

Sect Master 551

Chapter 551: Merit

Under the endless illumination of the Sun and Moon Divine Light, Ye Feifan's entire body turned to ashes, including the soul, completely annihilated. As Ye Feifan disappeared from this world, a faint power projected into the sky, forming a blood-red vertical pupil. However, as soon as Meng Zhang glanced at it, the vertical pupil immediately disappeared.

The appearance of the vertical pupil was extremely brief. If it were someone else, they would probably think their eyes were playing tricks on them. Meng Zhang, with his keen perception, naturally noticed this situation. He felt a slight sinking in his heart, realizing that this was not a good sign.

With his experience and insight, Meng Zhang knew that he had attracted the attention of a great power by killing a Demonic Cultivator. Most likely, it was a great power from the demonic path. If the demonic great power hadn't immediately taken action against him, it was probably because they couldn't do so directly.

In such a situation, Meng Zhang couldn't ignore it. Even if he managed to evade it for now, trouble would inevitably find its way to him in the future.

Meng Zhang hesitated for a moment and began to deduce Ye Feifan's background. There must be some secret on Ye Feifan's body; otherwise, his death wouldn't have attracted the attention of a great power from the demonic path. Although Ye Feifan's cultivation base was not as high as Meng Zhang's and he was already dead, Meng Zhang's Grand Evolving Fortune technique should be able to deduce some information.

As soon as Meng Zhang used the Grand Evolving Fortune technique, he felt an unprecedented smoothness, as if he had divine assistance. Surprisingly, he was able to deduce a lot of information effortlessly.

Ye Feifan was an extremely talented Demonic Cultivator. Shortly after he transformed into a Demonic Cultivator, he caught the attention of a powerful demon from the demonic realm during a grand sacrifice and was valued by this demon. Ye Feifan lived up to this attention and made great contributions to the demonic path, rapidly advancing his cultivation. The demon even bestowed him with demonic power to enhance his cultivation base.

If Ye Feifan hadn't died here today, he might have grown into a formidable figure in the demonic path, causing havoc in the Cultivation World and harming living beings. Meng Zhang's killing of Ye Feifan had caused the investment made by that great demon to go to waste, naturally deeply offending the demon.

Due to the successful deduction, Meng Zhang became somewhat complacent and even wanted to deduce the background of that great demon. Just as Meng Zhang was about to act, an inexplicable force immediately made him sober and stopped this obviously suicidal behavior.

"That was close," Meng Zhang wiped away the nonexistent cold sweat on his forehead.

The great demon who valued Ye Feifan couldn't directly attack Meng Zhang through the barriers between worlds, no matter how great their divine abilities were. However, if Meng Zhang actively sought death by using the Grand Evolving Fortune technique to deduce that great demon, he would soon establish a connection with the demon. Afterwards, the great demon would gradually infiltrate Meng Zhang's body with their power.

Over time, Meng Zhang might be tainted by demonic power, slowly demonized, and ultimately fall into the demonic path. The demonic path was indeed dangerous, and the methods of demonic great powers were unpredictable. Meng Zhang had almost fallen into their trap due to his carelessness.

As for the mysterious power that helped Meng Zhang, he had a rough idea of its origin. It was not an ordinary power but the merit power he obtained from killing the Demonic Cultivator Ye Feifan.

Demonic Cultivation originated from the demonic realm and used demonization to harm the foundation of this world as a cultivation method. If not stopped, Demonic Cultivation would eventually demonize everything in the world, turning it into a demonic domain and falling into the demonic realm.

The heavens and earth are impartial, treating all things equally without favoring anyone or being particularly good or bad to anyone. The will of the heavens and earth, known as heavenly will or the Heavenly Lord, governs the rules of the heavens and earth.

Heavenly will is impartial, and the Heavenly Lord is the most just. The heavens naturally nourish all things, but humans have nothing to repay the heavens. As living beings growing in this world, if they make certain contributions to this world, heavenly will may bestow heavenly merits as a reward.

Demonic Cultivation is a tumor in this world, and Meng Zhang's act of killing Demonic Cultivators is considered righteous. Especially in the case of Ye Feifan, who was not an ordinary Demonic

Cultivator but someone valued by a great demon from the demonic realm, his actions were crucial to the demon's plans.

If it were someone else, they might still be confused at this moment. But as a master of heavenly calculations like Meng Zhang, he had a certain understanding of how heavenly will operates.

