotus flowers appeared, revealing a divine splendor full of Buddhist aura.

This was A Lotus Under Each Step! Legend had it that when the Buddha traversed the void, lotuses would pave the way.

Xing Yitian finally realized that he had gotten into a sticky situation. His opponent’s power level had vastly exceeded what he had expected.

“Next time I’ll kill you!” He was feeling uneasy. Even though it was humiliating to do so, he decided that it was best to retreat for now.

Although he was arrogant and conceited, he wasn’t a hothead. Now that things had come to this, he had become wary and aware that the situation was not in his favor anymore.

Buzz~

He shook his lightning wings and turned around.

However, Lin Xun was incredibly fast and had caught up within moments. He lifted his hand and slammed down!

This palm had a faint charm and grace to it but also held an aura of destruction.

Xing Yitian sensed something was off, so he shot out another explosive arrow without hesitation.

A world-shaking sonic boom exploded as Lin Xun’s attack was destroyed, but at the same time, a Hornless Ice Dragon soared up. It was snow-white and drifted through the void imposingly.

Pop!

Xing Yitian was sent flying, and many bones in his body had been snapped clean. Blood showered everywhere.

Everyone stayed silent as the atmosphere turned oppressive.

The strong and aggressive Xing Yitian was being suppressed this easily?

No one could quite believe it.

By now, there was no suspense left in the fight. Although Xing Yitian’s servants rushed over to help when they saw the situation turn against him, it was too late.

Within ten moves, Xing Yitian screamed shrilly as he had almost lost his life to Lin Xun’s Great Earth Treasury secret technique. Serious wounds dotted his body, and he was on the verge of death.

Tinkle!

At the same time, Lin Xun had finally grabbed onto an opportunity and had firmly captured the light blue arrow.

But this arrow acted as if it was intelligent and refused to submit. It began to struggle forcefully and was actually more powerful than Xing Yitian.

Caught off guard, Lin Xun almost had his finger snapped by the arrow!

His heart trembled, and then he immediately sent it into the Nameless Pagoda to be suppressed.

Even so, the arrow had actually thrown off the wonder-dao gold light and was currently rampaging around in the pagoda. It looked extremely marvelous and domineering.

“You idiot! This arrow is a divine object from the ancient era. Even king-level freaks would have no way to suppress it. Just wait until you meet your doom!”

Although Xing Yitian was gravely injured, when he saw this, he couldn’t help from sneering.

He was too well aware of the might of the arrow. In ancient times, it had once shot down a giant sun from the sky, so it was incredibly frightening.

Anything that tried to suppress it was destined to be devoured instead!

“Is that so?”

A mysterious smile appeared on the corner of Lin Xun’s lips as his heart palpitated. The No-Nonsense Bow appeared within the Nameless Pagoda. The body of the bow looked as if it had been cast from the dead white bones of humans, and it emitted an icy-cold mysterious air from it.

Within an instant, the light blue arrow suddenly stopped as if it had felt something that shocked it. It was now quietly shuddering and trembling.

Immediately, Lin Xun felt himself relax while he was exclaiming inwardly. The arrow could only be suppressed by the No-Nonsense Bow, so it was obvious that it was a special treasure.

At the same time, Xing Yitian sprayed out a large mouthful of blood as his mind pulsated with pain. He could sharply sense that the connection he had with the light blue arrow had been cut off.

How could this happen?

He was overcome with shock and almost collapsed on the spot.

The only reason why he had been able to use this arrow was because a Saint had set a mysterious imprint inside his body, but now that the imprint had been shattered!

“Die!”

Lin Xun sped over brutally.

But before he could get near, he saw that a frightful golden light was exploding from Xing Yitian. In the next moment, he disappeared without a trace.

The Golden Cicada talisman!

Lin Xun frowned.

“People like him are like the dragons that rule the sky. Defeating them may not be hard, but killing them is incredibly difficult!” Miss Le sighed inwardly.

She had long predicted that this would happen.

After all, Xing Yitian was the leader of the Lightning Wing Clan’s younger generation. The clan had great hopes for him. If he died, then the upper levels of the Lightning Wing Clan would come out as a force and slaughter indiscriminately.

It wasn't as if something like this hadn't happened before in the past.

Once a clan had a grudge against someone, then they would try to rip the other person up by the roots and would attack the other person’s foundations.

Because so many similar scenarios had happened, people like Xing Yitian were carefully protected by their clans. There absolutely could not be any accidents regarding him.

“Just you wait! One day, I will definitely settle this debt with you!” Although Xing Yitian had left, the void still resounded with his last bitter and angry shout.

“I need to figure out a way to get out of this...” Lin Xun muttered to himself.

Throughout his cultivation journey, he encountered many similar situations. In the end, his opponents would use all sorts of nasty methods to counter him.

There was Yu Lingkong, now Xing Yitian, which meant that there would be even more in the future.

Lin Xun was quite aware that as long as his enemies were still alive, they were a hidden element of danger. If more things like this happened in the future, he would only be stuck with more inconvenient problems.

“If I could step into the king stage, none of this would be an issue. But before that happens, I need to find a way to stop them from escaping. However, that is quite tricky. Other than exposing the fact that I have the No-Nonsense Bow and Nameless Pagoda, there is no other way I can think of that can completely suppress my opponents...”

Lin Xun also knew that people like Xing Yitian naturally had many trump cards in their hands. Even if he didn't have the Golden Cicada Talisman, then he would have some other way of escaping with his life.

It was just as Miss Le had said. Trying to kill someone from an ancient power was really too hard.

Without thinking too much, Lin Xun cast his gaze toward the numerous young men and women who were Xing Yitian’s servants.

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Chapter 976: Old Monster Mo Xi

When Xing Yitian fled, his servants all collapsed from fright. After knowing that the tables had turned, they all tried to flee.

Lin Xun had no desire to let bygones be bygones. He activated the Hornless Ice Dragon Step to its full potential and pursued them. Screams echoed unceasingly, and then after a short while, all of the servants had been slaughtered.

However, Lin Xun still felt somewhat stifled within his heart. Xing Yitian hadn't died and slaughtering his servants didn't give him much of a sense of accomplishment.

Despite that, everyone who was observing from a distance was still incredibly shocked. After all, Xing Yitian was considered to be a powerful prodigy among the younger generation in East Victory World and was quite famous. Yet he had been completely suppressed by this youth!

"What, are you guys loitering around in hopes of stealing some treasure?"

Lin Xun's black eyes were chilly as he gazed over everyone. He did not bother to try to hide his overflowing killing intent.

Earlier, he had been joyfully excavating king-grade herbs at the bottom of the lake. Right when he was in the groove, he had been interrupted by Xing Yitian, which completely ruined the mood for him.

Crash~

The other cultivators blanched, and the vast majority of them sped away.

They had just witnessed the intense fight from earlier, which allowed them to understand Lin Xun's terror. At this time, who would dare try to provoke him?

Even some half-step king experts had frightened looks. Although it was a bit humiliating being threatened by someone from the younger generation, they still ended up keeping a check on their egos in the end.

They had no choice. After all, they were aware that the youngsters who had stepped onto the supreme path were more than able to fight people at a cultivation level above them!