He didn't know the exact connection between Ye Feifan and the great demon from the demonic realm, but he knew that by killing Ye Feifan, he had greatly benefited the heavens and earth, which resulted in the reward bestowed by heavenly will and the slight power of merit he possessed.

That tiny bit of merit power, insignificant as it may be, had just helped him escape a crisis. For a master of heavenly calculations like Meng Zhang, having heavenly merit was advantageous in using his Calculated technique, reducing the backlash it usually brought.

In many ways, Meng Zhang was not a good person, with his hands stained with blood and having done many evil deeds. But in the eyes of the lofty heavenly will, all the grudges and killings in the Cultivation World were meaningless.

No matter how many people you kill or how many bad deeds you do, as long as you benefit the heavens and earth, you may receive heavenly merit. Claims like "killing too much harms the heavens and earth" were pure nonsense.

Meng Zhang understood this logic, and he believed that the high-level cultivators and the Holy Land Sects in the Cultivation World also knew it.

With a flash of realization in his mind, Meng Zhang vaguely grasped the modus operandi of those Holy Land Sects. Ye Feifan had previously used the Blade Chime Sect's treasure to tempt Meng Zhang, but he had been reduced to ashes in the Sun and Moon Divine Light, along with all the clues to the treasure.

With Meng Zhang's current perspective, the treasures of a mere Gold Core sect were no longer that important. It would be good if he could obtain them, but even if he missed out, it wouldn't matter.

In the face of killing Ye Feifan, all these matters were irrelevant.

If it were treasures from a Primordial Spirit sect, he might hesitate for a moment.

Meng Zhang quickly cleaned up the battlefield and left the area.

Meanwhile, at the temporary camp of the Huang Family, Huang Tannian, the patriarch of the Huang Family, secretly left with a group of trusted subordinates and never returned. The cultivators left behind at the camp anxiously awaited the patriarch's return but couldn't contact him using the clan's secret technique. They soon realized that something was amiss.

News of the patriarch's disappearance quickly spread, causing panic among the Huang Family cultivators who were left behind, unsure of what to do.

The temporary camp of the Huang Family was only guarded by Foundation Building cultivators, who were completely unable to suppress the situation. The situation was on the verge of chaos.

At this moment, Meng Zhang and Daoist Master Jin Li, both Gold Core Daoist Masters, arrived at the Huang Family's temporary camp together.

As soon as the two Gold Core Daoist Masters arrived, they forcefully stabilized the situation using strong measures.

Chapter 552: Elimination

After leaving the battlefield, Meng Zhang flew directly back to meet Jin Li, the Daoist Master. Huang Tannian had died, and their side had lost a Gold Core cultivator. However, Huang Tannian was never truly committed to helping eliminate the Deadly Sea of Sand on their side. Instead, they used the power of Taiyi Sect to enter the Deadly Sea of Sand and search for Ye Feifan.

If it weren't for this opportunity, Huang Tannian wouldn't have dared to set foot in the Deadly Sea of Sand, even with the elite forces of the Huang Family. It's fortunate that Huang Tannian died, as the remaining 300-400 Huang Family cultivators can still be of use. Currently, with Taiyi Sect and others eliminating the Deadly Sea of Sand, there is a constant need for cannon fodder.

In front of Jin Li, Meng Zhang did not hide the conflict between Huang Tannian and Ye Feifan. He only mentioned that he had killed Ye Feifan and didn't bring up anything else. Both of them agreed on how to deal with the remaining Huang Family cultivators.

Therefore, the two immediately rushed to the temporary camp of the Huang Family and forcibly subdued all the Huang Family cultivators. According to Meng Zhang, when Huang Tannian, the

patriarch of the Huang Family, led his people to hunt down the Demonic Cultivation, he fell into a trap and was killed by the Demonic Cultivation. All the Huang Family members should uphold the will of their patriarch and stand against the Demonic Cultivation. Now, Meng Zhang and Jin Li will lead them to eliminate the Demonic Cultivation and avenge the Huang Family patriarch.

What Meng Zhang said is not important; the power of the two Gold Core Daoist Masters is unquestionable, and no Huang Family cultivator would dare to argue with them. With the supervision of Meng Zhang and Jin Li, the team composed of Huang Family cultivators quickly left the area and rushed to join forces with Taiyi Sect and other sects.

After the merger, this group of Huang Family cultivators was forcibly disbanded and divided among the three forces, including Taiyi Sect. The Northern Desert Qi Family, which was already the weakest, suffered the most losses recently. Under the strong request of Qi Nanfei, the Daoist Master of the Northern Desert Qi Family, the team from the Northern Desert Qi Family received the most Huang Family cultivators.

Among them, the Huang Family cultivators certainly had objections and even wanted to oppose it. However, faced with the pressure of several Gold Core Daoist Masters, all objections were forcefully suppressed.

Next, this coalition of cultivators continued to eliminate the Deadly Sea of Sand and search for the nests of sand monsters.

According to the orders of True Monarch Tian Zhu, the most crucial task was to destroy all the nests of sand monsters. Losing all the nests of sand monsters meant that the Fifth Rank great power lost control over the Deadly Sea of Sand.

As they ventured deeper into the Deadly Sea of Sand, the resistance encountered by this coalition of cultivators became increasingly fierce. Finally, a Third Rank sand monster led a large army of sand monsters and engaged the coalition of cultivators in a frontal battle. Many Demonic Cultivations also hid in the dark and launched various sneak attacks.

The coalition of cultivators was caught in a bloody battle, constantly fighting against both visible and hidden enemies. The originally large army of cultivators rapidly decreased in number and suffered increasingly heavy casualties.

First, the Huang Family cultivators, who were forced to fight, were consumed by the Gold Core Daoist Masters of the three forces. "Better a stranger die than a family member." In this process, a few Huang Family cultivators who couldn't bear it tried to escape but were dealt with by the Gold Core Daoist Masters with thunderous methods.

Everyone had experience in controlling and utilizing cannon fodder. After the Huang Family cultivators were exhausted, the loose cultivators hired by each force and various affiliated forces took their place, followed by the core members of the three forces.

After three years of continuous battles and countless hardships, the three forces of Taiyi Sect finally completely defeated the sand monster army in a head-on confrontation.

They then continued to hunt down the Demonic Cultivation hiding in the dark, which took nearly two more years.

The Gold Core Daoist Masters were puzzled. Demonic Cultivation had always been cunning, so why were they so stubborn this time? Even at the cost of their own lives, they were determined to hinder the cultivator army and the three forces.

Could it be that the Fifth Rank great power had employed some clever means to completely control the group of Demonic Cultivations?

Regardless, since the Demonic Cultivations disregarded their own lives and posed a threat to the three forces, it was only natural for the three forces to pursue and completely eliminate them.

Meng Zhang, in particular, was deeply invested in the pursuit and extermination of the Demonic Cultivations after experiencing the benefits of killing Ye Feifan, a member of the Demonic Cultivation. With his divination skills, it was not difficult for him to track the movements of the Demonic Cultivations.

Among the various ambushes by the Demonic Cultivations, Taiyi Sect suffered the least losses. And under Meng Zhang's personal leadership in the pursuit, the highest number of Demonic Cultivations were eradicated.

However, despite killing so many Demonic Cultivations, Meng Zhang received minimal heavenly merits, almost imperceptible. If it weren't for his sensitivity as a diviner to heavenly merits, he would have thought that his efforts were in vain.

When he killed Ye Feifan, he had clearly received significant heavenly merits. Ye Feifan must have been a significant threat to this world, highly valued by the demonic realm.

The thought of being targeted by the demonic realm made Meng Zhang feel a headache. However, at this point, it was useless to dwell on it. Even if given another chance, Meng Zhang would likely make the same choice.

While everyone was pursuing the Demonic Cultivations, Meng Zhang received news from the rear. Wen Qiansun, who had been in seclusion in the sect, had finally successfully broken through and reached the Gold Core stage.

The addition of another Gold Core Daoist Master to Taiyi Sect was a cause for great celebration. If they were not on the battlefield but within the sect, Meng Zhang would have been unable to contain his excitement.

The news of Wen Qiansun becoming a Gold Core Daoist Master spread throughout Taiyi Sect, and the morale soared. The phenomenon that occurred when Wen Qiansun broke through to the Gold Core stage couldn't be concealed.

During his breakthrough, the entire Grand Lion Ridge was filled with extraordinary phenomena, creating a grand spectacle. Upon receiving the news of Wen Qiansun becoming a Gold Core Daoist Master, both the Flying Swan Sect and the Northern Desert Qi Family's high-ranking members were filled with envy and resentment.