Now, the entire silver lake had been blown to smithereens. The lake bottom was dry and full of cracks, and the giant Star Debris Meteorite had also been smashed to pieces during the fighting.

Lin Xun could only sigh at this. At least he had been able to excavate three king-grade herbs, the Yin Yang Sapling, Flame Grass, and golden fungus plant.

Furthermore, Little Silver also encountered a star stone that helped him advance to the next stage. Thus, the gains he had experienced this time were quite good.

However, just when Lin Xun was about to leave this place, a frightful aura appeared from the distance and was traveling closer to him.

"Youngster, was the opportunity found at this lake bottom taken by you?" asked an old man who had dark green hair. Although he had a human shape, it was obvious he wasn't human.

On his forehead was a bright white horn that was about half a foot long. In addition, his eyes were an amber color and glittered with a beast-like light.

“Old Monster Mo Xi!” exclaimed a few experts who had yet to leave. They figured out the identity of the withered old man immediately.

This area of the Boundary River was by the Ancient Blue Province of the East Victory World. The place was quite vast and filled with many different powers.

Among them, the most famous was the old orthodoxy, Heaven Axis Holy Land.

Old Monster Mo Xi had come from the Ancient Blue Province and had broken through to the king stage over ten years ago. He was considered a ‘new king’ among experts.

This old monster was not a simple fellow. In fact, he had an irritable and ruthless personality and had slaughtered many experts and caused blood feuds in the past.

After reaching the king stage, he actually restrained himself more and even took the initiative to draw close to Heaven Axis Holy Land. He wished to enter the sect and find a home for himself.

The fact that a king-level expert had voluntarily defected to a sect naturally caused a huge sensation. In the Ancient Blue Province, the rumors went wild, and it was said that Heaven Axis Holy Land had already shown their approval. Apparently, they were planning on bringing in Old Monster Mo Xi into the sect.

Therefore, once everyone saw Old Monster Mo Xi show up, a lot of them were surprised and revealed nervous expressions.

After all, he was a true king-level expert!

The heavens and earth shuddered, and the atmosphere became repressed as it was enveloped by the terrible might of a king-level expert.

Once Old Monster Mo Xi appeared, his beady golden eyes fixed on Lin Xun along with the full might of his aura. Everyone found it hard to breathe. This youngster was screwed!

The other experts muttered inwardly, and some couldn’t help feeling delighted by the situation. Once a king-level expert appeared, the ending was ordained!

“How can it be like this...” Kou Xing and the others felt a chill run through them. Who would have thought that a king-level expert would appear in the end?!

Kings stood above the five levels of cultivation, so they were truly at the summit and were fearsome existences.

Even though Old Monster Mo Xi was considered a ‘new king’ and hadn’t grown fully into the king-level powers, he was still a true king-level expert. Half-step kings were no comparison to him.

“Give me your treasures, and I’ll let you leave. Otherwise, you’re going to die!” Old Monster Mo Xi was very calm as he spoke as if he regarded Lin Xun as an ant.

At his level, there was no need for him to fear a youngster at the Cyclic Derivation stage.

“Ah, such arrogance. Are you sure you want to make me your enemy?”

Everyone was surprised that Lin Xun was completely unafraid even in this situation. His expression was calm, and he acted as if he was talking to a normal person.

Everyone couldn't help but sigh. Being able to walk the supreme path wasn't for everyone. Just this kind of boldness wasn't something that everyone had the guts to have.

“Oh!” Old Monster Mo Xi was surprised and then revealed a disdainful smile. “Young Man, do you know what the king-level is? It means it doesn't matter who you are, or what's your background, you'll have to die if you disobey me!”

Bang!

As he spoke, his aura soared into the air, parting the clouds. In the vicinity, animals cried in terror as the surroundings crumbled into dust. This kind of pressure at the king-level was terrifying to the extreme.

Under these circumstances, Lin Xun was still able to endure the pressure, but he had to use all of his cultivation power to do so.

“Eh? You can actually resist?” Old Monster Mo Xi was startled for a moment. In the past, he simply had to reveal some pressure, and it would make everyone under the king-level prostrate before him.

But now, his opponent was a mere youngster at the Cyclic Derivation Stage, yet he wasn't being cowed at all. Instead, he looked as if it was nothing special.

“Hmph, no wonder you're so arrogant. Apparently, you're a gifted young fellow, but in my eyes, all geniuses below the king stage are the same. In the end, you have no power against me and are a mere slab of meat on the chopping board. I can kill you as I please!”

Old Monster Mo Xi coldly huffed as a loud thunderclap resounded in the sky. This startled and awed the distant experts, causing their ears to buzz. It was so deafening that they almost fell to the ground.

His aura became more formidable, and he now resembled a mighty king overlooking his domain as his power smashed down!

At the same time, Lin Xun felt the pressure on him doubling, but he was not afraid and was instead observing the new situation.

In the past, he had been targeted before by king-level experts and had even been chased after by two king-level experts from the Black Nightmare Sky Dog Clan.

At that time, he had no power to resist and couldn't even have a chance to try. All he could do was use the Grand Universe Ark to flee for his life.

But the situation was different now. He at least could stand tall before a king-level expert and not be forced to his knees!

His body had not yet been suppressed, his spirit and physique could still struggle longer, and he hadn't lost the ability to fight back!

This was a type of progress, and it was actually a big sign!

"A king like you is nothing!" Then Lin Xun smiled with a confident expression.

He also knew that his opponent had just recently stepped into the king-stage, so he was definitely less powerful than the other old king-level experts.

Regardless, he was still a king!

The fact that he was able to withstand his opponent's stifling aura made Lin Xun feel quite pleased with himself.

Hiss!

Everyone present took in a deep breath out of surprise. No one could have predicted that Lin Xun would still be this unyielding and uncompromising in this situation.

As for Old Monster Mo Xi, his expression turned cold. A hint of loathing and killing intent appeared on his brows.

"Rumor has it that the great age is coming and that younger heaven prides will lead the way, causing the tides of the Ancient Wasteland Domain to change. But in my opinion, this is a hilarious way of thinking. If that's truly the case, then are people like me in the king-stage chopped liver?"

As Old Monster Mo Xi spoke, he took a step forward. With every step, the heavens howled, and the great dao resonated. A few experts felt as if lightning had struck their hearts and felt so unwell that they almost vomited out blood.

"I'm afraid I'm going to have to tell you, that when the great age draws near, if the saints don't come, then the ones who will truly make a mark are king-level experts like me!

"Now, I will use this opportunity to prove that, in front of me, you are merely an insect that I am free to squish as I please!"

After he finished, Old Monster Mo Xi used a hand to grab out, and an incorporeal giant hand shadow appeared in the air as it headed towards Lin Xun ferociously.

The force contained within that hand was too terrifying. Dao sound exploded while dao light burst forth. Every finger was imbued with the lines of the dao, and there was an aura of laws lingering around it.

From a distance, all of the observing experts felt as if Judgement Day was descending and felt despair within their hearts.

This was the king stage!

In the eyes of other people, Lin Xun had no way to escape and was destined to be a bug being squished to death.