Fei Shi, the Daoist Master of the Flying Swan Sect, specifically sought an audience with Jin Li, the Daoist Master, and argued that since Wen Qiansun had already formed his core, he should quickly join the frontline battle and not delay any longer.

Jin Li, clearly siding with Taiyi Sect, rejected Fei Shi's request. She stated that Wen Qiansun had just broken through to the Gold Core stage, and his foundation was weak, and his cultivation realm unstable. He needed time to consolidate his cultivation base.

Seeing that Jin Li was clearly standing with Taiyi Sect, Fei Shi could only leave helplessly.

After the relentless pursuit by the three forces, the hidden Demonic Cultivations were finally eradicated. With no external interference, the three forces could now focus on clearing the underground nests of sand monsters.

On the other side, the cultivator army led by the Yellow Lotus Sect's Mountain Branch completely defeated the sand monsters and Demonic Cultivations, and began the full-scale elimination of the underground sand monster nests.

After nine years since the cultivator army of the three forces entered the Deadly Sea of Sand, the entire area, except for a core region, was finally completely cleared.

Chapter 553: Joining forces

Outside the final restricted area in the Deadly Sea of Sand, the two armies of cultivators have finally successfully joined forces. Continuing northward is the battlefield where the Fifth Rank great power and True Monarch Tian Zhu are currently engaged in a battle. Even without getting close, the entire area is enveloped by intersecting forces.

The two large armies of cultivators dare not proceed further. If they rashly involve themselves in such a level of conflict, even Gold Core Daoist Masters could be reduced to dust, let alone others.

Although it is said that they have joined forces, in reality, the two armies of cultivators are still separated by a distance, gazing at each other from afar. There is no interaction between them. Even though the Flying Swan Sect and Crane Song Sect have cooperated in the past, this is not the time for building relationships.

After years of battles and heavy losses, everyone has exhausted much of their enthusiasm. At this time, no one is interested in socializing. Especially Jin Li Daoist Master, who is unwilling to interact with the cultivators on the other side due to the unpleasantness with True Monarch Mountain Peak. True Monarch Mountain Peak is not present in the army; the one in charge is a cultivator from the Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch. Being proud as they possess a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, they are not willing to come over and greet Jin Li Daoist Master proactively.

The two armies of cultivators are in close proximity, yet there is no communication or interaction between them. Everyone remains silent.

The Deadly Sea of Sand has been mostly cleared, except for the area ahead that cannot be entered. Despite the setbacks and significant costs, the mission entrusted by True Monarch Tian Zhu has finally been completed.

As for the next steps, they can only wait for further instructions. Jin Li Daoist Master used a secret method to contact True Monarch Tian Zhu and seek guidance on the next course of action.

True Monarch Tian Zhu did not keep everyone waiting for long and quickly issued instructions. Following True Monarch Tian Zhu's orders, Jin Li Daoist Master led the army of cultivators on their

journey back. The opposing army of cultivators most likely received instructions from True Monarch Mountain Peak as well and began to retreat.

After years of arduous battles and countless efforts, there is finally a result. Although True Monarch Tian Zhu did not offer any rewards, everyone is happy to leave the Deadly Sea of Sand and return to their homes.

The armies of cultivators from Taiyi Sect, Flying Swan Sect, and Northern Desert Qi Family boarded flying boats and flew out for less than half an hour. Jin Li Daoist Master gathered several Gold Core Daoist Masters together.

Jin Li Daoist Master announced True Monarch Tian Zhu's new command to everyone: the army of cultivators will continue to retreat, but all the Gold Core Daoist Masters in the army must accompany her into the final restricted area of the Deadly Sea of Sand to prevent any surprises from the Fifth Rank great power.

Jin Li Daoist Master's words caused a commotion among the crowd. Entering the battlefield where the Fifth Rank great power and Primordial Spirit True Monarch are fighting, facing such terrifying experts, wouldn't that put them in danger?

Jin Li Daoist Master patiently explained to everyone. True Monarch Tian Zhu has already pushed the Fifth Rank great power to a desperate situation and is on the verge of complete victory. Their Gold Core Daoist Masters are not meant to directly intervene in the battle but to observe from the sidelines, just in case.