But what followed left everyone stupefied, and their jaws almost fell open.

Bang!

All they could see was that in Lin Xun's palm was a small jade bottle about a few inches tall. It suddenly erupted with divine flames that covered the entire sky.

The Yi Wood Azure Flame, the Luminous White Gold Flame, Purified Water Black Flame, Earth Yellow Flame, and the Jewel Sun Red Flame...five types of divine flame emerged in a bright and resplendent manner. It resembled the heavens falling down in a river and sweeping everything away.

Caught off guard, Old Monster Mo Xi was submerged completely under the torrent, and all of his hair and clothes had been burnt off. He was in quite a sorry state.

Earlier he had been an arrogant king looking down at everyone, viewing Lin Xun as a mere ant that could be snatched whenever he wanted. He had wanted to stomp the youngster to death, so he had never expected this kind of peak humiliation.

Who would have thought that the roles would be reversed in the blink of an eye?!

Lin Xun hadn't been crushed to death. Instead, Old Monster Mo Xi had been burnt until he cried out in pain, losing all of his majestic aura as a king-level expert. In fact, he looked more comical and funny right now.

Furthermore, there was the slight smell of roasted meat wafting around...

When they looked at Old Monster Mo Xi again, they noticed that his skin and flesh had been burnt to a crisp, which astonished them. The five divine flames were too frightening and powerful.

"You little brat, you're asking for death!" Old Monster Mo Xi howled furiously, alarming everyone within a large radius.

Then all people could see was the sea of fire exploding loudly as Old Monster Mo Xi burst through. Although all of his hair had been burnt away, making him look quite bad, the injuries were still quite light and the flames were unable to truly harm him.

However...

It was too humiliating!

A king-level expert had actually been broiled until he became a complete mess, with bits of charcoal hanging all over him. If this came out to the public, it'd be too embarrassing.

"Die!" He rushed forward in an attempt to kill Lin Xun as soon as possible.

But Lin Xun had already made preparations and had put away the Dao Immeasurable Bottle. He activated the Hornless Ice Dragon Step and charged toward the edge of the lake, where the king-level forbidden array was hiding.

Once Old Monster Mo Xi chased after him, he discovered that he could no longer discover any traces of Lin Xun.

"An array?"

At this time, the Four Divisions King Array hadn't been activated, so there was no tell-tale aura. All he could sense was that there was something covering the heavens and earth in the area.

Consequently, Old Monster Mo Xi only hesitated for a moment before charging in.

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Chapter 977: The Way of Eating an Old Monster in the King Stage

Old Monster Mo Xi felt both humiliation and a sense of hatred bubbling inside him. He truly did not believe that a rune array could possibly stop him from going forward.

After all, he was a king-level expert!

“Little brat, you can’t run away from me. In the eyes of a king, all people below are mere ants. If you’re smart, you’ll obediently come out for me.”

Old Monster Mo Xi strolled into the array with a cold expression. His eyes shot out beams of divine light as he searched the interior.

This was nothing!

He sneered inwardly as he didn’t sense anything that could possibly threaten him. This made him feel even more secure and he firmly believed that nothing wrong could happen.

However, the only thing that made him frown was that after he entered the array, he discovered that the area inside was vast and boundless. Furthermore, he couldn’t sniff out a hint of Lin Xun’s aura.

Bang!

Once he took another step, the sky shook, the void exploded and an invisible kingly power was released, sweeping all directions.

He didn’t understand how arrays worked, but he was certain that in the face of an absolute power like him, nothing could stop him from going forward!

As for the stupid array, it was easy to deal with. All he needed to do was use some force and it’d disappear!

The next moment, Old Monster Mo Xi became extremely tall and released his king-level power. Dao sounds exploded, and dao light spread throughout the area.

Immediately, the array violently trembled, and the color of the sky changed. In addition, booming sounds echoed as if it was about to collapse.

“Little brat, if you don’t come out and apologize before this array explodes, I will make sure that you will beg for death later!”

Old Monster Mo Xi shouted loudly, his voice resembling the sound of the dao rumbling.

But what made him surprised was that within the area there was no sign of Lin Xun anywhere even though the array was rumbling and booming.

“You refuse to submit eh?”

Old Monster Mo Xi muttered to himself as he pressed his palm into the void, causing more rumbling. A line of dao runes changed into dark green clouds, soaring into the sky as it oppressed and collapsed the void.

The entire array acted like a plain of long grass being lashed by the howling wind and rain. It felt like it would explode at any time.

Before long, Old Monster Mo Xi ended up frowning. Although the array acted as if it would topple at any moment, it still hadn't been destroyed yet.

"I've already used forty percent of my power, but how come it can't even destroy a rune array? Unless..."

Bang!

At this time, a tide of numerous rune designs poured out from the sky within the boundless area

The bright, blazing designs undulated and spread out, covering the sky and earth. The entire array transformed into something new.

"This..." Old Monster Mo Xi's expression changed as he sensed a life-threatening aura spread around him.

He had been tricked!

Without any hesitation, he flickered and attempted to retreat back, using all of the power available to him at the king-stage. This made his entire body glow with an overflowing power.

But before he could rush out, the sky full of runes condensed and became a white tiger that was hundreds of feet tall. It rushed out from the void.

This white tiger was too terrifying. It had golden eyes, and an enormous body, and it emitted a kind of killing intent that could destroy the heavens. Once a giant paw came down, it ripped the void to shreds.

With a loud thump, Old Monster Mo Xi had clearly been caught off guard and had been sent flying by the giant paw. He staggered and looked to be in a sorry state.

"Damn it, it's a king-level forbidden array!"

His expression immediately darkened, and he was so angry that he cursed out loud. He had never thought that a giant killing array would be hiding next to the lake.

Whoosh!

He flashed again and didn't dare to confront it directly. He was trying to flee in a different direction as he also took out a weapon that was also at the king-level—a white bone club.

This treasure had an impressive origin. It had been refined from the natal bones of nine ancient, divine beasts and had the power to cut mountains and split the seas.

Crash~

A vermilion bird with bright red wings as dazzling as fire appeared and screeched. Its perfect body emitted countless flames and began burning the entire area, turning it into a kingdom of fire.

Bang!

Without any hesitation, Old Monster Mo Xi lifted the white bone club and smashed down.

The fiery sea split open, but the vermillion bird was unaffected. It continued to fill the air with killing intent, and its wings were like a pair of fire swords as they slashed down. It was extremely aggressive and had the power to burn the heavens.

Even though Old Monster Mo Xi did his best to fight back, he had still been burnt until he had turned into black charcoal. He screamed like a pig being slaughtered.

“Motherf***er! Just what kind of array is this? Just how can it be so terrifying?”

Old Monster Mo Xi bellowed and had no choice but to retreat.

Earlier, he had been arrogant and conceited in the power of the king stage. He had acted as if he had the power to rule the universe.

But now, he was screaming repeatedly, and every hair on his body had been burnt to a crisp. He resembled a black devil now and was trying to run away with his tail between his legs. If the outside cultivators could see this, they wouldn't be able to believe their own eyes.

Outside the restriction, Lin Xun held the formation discs in his hands as he operated the array with a relaxed look.

Whereas Kou Xing and the others were stupified as their hearts trembled continuously. He had trapped a true king!

However, after being trapped by the restriction, the king-level expert was in a perilous situation. It was hard for the others to believe this as this was too shocking for their sensibilities.

“It's already used up thirteen thousand high-grade aeth essences, which is about fifty percent of the amount of money needed to buy a king-level weapon.” On the side, Miss Le calculated the current usage.

Her simple comment made the originally relaxed Lin Xun stiffen as a pang stabbed into his heart.

Why did the despicable Old Monster Mo Xi have to come out now? It was making him have to almost use his entire fortune to deal with this bastard.

“In a bit, let's have a taste of black rhino meat[1], eh? After all, this is the meat of a king-level beast, which can only be experienced through chance.” Lin Xun gritted his teeth as he operated the array even more fiercely. He wanted to slaughter this old bastard even faster now.

“That's...not okay, right?” Kou Xing and the others were stunned by this statement. Eat the flesh of a king-level expert? Younger Master Lin Xun was truly quite bold.

“Older Brother Lin Xun, I'll listen to you!” Xiaohe's eyes were bright and gleaming, and she had an expression full of anticipation. She was clearly a little foodie.

“Old Monster Mo Xi is quite old, so I'm not sure if his meat will still be tasty. However, if it gets stewed into a nice, thick soup, I'm sure it'll be very nutritious,” Miss Le said thoughtfully.

“We’ll use the bones to make a soup and roast the meat. Not a single bit can be wasted,” Lin Xun replied seriously.

Kou Xing’s and the others’ jaws dropped wide. They couldn’t believe what they were hearing. Just when did an old freak at the king-stage become a piece of food that they could discuss?

In the distance, a few experts who hadn’t fled yet almost tripped over their own feet. Stupefied expressions adorned their faces. They truly couldn’t understand how this group of people was currently discussing how to eat an old monster of the king stage.

This was way too savage. If word got out, then it’d cause a huge commotion.

At this time, Old Monster Mo Xi was about to collapse within the restriction. He was running around like a fly that had its head cut off, but no matter where he fled, he was bombarded ruthlessly by the array.

There was the white tiger full of killing intent, the vermillion bird that set the world aflame, the azure dragon that occupied the entire sky, and the black tortoise that could move mountains...

Images of the four mythological beasts that guarded the four directions were everywhere. No matter where Old Monster Mo Xi went, it was impossible for him to dodge. In fact, he ended up in more of a bad state by encountering them all.

“You little brat! How dare you try to trick me, you little motherf***er?!” Old Monster Mo Xi was so angry he began cursing again. His eyes were about to pop out of his head, and blood was dripping down from the corners of his eyes.

This situation was truly odd.

A king-level forbidden array had been set there earlier, but who would do something like that without a purpose? He was certain that the youth had deliberately set a trap and lured him to it!

Bang!

Thunder roared, and the black tortoise’s giant body pressed down, sending Old Monster Mo Xi flying. Blood burst out from his nose and mouth, while the rest of his body creaked and groaned. It was so painful that his eyes rolled to the back of his head.

“This is too infuriating!”

Old Monster Mo Xi continued to cough up blood and was about to blow his temper.

Ever since he had stepped into the king stage more than ten years ago, he only backed down to Saints. Otherwise, he just rampaged around without any fear.

Who would have thought that he would fall into a trap dug by a Cyclic Derivation youngster? Furthermore, this trap was threatening his life!

Why would he not be infuriated by this?

It wasn't easy becoming a king!

This was especially true for a wandering cultivator like him. He had suffered untold hardships stepping into the king stage, but he hadn't even had the time to enjoy it before possibly dying. How could he not regret it?

Of course, king-level experts were not easy to kill. Even after suffering so much in the array, he still had not died.

Any other cultivator below the king-stage would have long been eliminated by now.

"My young friend, earlier I had been playing around with you. Please be generous and let me go this once. I promise that I will give you ample compensation for this. I'm even ok being a mount or slaving around for you!"

In the end, Old Monster Mo Xi could no longer endure it and began to beg. He put himself very low and didn't seem to care that he had lost all elegance.

But he had no choice. The current circumstances had led him to this, and he really didn't want to die!

"Willing to be your mount..." Kou Xing and the others had stunned expressions as they stared blankly. This was a king-level expert, yet he had been forced into a situation where he didn't even want his dignity anymore.

"Not interested, I only want to eat meat," Lin Xun refused resolutely. He was very well aware that the old monster was throwing out excuses. A king-level expert would never deign to be his mount. Even if Old Monster Mo Xi was currently lowering his head, there was no guarantee that he wouldn't renege on the deal in the future.

"Eat meat? You're not afraid that you might burst, you little brat?"

When Old Monster Mo Xi saw that his attempt to surrender didn't work, he went crazy and howled, "You need to know that if I die, Heaven Axis Holy Land won't let you go for this!"

Mentioning Heaven Axis Holy Land was a mistake. After all, as soon as Lin Xun heard that, his desire to kill the old bastard increased immensely.

"Kill him faster. We've already used up almost thirty thousand high-grade aeth essences, which is pretty much enough to buy a king-level weapon," Miss Le reminded him.

The corner of Lin Xun's mouth twitched, and he energetically operated the array even more.

Rumble~~

Immediately, sounds of thunder booming echoed in the array as sand and rocks began to fly around. A divine flame resembling magma covered the entire area.

Old Monster Mo Xi struggled frantically, using his king-level power to its peak as he was quite desperate.

In the end, he couldn't get away from his fate of dying. A claw from the azure dragon finally pierced his chest, killing him instantly.

Crash~~

Bright red blood full of a king's desire to live poured down like a fountain. The aura it gave off was so poignant it caused people's hearts to beat faster.

Outside the array, Kou Xing and the others were awed by what had happened.

In the distance, some experts felt their hair stand on end, and they felt as if their livers were bursting from this scene.

Although they were unable to see what had happened in the array, they had a hunch that Old Monster Mo Xi had likely already met his end there.

"A total of thirty-four thousand high-grade aeth essences were used to slaughter a false-king who hadn't yet cultivated his dao roots. That's not too bad..." Miss Le calculated on her fingers.

"So apparently he was only a false-king, what a huge loss..." Lin Xun stared blankly into space while his heart bled due to the expenditure. The amount of high-grade aeth essences spent wasn't worth it!

1. The characters in Mo Xi's name literally mean black rhino. 犀牛

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Chapter 978: I Won't Need to Wait Too Long to Kill Him

False-kings were also known as the fake king stage.

This stage was used in reference to the cultivators who had not gained their dao roots upon getting to the Life Death King Stage.

The dao roots were also known as the roots of the great dao. They were mysterious and converged a cultivator's foundation of the great dao, and it provided a place for the cultivator's center of power to reside in.

If a king-level expert didn't have dao roots, then they were destined to be floating duckweed, drifting and fading away. They could only stop at the king-stage and were unable to search for longevity.

Having no dao roots was the difference between a false-king and a real king.

Old Monster Mo Xi was the best example of this. If he had dao roots, then unless his dao roots were destroyed, it'd be impossible to kill him that easily!