After True Monarch Tian Zhu achieves a complete victory, he will not forget everyone's contributions and will surely show his appreciation.

Knowing that opposition is futile, everyone fell silent. Only Qi Nanfei Daoist Master from the Northern Desert Qi Family asked one more question: Do the Gold Core Daoist Masters from True Monarch Mountain Peak's team also have to enter the restricted area?

Jin Li Daoist Master patiently replied that True Monarch Tian Zhu is not familiar with the subordinates of True Monarch Mountain Peak and does not trust them. Therefore, he allowed them to leave and only called for the Gold Core Daoist Masters from the three forces to go. This shows True Monarch Tian Zhu's trust in everyone. When True Monarch Tian Zhu's grand plan succeeds, all three forces will enjoy endless benefits.

Regardless of whether Jin Li Daoist Master's words are true or false, she explained it kindly to everyone, and they should be content. If anyone is truly unreasonable, Jin Li Daoist Master can easily suppress them without True Monarch Tian Zhu needing to take action.

Before setting off with Jin Li Daoist Master, the several Gold Core Daoist Masters returned to their respective teams to give instructions.

Due to the disappearance of the overpowering force that shrouded the Deadly Sea of Sand, Meng Zhang can now use the Heavenly Calculation Technique more smoothly for divination. Every Diviner must exercise restraint when using the Heavenly Calculation Technique and not abuse it indiscriminately.

Meng Zhang used the Grand Evolving Fortune technique not only to pursue and eliminate Demonic Cultivation and search for sand monster nests but also to calculate the whereabouts of the Spirit Cores. The Spirit Cores within the Deadly Sea of Sand are often found near the nests of sand monsters. Once the nests absorb the Spirit Cores and fully mature, the Spirit Cores naturally disappear.

Based on Meng Zhang's calculations, the disciples of Taiyi Sect found hidden nests and successfully destroyed them, seizing a total of seven Spirit Cores of varying sizes. Five of the Spirit Cores are too small and are estimated to be insufficient for cultivators in the Foundation Building stage to break through to the Gold Core stage. They can only be used for the daily cultivation of Gold Core Daoist Masters and will be depleted after a few uses.

The two largest Spirit Cores are the most precious. Meng Zhang personally kept them. Now, as they are about to enter the dangerous battlefield, where the outcome is uncertain and life and death are unknown, no one knows what will happen despite Jin Li Daoist Master's casual remarks. If any unexpected events occur, Jin Li Daoist Master herself will be in danger, let alone taking care of others.

Meng Zhang entrusted all the Spirit Cores to the senior disciple Niu Dawei, instructing him to bring them back to Taiyi Sect at all costs. Even if something unexpected happens to Meng Zhang, with the Third Rank spirit vein of Grand Lion Ridge and these Spirit Cores, the Gold Core Daoist Masters of Taiyi Sect will not be cut off, and the momentum of the sect's rise will not be interrupted.

After finishing the instructions, Meng Zhang joined Jin Li Daoist Master and Yang Xueyi to meet up. Once the Gold Core Daoist Masters had given their instructions to their disciples, they followed Jin Li Daoist Master and embarked on an unknown path.

The armies of the three forces continued their journey, flying away from the Deadly Sea of Sand. Jin Li Daoist Master, accompanied by the five Gold Core Daoist Masters—Fei Shi Daoist Master and Wu Mingwei Daoist Master from the Flying Swan Sect, Qi Nanfei Daoist Master from the Northern Desert Qi Family, Meng Zhang Daoist Master, and Yang Xueyi Daoist Master from Taiyi Sect—flew swiftly and soon arrived outside the restricted area.

Jin Li Daoist Master solemnly instructed the others to follow closely and not to fall behind. Then she took out a talisman and threw it forward with force.

The talisman, without any wind, continuously emitted a dazzling light as it flew ahead. Jin Li Daoist Master followed the talisman, and the others did not dare to delay, following closely behind.

The trajectory of the talisman's flight happened to be the area where various forces were entangled but had the least impact on the surroundings. Moreover, wherever the talisman passed, the powerful forces that were originally entangled together weakened significantly.

The area that Gold Core Daoist Masters had feared and avoided became bearable.