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Old Monster Mo Xi had stepped into the king stage more than ten years ago. Perhaps it was because he was restricted by his own aptitude or perhaps it was because he didn't have the time to set down dao roots, but regardless, that was why he had died so easily.

However, whenever he thought that he had merely slaughtered a false-king and used up over thirty thousand high grade aeth essences to do so, Lin Xun felt his heart throb with pain.

Crash~

Lin Xun put away the Four Divisions King Array, revealing Mo Xi's beast corpse, which was about the size of a small mountain. It had been burnt to a crisp with heavily bruised flesh and disintegrating scales.

"We absolutely must make good use of the meat!" Lin Xun inwardly raged as he lifted Old Monster's Mo Xi corpse onto his shoulders and turned around with Miss Le.

"Xiaohe, what do you want to eat tonight?"

"Barbecued meat!"

"Your request is too simple. We can pan fry, deep fry, boil, stir-fry, saute, stew, steam...let's try it all. How about that?"

"Then...won't we end up with too much food to finish?"

"Then we just need to take our time!"

On the way back, Lin Xun and Xiaohe were deep in discussion with each other.

When the other cultivators heard this, they were shocked out of their stupor and felt their scalps tingle. This savage youth was truly going to eat Old Monster Mo Xi?

Wasn't he afraid of Heaven Axis Holy Land taking revenge on him?

After all, this was a king-level expert!

If word got out that Old Monster Mo Xi's corpse had been partitioned into food, then all of Ancient Blue Province would erupt in an uproar.

When Lin Xun and the others finally disappeared in the distance, one cultivator finally quietly asked, "Does anyone know the origins of that youngster?"

"No idea. I've never heard of such a vicious and savage youngster in East Victory World before."

"First he violently suppressed the leader of the younger generation of the Lighting Wing Clan, Xing Yitian, then he used a king-level restriction to trap and kill Old Monster Mo Xi. This kind of strategy...is definitely not something an ordinary heaven pride could do."

"Didn't you hear that little lass call him 'Older Brother Lin Xun' earlier? How come that name sounds a bit familiar to me?" someone wondered doubtfully.

Someone shouted involuntarily after they realized something, "Lin Xun? Wait, I know now. This youth is likely not a heaven pride from our East Victory World and instead came from the West Infinity World!"

"West Infinity World?"

"That's right! Earlier, West Infinity World had their Dao Lantern Festival, so many people had their eyes on it. I believe Lin Xun was a young Demon God who had abruptly risen to fame there."

"It's a pity, we don't have much information about it. After all, we are cultivators of the East Victory World and the West Infinity World is too far from us. I also know that Demon God Lin caused a giant ruckus in West Infinity World and is extremely dazzling among the younger generation..."

A few experts were discussing things amongst themselves. When this news came out, their hearts couldn't help but tremble.

A youngster from the West Infinity World had actually defeated Xing Yitian and slaughtered Old Monster Mo Xi before even entering East Victory World. This was too savage and startling!

In the future, would this ferocious dragon cause even more chaos in East Victory World?

Following these few days, news regarding Lin Xun began to spread throughout East Victory World.

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Four hours later, a treasure ship was slowly steering away from Chaos Star Beach and headed towards the Boundary River.

On the ship, Kou Xing set up a giant, black pot. Green Face opened his mouth and spat out a mouthful of divine flame, causing the fire to soar and the water inside to boil.

Scarlet Silk and the others were preparing various dishes and condiments in a joyful and busy manner.

Tinkle!

Xiaohe picked up a knife and began hacking at Old Monster Mo Xi's corpse. However, all she got for her efforts were some sparks. Although the beast's scales were cracked, they were still quite solid and glittered with a dark green light. They were stronger than most treasures.

His carcass was enormous, with four hooves that resembled pillars and a head as large as a house. Even his tail resembled the thick leg of an elephant.

Sweat poured down Xiaohe's face as she became gloomy. She had originally wanted to help, but soon discovered that with her current abilities, there was no way for her to help prepare this giant piece of meat.

"Let me do it."

Lin Xun smiled as he walked over. He raised his sleeves and held the knife tightly as he began to carve pieces from the corpse of the king-level black rhino.

This beast's meat was white and tender without a hint of fishiness to it. Instead, a sweet scent wafted from it and flowed into the air, causing everyone around it to drool with desire.

Lin Xun cut the meat into pieces while removing all of the bones. The bones would be used to boil a soup. He also cut the inner organs into small pieces as he was planning on stir-frying them.

Not even the blood was wasted. Lin Xun refined it into golden beast blood essence before storing it into a jade bottle.

As for the other parts, such as horn, teeth, scales, claws, and other things, they were all cleanly dissected and stored. They were all precious materials for making aeth tools. Even if he decided to sell them, he could get a great sum of money.

After working hard for almost half a day, Lin Xun finished preparing the meat and began to roast it. From time to time, he brushed on some sauces and other condiments.

Before long, the savory scent of meat permeated the air and the previously white meat began to become a glossy golden. Drops of fat fell into the fire, making a delicious sizzle sound.

“Smells so good!” Lin Xun also couldn't help from swallowing some pooled saliva.

It wasn't just him. Even Miss Le had to surreptitiously swallow her drool. This was because this beast meat was quite special as it was the precious flesh of a king-level beast. Very few people in the world had the opportunity to taste something like this.

Furthermore, this kind of meat contained an unimaginable essence of cultivation, which was comparable to precious medicinal pills. Other than being incredibly tasty, cultivators could gain a lot of benefits from partaking it.

Strands of multicolored light lazily drifted as the roasted meat became even more golden and shiny. The scent of the condiments and meat mingled together and wafted around, tempting people to their peak.

Xiaohe was already drooling, and her eyes glimmered as she stared at the meat.

Finally, the meat was pretty much done. Lin Xun took the meat from the grill.

“I want a share now!”

Contrary to his expectations, the first one to step forward was Miss Le. Lin Xun was startled for a moment and then chuckled as he took out a portion for her.

A blush appeared on Miss Le's beautiful face, but she still took the meat. She immediately ripped off a portion with her fair hands and stuffed the golden, greasy meat into her mouth.

“Ohhh...it's too good!” Miss Le fell into a daze as her eyes began to shine. An infatuated look appeared on her face as her cheeks bulged before she swallowed.

Xiaohe and the others were about to flood the area with their drool as they resembled a pack of starving wolves. They stared blatantly, clearly impatient for their own taste.

Lin Xun gave everyone their own portion.

He also left some for himself. As soon as he took the first mouthful, he shuddered from head to toe. This meat...truly tasted too good!

He couldn't care about anything else and began stuffing himself wholeheartedly, eating until his entire mouth ran with oil. His lips became shiny with grease. He was absorbing the cultivation essence contained within the meat, and it had a great benefit.

Momentarily, booms began to echo inside his body as his entire self was bathed in a glorious divine splendor.

Everyone else reacted in the same way as they gorged themselves joyfully.

This was the meat of a fierce beast at the king-stage, so it was extremely rare. Not only was the taste top-notch, but it was also as beneficial as partaking precious cultivation medicine.

After they finished the roasted meat, they began to eye the meat and bone stew in the pot. Then, they began using other cooking methods to process the remaining flesh. Some parts were stir fried, other parts steamed, then some parts were panfried...all sorts of methods were used and each type produced a different flavor and texture. Regardless, it was all incredibly delicious.

In the end, this feast of meat ended up being extremely satisfying.

Lin Xun actually took some sweet fermented wine out from his storage and drank alcohol while eating the meat. The ship was full of joyous laughter and giggles.

They had already passed the Chaos Star Beach. Before long, they would reach the border of the East Victory World.

For now, everyone was very relaxed, but they all knew this kind of peace wouldn't last. Thus, they deliberately let go and enjoyed themselves with eating and drinking.

Finally, Kou Xing and the others all had bloated bellies as they blearily laid down to rest.

It wasn't because they didn't have large appetites. Instead, it was because the power contained with the black rhino meat was too vast, so they are unable to bear it easily.

After arriving at the shore, Kou Xing and the others needed to leave and find a way to make a living in the East Victory World. None of them planned to go back to West Infinity World. All of them were adventurers, and they pursued a different type of cultivation journey compared to other experts.

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In the darkness of the deep night, the Boundary River's waters roiled and gurgled, making noise that was unending.

Lin Xun belched wetly after eating his fill. His head was a bit fuzzy from the alcohol. Next to him was a bunch of clean beast bones and empty wine jars.

Xiaohe was asleep on Miss Le's lap. Her eyelashes fluttered as she slept. For a fourteen to fifteen year old girl, she was sleeping quite soundly.

"Once we get to the shore of the Ancient Blue Province, there will be someone there to pick me up and I will head back to my sect then. What about you? What are your plans?" Miss Le gathered some of her fine black hair behind her ear. Her face was beautiful and clear and had a soft and shiny luster.

"I need to understand the affairs of the East Victory World first, and after that...I'm going to go to the Omega Sword Sect," Lin Xun replied idly, his dark eyes bright and tranquil.

"What are you going to do there?"

"Get revenge."

"On whom?"

"Yun Qingbai." Lin Xun didn't bother to conceal it. He knew she would find out sooner or later in the future.

“Him?” Miss Le was startled, and her eyes grew wide. It was hard for her to stay calm.

This was because Yun Qingbai was the best sword cultivator of the younger generation in the Ancient Wasteland Domain! He also had too many brilliant titles and splendid bloody battles under his belt too!

“If you’re my friend, then don’t ask me why.” Lin Xun smiled. “I wouldn’t tell you even if you ask.”

Miss Le had a complicated expression on her face. After spending some time digesting this information, she was finally able to calm down again.

She gazed at Lin Xun, sighed, and softly said, “Alright, I won’t ask. But I need to remind you of something. Yun Qingbai is a peerless figure with great luck. Ten years ago he reached the pinnacle and is the undisputed genius of the younger generation, standing at the top of East Victory World.

“For the past ten years, hundreds of half-step kings have died under his sword. Furthermore, anyone who has challenged him died after suffering defeat.

“Now, everyone knows that Yun Qingbai is the undisputed king of those who are below the king stage. The most frightening thing is that such a mindset has been implanted in the heart of every cultivator in the East Victory World!”

When she got there, Miss Le took a deep breath before saying, “Promise me, if you truly need to take revenge, you must not do it now because...”

“Because the odds of success are quite bad, right?”

Lin Xun grinned as he picked up his wine cup to take a swig. Then he calmly said, “If my chances are uncertain, then I won’t go find him. I’ve already waited a long time, so it doesn’t matter to me if I need to wait a bit longer.”

His eyes flashed. “However, I have a hunch that I won’t need to wait too long before I can kill him!”

Everything was said calmly and concisely, but it felt like a bolt of lightning was coming down from the sky.

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Chapter 979: Pick Up Something Good

East Victory World, Ancient Blue Province.

On the other side of the Boundary River was a large city at the edge of the Ancient Blue Province: Jade Flame City.

Many hours later, Lin Xun and the others arrived there.

Kou Xing, Green Face, Red Silk and the other adventurers said their farewells here. When they were about to leave, Lin Xun gave them all some special medicines and treasures.

They weren’t extremely valuable gifts, but Kou Xin and the others still felt quite touched by this.

When they thought back to their experience of crossing the Boundary River this time, they believed that they wouldn’t be able to forget Demon God Lin, who had come from West Infinity World.

Following that, Lin Xun, Miss Le, and Xiaohe all entered Jade Flame City.

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Jade Flame City was bordered by mountains on one side and the Boundary River on the other. It was a flourishing and populous city full of excitement and things to do.

Recently, the Boundary River had undergone some big changes, and many secrets and opportunities that had been buried for an unknown number of years were now appearing.

This also made Jade Flame City become even more busy and bustling. Every day, countless numbers of experts came over to check out the secrets of the Boundary River and attempt to dig for treasure.

As soon as they entered the city gates, a burst of noise hit their faces.

"Selling the remains of a saint! This relic was just unearthed at the Dragon Falling Abyss in the Boundary River. Only one thousand high-grade aeth essences!" Not far from them were people in stalls, yelling and hollering about their goods.

Lin Xun almost gasped after hearing this. There were people daring enough to advertise that they were selling the remains of a saint on the street? Were all the cultivators of East Victory World that brave?

"Young man, are you here to find some treasures from the Boundary River? This old man advises you to be cautious and make sure you do your research before buying." An elegant old man came over to remind him.

Lin Xun then remembered that even though they were on the shore of the Boundary River, there were bound to be many counterfeit goods on sale. They were all looking for a foolish victim they could con.

"Thank you, Elder, for reminding me," Lin Xun responded.

The old man twirled his beard and smiled. "Young friend, you look imposing and extraordinary, which means you are likely a descendent of a mighty clan. I have a lot of treasures here that were also excavated from the Boundary River after lots of sweat and blood. Do you want to take a look and see?"

As he spoke, he opened up his hand and a badly damaged, mottled, gray piece of jade appeared. It had an ancient aura on it.

"This jade truly is very old and is an ancient treasure." Lin Xun nodded.

"Haha, young friend, you have a pair of good eyes. It was destined for us to meet today, so I'll give this jade to you." The old man offered the jade to Lin Xun.

When she saw this, Miss Le quickly smiled and surreptitiously pulled on Lin Xun's sleeve to lead him away. As they walked she said, "He's an old swindler, so don't get fooled by him."

Lin Xun was astonished. "How do you know?"

"Just look." Miss Le turned her head, hinting for Lin Xun to look back.

He saw the old man stopping another gorgeously dressed young man with a smile as he said, "Young friend, you look imposing and extraordinary, I'm sure you're..."

Goodness, even the words he was using were the same. He was clearly used to saying these phrases all the time.

Following that, the old man took the opportunity to take out a piece of ancient, damaged jade and gave it to the youth.

The young man was overwhelmed by the old man's generosity and tried to refuse multiple times, but he was unable to give it back. In the end, he had no choice but to accept.

Following that, an interesting scene unfolded. The youth felt embarrassed so he wanted to give the old man a piece of aeth essence to express his thanks.

The old man also looked embarrassed, but he actually quoted a sky high sum for the old piece of jade: fifty thousand mid-grade aeth essences!