Chapter 554: Law Domain

After Jin Li, the leading Daoist Master, and the other five Gold Core Daoist Masters entered this area, they all felt a great pressure. No wonder True Monarch Tian Zhu only ordered a group of Gold Core Daoist Masters to enter and did not require a large army of cultivators to come here. Even Gold Core Daoist Masters felt uncomfortable in this ghostly place. If it weren't for Jin Li releasing a talisman, everyone might have encountered danger. It's likely that the talisman was not made by her but rather crafted by True Monarch Tian Zhu.

After traveling a distance, Fei Shi, one of the Daoist Masters, suddenly asked, "Could it be that we have entered True Monarch Tian Zhu's Law Domain?"

"You have a keen eye. Yes, this is indeed True Monarch Tian Zhu's Law Domain. However, it is not solely his Law Domain but rather the intersection of his Law Domain and the Law Domain of that Fifth Rank great power," Jin Li casually replied.

Upon hearing their conversation, Meng Zhang recalled some knowledge imparted by the Extreme Sword Spirit General. Since his revival, the Extreme Sword Spirit General had guided Meng Zhang's cultivation multiple times. Although Extreme Sword Spirit General's cultivation base was only at the Foundation Building stage, his vision and knowledge were remarkable. He could always pinpoint the key points accurately.

The Extreme Sword Spirit General originated from the Taiyi Sect during its prime. Although he himself did not ascend to the Primordial Spirit stage, he had a certain understanding of cultivation at that level. During their exchanges, he shared many of his insights without reservation.

Once cultivators reach the Primordial Spirit stage, they can condense their Divine Sense into a tangible form and control a certain area around their bodies. As their cultivation base becomes more profound, their control abilities become stronger, and the range they can control expands. In the late stage of the Primordial Spirit stage, they can even control some of the rules of the heavens and earth within that area. This area completely controlled by a Primordial Spirit True Monarch is what is known as a Law Domain.

The size and rules of a Law Domain are determined by the Primordial Spirit True Monarch's cultivation base and their mastery of the Grand Dao.

"This is just the outer perimeter of True Monarch Tian Zhu's Law Domain. The further we go, the stronger the power of the Law Domain becomes. Be careful not to do anything that might cause True Monarch Tian Zhu to misunderstand and harm you with his Law Domain," Jin Li reminded everyone.

This was Meng Zhang's first personal experience of a powerful Law Domain, so he naturally didn't want to miss the opportunity and carefully observed and felt it.

The coverage of this Law Domain space was not large, less than a hundred li in diameter. Moreover, the power within the extraterritorial area should be limited. However, due to the entanglement between the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit and True Monarch Tian Zhu's Law Domains, this area had become a place that could threaten Gold Core Daoist Masters.

Jin Li followed the talisman, flying in winding paths and taking a long time to cover a considerable distance. However, Meng Zhang used the Deception Breaking Eye to observe and found that the actual straight-line distance traveled was less than a hundred li.

In front of them, a tall sand dune appeared, and on top of it stood three figures silently.

Jin Li quietly reminded the people behind her, "The tallest one in the middle is True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar. You must not be negligent and should show him the same respect as you would show True Monarch Tian Zhu."

"The person on the left, Qi Daoist Friend should be familiar with him. He is your Qi Family's ancestor, True Monarch Qi Mingyun."

Jin Li had heard from True Monarch Tian Zhu about the Qi Mingyun brothers, who shared one body and two souls.

"As for the person on the right, that is True Monarch Mountain Peak from the Yellow Lotus Sect's Mountain Branch," she said, her tone suddenly becoming solemn.

Everyone knew that Jin Li had been mistreated by True Monarch Mountain Peak before, so at this moment, they wisely remained silent.

The six Gold Core Daoist Masters flew to the base of the sand dune, led by Jin Li, and respectfully saluted the three Primordial Spirit True Monarchs.

Even though Jin Li was not fond of True Monarch Mountain Peak, she dared not show any negligence at this moment.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar waved his hand, signaling everyone to rise.

After everyone stood up, except for Qi Nanfei, who looked towards the ancestor of the Qi Family, the other five all regarded True Monarch Tian Zhu as their utmost respect.

True Monarch Qi Mingyun seemed to completely ignore Qi Nanfei, as if he hadn't even noticed him.

True Monarch Tian Zhu remained silent, gazing into the distance. The others followed his gaze and saw a massive stone mountain about twenty li away. It stood tall on a flat desert, commanding attention.