Lin Xun's jaw dropped as he frowned fiercely. This old man was truly too much of a scoundrel. That old piece of jade was ancient, but had no real value. Yet this old man was actually asking for fifty thousand mid-grade aeth essences for it!

Sure enough, the young man was dumbfounded. Then he became angry. Just as he was about to have an argument with the old man, a group of fiendish experts sneered as they encircled him. They all stared at him with evil-looking eyes, and it was obvious they were threatening him on behalf of the old man.

The old man simply sighed and said, "Young friend, I did remind you that you have to be careful around here..."

In the end, the youth had no choice but to reluctantly hand over all of his assets to buy that piece of old, damaged jade. His face was full of resentment as he left.

Following that, another interesting scene appeared. Another piece of old jade appeared in the old man's hand as he began to ostentatiously try to swindle other people...

"That old bastard!" Lin Xun had witnessed everything and couldn't help but exclaim, "Is he not afraid that he'll end up trying to scam someone he shouldn't offend?"

Miss Le simply chuckled. "Old swindlers like him are quite clever. They only scam people like you, who are foreigners. Furthermore, before he tries, he's already spent a lot of time observing the victim. If it was someone he couldn't afford to offend, then he wouldn't even bother trying."

"From what you're saying, wasn't I considered a potential fat sheep earlier?" Lin Xun raised an eyebrow.

"No worries, if he sensed that you were not a good target, that old swindler would immediately apologize profusely," Miss Le responded with a knowing smile.

"He's got everything planned out," sighed Lin Xun.

Not long after, an old man shouted while holding onto a shabby, black clay jar, "The Ying-Yang Matriarch Insects are one of the ten great evils of ancient times. I only have this pair, so don't miss out on the chance!"

Lin Xun advanced over and saw that the jar was quite wondrous too. It was full of a difficult to understand aura and was quite old and extraordinary.

However, inside the jar were two ordinary looking silkworm cocoons.

"Another old swindler," Lin Xun muttered to himself.

The old man smiled and said, "Young man, I can tell what you're thinking. However, have you heard of a mottled cocoon becoming a butterfly? In their infancy, the Ying-Yang Matriarch Insects look just like this. Once they emerge from their cocoons, they will definitely shock you!"

"Go away and find someone else to trick," Lin Xun burst out after remaining silent. Did he have a face that swindlers liked? Why were all the tricksters targeting him now?

The old man wasn't the least bit embarrassed as he said calmly, "Whether or not you believe is up to you. The opportunity is in the jar, so whoever obtains it is up to fate."

Lin Xun simply made a noise in assent and turned and left.

Before long, that old man screeched angrily, "What the heck, how did these White Jade Butterfly cocoons suddenly die? I spent a lot of time and effort raising them."

His exclamation caused many nearby experts to curse, "Old swindler, didn't you say that these were the cocoons of the Ying-Yang Matriarch Insects? How are they now White Jade Butterflies?"

Following that, the old man left quickly in a gloomy manner.

"Did you cause that to happen?" Miss Le stared at Lin Xun.

Lin Xun grinned and said, "The Ying-Yang Matriarch Insects are even stronger than Little Silver and are one of the ten evils of ancient times. Earlier, I released a bit of Little Silver's aura to see if those cocoons were real or fake."

Miss Le smiled. Little Silver was a true God Devourer Insect, so not just any beast could stand encountering his aura.

They didn't stop there and continued forward.

Jade Flame City was full of excitement. There were peddlers everywhere hawking goods from the Boundary River. Some were real and some were fake. There was a dazzling array of items that all had unknown origins.

There were the remains of saints, secret treasures from the distant past, extraordinary elixirs...a myriad of items, but most were not worthy of their names.

However, there were true gems as well, but the prices for those were exorbitantly high.

Before long, Lin Xun and the others were standing in front of one vendor's booth. This place had an old and mottled bronze mirror that had runes engraved all over it. However, most of the runes had been damaged already.

Even at this state it was an out of the ordinary item. A distinctive dao aura wafted from it.

According to the owner of the stall, this mirror had been dug up from a broken tomb at the Boundary River.

After Lin Xun and Miss Le both looked the item over, they came to the conclusion that this was an ancient Saint treasure. However, it had already been heavily damaged, so it was basically trash now. It was deficient in divinity so it wasn't worth much anymore.

Regardless, there were still many cultivators who asked about it.

"I want this bronze mirror," stated an expert cultivator from a beast tribe. He had a bird's head and human body. His eyes were like lightning, and he looked quite fierce and vicious.

"Eight thousand high grade aeth essences and you give the treasure to me," bid another expert.

Within moments, the price for this bronze mirror shot up, reaching eighty thousand high grade aeth essences. More and more cultivators came over to watch.

"Another trap for fools. They deliberately had people bid high to see which idiot would fall for it," Lin Xun muttered inwardly. He had been watching closely and discovered a few fishy elements.

After all, this mirror was truly a Saint treasure, but it had long been broken. It truly wasn't worth such a sky high price.

Eh?

Suddenly, Lin Xun felt his heart skip a beat as he sensed something.

This booth also had a bunch of other crazy treasures piled on it. The thing that caught his attention was a fragment of bronze that was about half a foot long. It was quite corroded.

Was this a fragment of some kind of treasure?

Lin Xun carefully inspected it and couldn't help from lifting it up in his hands to get a closer look.

Soon after, he silently cursed the owner of this booth. He was truly a dishonest fellow. This item was definitely a remnant of an ancient treasure, but the marks on it had been added on through a secret technique. If someone wasn't careful, they wouldn't be able to tell at all.

The owner was clearly doing this in order to make unsuspecting victims feel like they had found a good treasure at a great bargain.

Sure enough, once he noticed Lin Xun inspecting this fragment, the stall owner looked startled before pretending to off-handedly say, "Young friend, do you like this treasure? It's nothing rare, so how about I sell it to you for three thousand high grade aewth essences?"

Xiaohe sniffed. "This price is too high ah. It's just a broken piece of bronze."

Lin Xun also shook his head. "This price is indeed too high."

As he spoke, he picked up a blood-stained piece of rock to inspect it.

"Young friend, this rock is not what it looks like. It came from the dirt of a badly damaged ancient forbidden restriction. Do you see the blood on it? It might be the blood of a Saint!"

The stall owner then mysteriously said, "If you want it, you can buy it along with the bronze fragment for a total cost of three thousand high grade aeth essences."

Lin Xun continued to shake his head. "Still too expensive."

As he spoke, Lin Xun put the rock down and then looked at some other goods. After a bit of time, he finally shook his head and walked away.

"Young friend, wait! How about this? Three thousand high grade aeth essences, and you can take away everything!" shouted the stall owner urgently.

Lin Xun thought for a long time before finally agreeing.

When the stall owner saw this, he actually began to hesitate. He actually knew the worth of these old and broken goods. Altogether, it'd be a stretch to say they were worth a thousand high grade aeth essences, let alone three thousand of them.

Because he was cautious, he went over all of the goods once again before finally completing the transaction with Lin Xun with a smile on his face.

"Older Brother Lin Xun, that guy is clearly trying to scam people, so why did you take the bait?" Xiaohe asked after they left the area. She couldn't understand his reasoning.

"From what I can tell, it's because he got the better end of the deal," Miss Le said pensively.

"I just knew I wouldn't be able to hide it from you." Lin Xun grinned as his heart beat quickly. He had truly come across a big treasure this time!

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Miss Le couldn't help asking, "What exactly is the treasure?"

She was surprised because she had carefully checked that the bunch of items that Lin Xun bought was nothing special and not of great value.

"An array stone. The surface is stained with blood so even an old monster of the Life Death Stage can't see what's special about it, but in the eyes of a rune founder, it is a precious treasure," Lin Xun whispered. "This is because it involves supreme forbidden power. It looks ordinary, but it contains mysterious secrets."

At the same time, the purple-robed youth frantically hurried to the stall, shouting, "Boss, where's the pile of things I looked at just now?"

"I just sold them. Why? What's wrong?" the stall owner asked suspiciously.

"How can you sell them?" The purple-robed youth's face darkened and he yelled in exasperation, "Didn't I tell you to not sell them?" He grabbed the stall owner by the collar and asked through gritted teeth, "Then tell me, who bought them? Where is that person now?"

The stall owner tried to wrestle him off in a panic. "Do you know where this is? How dare you attack me?"

"I come from the Heaven Axis Holy Land, do you think I won't dare to attack you?" The purple-robed youth's expression was ice-cold.

His one sentence made the stall owner's expression change, and his attitude completely curbed. He told him the truth about what happened just now.

"You dishonest bastard! You ruined my plan. If I can't find the Dao Forbidden Stone, then I am going to skin you alive!" The purple-robed youth threatened before he stormed off.

Dao Forbidden Stone?

The stall owner blankly watched him leave.

Although he didn't know what it was, he knew it couldn't be an ordinary treasure since it could make a successor from the Heaven Axis Holy Land so anxious and worried.

"Damn it, I hunt geese all the time, but today I was blinded by a goose!" The stall owner beat his chest and stamped his feet in frustration. He even felt his heart was in tears.

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The purple-robed youth searched the vast sea of people, but it felt like he was looking for a needle in a haystack. In the end, he failed to find the buyer described by the stall owner.

"Argh, I was only one step too slow, but I missed out on such a huge opportunity!" The purple-robed raged, almost going crazy.

In the end, he calmed down and sighed, "I can only report back now."

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The Skyone Pavilion.

The most prestigious business in Jade Flame City.

It was an eye-opener for Lin Xun and the others when they arrived.

The thousand-foot-tall building was constructed from some kind of mysterious amethyst, glowing a magnificent purple hue as it towered into the clouds.

Strings of azure glass lanterns were hung under the eaves of the pavilion, releasing a divine brilliance that complemented the wondrous purple light reflecting off the wall, which made the building all the more dreamy.

Lin Xun also couldn't help marveling in his heart. Given his ability, he could tell that the entire building was enveloped in rune arrays that resonated with each other to form a defense comparable to a king array, which was miraculous.

The array was not too terrifying, but to operate the array required an astronomical amount of aeth essence daily!

This fact alone showed how rich and powerful the owner of the Skyone Pavilion was.

After stepping into the building, it was another world. The inside was just as impressive as the exterior with the ground and walls all constructed from pale golden gemstones that were polished as smooth as a mirror. Under the lights of the golden-bronze lanterns, it looked as grand as a palace.

"I need to go in first to find someone, why don't you wait here with Xiaohe?" said Miss Le.

"Okay." Lin Xun nodded.

Immediately, Miss Le called an attendant, whispered something, and was guided to the depths of the building.

Lin Xun guessed that Miss Le was likely preparing for her return to the sect.

He had nothing to do, so he and Xiaohe wandered around the Skyone Pavilion.

The building was indeed very extraordinary, and all kinds of rare treasures, aeth herbs and rune materials were on display...There were so many magnificent items in every corner that it dazzled their eyes.

Even Lin Xun, who was used to seeing all kinds of treasures, couldn't help but marvel at the sight. The Skyone Pavilion indeed deserves its reputation. All its treasures are high-quality goods and not a single one is ordinary.

For example, one of its treasures, the Underworld Light Cloud Armor, was cast from a combination of hundreds of rune materials under the wonder underworld qi from a bottomless abyss. In addition, it was inscribed with many complex rune arrays that made it invulnerable to water and fire.

Another example was a pair of boots. Although its appearance was simple, it was crafted from the hide of the golden-eyed black sparrow, so it was extremely rare and precious.

However, their prices were eye-watering. No ordinary cultivators could afford them.

Unknowingly, they came to the treasure exchange area.

A thought struck Lin Xun. He organized the items in his storage ring, intending to exchange all the unused treasures into aeth essence.

It was at that moment that a girl's voice rang not far away, "Hey, are you Xiaohe? It's been a while since I've seen you. Why are you not begging on the streets? Why did you come here? Could it be that you can't survive any more so you want to ask me for a bite of food?"

Her tone was bitterly sarcastic, and her words were unkind. Xiaohe went stiff, and her pretty face reddened with anger.

Lin Xun turned his head to see a beautifully dressed girl coming their way.

She was only around fourteen to fifteen years old, but she already had such an icily arrogant air around her. Her long shapely eyebrows were raised, and her thin lips were slightly pursed together. Her face was gorgeous, but it was twisted with undisguised contempt.

As she came over, the nearby attendants all bowed respectfully. "Greetings, Miss Pei."

Pei Wen strode straight towards Xiaohe with her chin up, ignoring the attendants' greetings.

"Tsk tsk, look, you are still so shabby. Didn't you swear that you would rather die than beg for food, but I see that you are no different from when you were a beggar last year."

She looked Xiaohe up and down with narrowed eyes and spoke with disdain, "Tell me, what are doing in the Skyone Pavilion?"

"Pei Wen, I don't want to argue with you about the past. Different people have different aspirations. You have your way of living, and I have my own way of living. Why do you need to mock me the moment we meet?" Xiaohe's fists were clenched subconsciously.

Clearly, she and Pei Wen were acquainted.

Pei Wen giggled, "I just can't stand you. So what if I mock you? You and I both come from a poor background, but I have better luck than you and I met a life-changer. My fate also changed from then on, but you...haha, you are still so pathetic."

"You went too far!" Xiaohe snapped, "Don't forget how you changed your fate!"

Pei Wen sneered, "The process is not important, the most important thing is the result. Look, I am respected everywhere I go now, but you are still a beggar!"

She suddenly frowned and said coldly to the attendants, "Who let this beggar in here? This is the Skyone Pavilion, can anyone come and go as they please here?"

Those attendants were all as silent as cicadas in the winter.

"Why are you all still standing there? Throw her out!" Pei Wen scolded.

It was an undisguised attack and humiliation.

"You...you went too far!" Xiaohe was so angry that her body was trembling and she almost bit her lips.

Lin Xun couldn't stand watching any longer. He had roughly guessed what was going on. Although he didn't know the specific reasons, that was not important anymore.

The important thing was that Xiaohe was being bullied in front of him!

He couldn't tolerate that.