On the ground several li away from the stone mountain, there sat an old man whose appearance bore a striking resemblance to True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar. He sat cross-legged, facing the stone mountain in a silent standoff.

Compared to the towering stone mountain, the old man seemed as small as an ant. If it weren't for the extraordinary vision of the people present, they might not have noticed him from such a distance.

Without Jin Li's introduction, the other five already knew that the old man was True Monarch Tian Zhu's true form.

At first glance, the stone mountain appeared to be just a mountain. However, upon closer inspection, one could see rough human-shaped contours on its cliffs, and the peaks seemed to resemble limbs.

The Gold Core Daoist Masters only glanced briefly at the stone mountain before averting their gazes. The countless massive rocks on the surface of the terrifying mountain twisted and danced, giving off an intense and eerie feeling. Looking at it for too long felt like a piercing pain in the eyes.

This horrifying stone mountain was the Fifth Rank great power who had been locked in a battle with True Monarch Tian Zhu for hundreds of years. Fei Shi and Wu Mingwei, the two Daoist Masters, quietly discussed and speculated about the origin of this peculiar Fifth Rank great power based on its appearance.

Even with their knowledge and experience, neither of them could recognize the origin of this Fifth Rank great power solely based on its appearance. They only knew that, judging from its appearance, this great power was likely not a cultivator of the Human Clan.

Meng Zhang had heard from Luo Ye, another Daoist Master, that this great power belonged to the Earth Spirit clan within the Spirit Clan. However, both he and Luo Ye were unfamiliar with extraterrestrial races like the Spirit Clan.

In terms of size comparison, True Monarch Tian Zhu was nothing more than an ant in front of this Fifth Rank Earth Spirit. The imposing aura emanating from the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit was overwhelming, even from such a distance, it could intimidate a group of Gold Core Daoist Masters. On the other hand, True Monarch Tian Zhu appeared as an ordinary old man, with an aura so ordinary that it was hard to believe.

Yet, it was precisely this ordinary aura that demonstrated his extraordinary nature.

Jin Li had previously mentioned that True Monarch Tian Zhu had been locked in a battle with the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit for hundreds of years, and he had even displayed some Dao Techniques. However, based on the current situation, Meng Zhang couldn't understand their battle, let alone determine who was stronger or who had the upper hand.

Not only Meng Zhang, but the other Gold Core Daoist Masters present, except for Jin Li, also failed to comprehend what was happening.

Chapter 555: Bothering

Looking at the expectant gazes of the people behind her, Jin Li, the Daoist Master, glanced at the three Primordial Spirit True Monarchs above and spoke a few simple sentences.

"That Fifth Rank great power may seem formidable, but in reality, they are already at the end of their strength and can't control their power anymore. On the other hand, Uncle Master Tian Zhu remains unmoved like a mountain and has already secured victory."

Jin Li, being a Gold Core completion cultivator, was only one step away from reaching the Primordial Spirit stage. Moreover, she had received guidance from True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar before, so she had some understanding of the current situation.

After speaking briefly, Jin Li didn't continue talking but focused her attention on the confrontation ahead.

Meng Zhang had heard from the Extreme Sword Spirit General that once a cultivator reached the Primordial Spirit stage, they could harness the power of the Grand Dao. The battles between Primordial Spirit True Monarchs often depended on their mastery of the Grand Dao's power.

Meng Zhang had both Yin and Yang attributes and cultivated the "Sun-Moon Wheel Turning Sutra" that encompassed both. Having extensively studied the Daoist scriptures, he had remarkable comprehension of the Yin Yang Grand Dao. However, his knowledge of other Grand Daos was limited.

In his eyes, the battle between the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit and True Monarch Tian Zhu was incomprehensible. After watching for a while, he even felt a sense of boredom.

He knew this feeling was inappropriate. The opportunity to observe such a powerful battle up close was rare and should be cherished. But watching True Monarch Tian Zhu sitting there motionless made him feel a bit bored.

Apart from Jin Li, the other Gold Core Daoist Masters probably had similar thoughts and feelings as Meng Zhang.

Since he couldn't understand True Monarch Tian Zhu's actions, Meng Zhang forced himself to focus and activated his Deception Breaking Eye to carefully observe the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit.

This time, Meng Zhang only focused on observing the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit, and he seemed to notice something.

The Fifth Rank Earth Spirit was massive and imposing, but there was a subtle sense of unnaturalness about it.

Meng Zhang had heard multiple times before that the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit had suffered severe injuries. Based on his current observations, the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit seemed out of place in this world.

Meng Zhang had read in the scriptures that living beings from other worlds would often face rejection after arriving in this world. The stronger their cultivation base and the more conspicuous their actions, the stronger the rejection they would experience.

The strength of the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit had already reached the pinnacle of this world. After descending into this world, it had caused a great disturbance and wreaked havoc in such a vast area, creating the Deadly Sea of Sand, a forbidden zone for living beings.

In the world where Meng Zhang resided, this land naturally rejected such foreign invaders.

Based on the classification of strength, True Monarch Tian Zhu was only a Fourth Rank cultivator. However, he cleverly utilized the power of the world and, with the help of this land, managed to repel and restrict his opponent. He had unexpectedly turned the tables and challenged someone of a higher rank, putting the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit at a disadvantage.

Time passed slowly, and no one present showed any signs of impatience. They stood there like wooden puppets, waiting silently for True Monarch Tian Zhu and the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit to determine the final outcome.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar couldn't conceal the joy on its face. Jin Li, the Daoist Master, was even more excited and couldn't help but applaud. "Uncle Master Tian Zhu is about to achieve a great success."

At that moment, True Monarch Qi Mingyun glanced at a distance and said, "Xuanfeng, this guy really knows how to pick the timing. He actually arrived at this moment."

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar snorted disdainfully.

"The situation is already decided. Does he think he can change the outcome with his own strength?"

"When I achieve my great success, I will personally go to the Jiuqu League and have a good talk with him."

True Monarch Tian Zhu's tone was filled with indescribable arrogance.

If True Monarch Tian Zhu truly succeeded in seizing the physical body and spiritual essence of the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit, he would have a chance to advance to the Return to Emptiness stage, reaching the pinnacle of the Cultivation World in this world.

By then, even though the Jiuqu League had many powerful individuals, they would have to bow their heads before him. A mere True Monarch Profound Wind was not worth mentioning.

Between their conversation, a gentle breeze drifted to the top of the hill, revealing the figure of the long-absent True Monarch Profound Wind.

"Xuanfeng, you're late," mocked True Monarch Mountain Peak with a hint of disdain.

If it were in the past, within the Jiuqu League, True Monarch Mountain Peak would still have to conceal his relationship with True Monarch Tian Zhu to avoid the disapproval of other Primordial Spirit True Monarchs in the alliance. But now that the situation was settled, he had no more concerns.

True Monarch Profound Wind glanced at True Monarch Mountain Peak with a sideways glance.
"You arrogant junior, you've let success go to your head."

"I've told several fellow cultivators in the alliance before that you, this junior, were a pawn set up by Tian Zhu. For the sake of stability and unity within the Jiuqu League, you should have been eliminated long ago."

"Unfortunately, those fellow cultivators were indecisive and soft-hearted, sparing your life."

After scolding True Monarch Mountain Peak, True Monarch Profound Wind shifted his gaze to True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar, his eyes filled with provocation.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar furrowed its brows impatiently and said, "Xuanfeng, you should know that the situation is already decided. As a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, you should at least maintain some dignity. It would be better for you to give up."

Seeing that True Monarch Profound Wind remained unmoved, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar's tone became increasingly unfriendly.

"You foolish person who can't distinguish between priorities, do you really want to become my eternal enemy?"

"Why waste time talking to him? Let's attack together and leave this ignorant old ghost here," said True Monarch Mountain Peak, already mobilizing the power of the Grand Dao, ready to strike at any moment.

As members of the Jiuqu League, True Monarch Mountain Peak and True Monarch Profound Wind not only lacked any camaraderie but also held deep grudges against each other.

They had clashed openly or secretly on many occasions, and True Monarch Profound Wind, as a senior with a mid-stage Primordial Spirit cultivation base, always had the upper hand over True Monarch Mountain Peak, who was in the early stage of the Primordial Spirit. If it weren't for concerns about the opinions of other Primordial Spirit True Monarchs in the alliance, they would have torn each other apart long ago.

True Monarch Mountain Peak was eager to take action and couldn't wait to defeat True Monarch Profound Wind. However, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar hesitated.

The grudge between True Monarch Mountain Peak and True Monarch Profound Wind was insignificant in its eyes.

If it were an ordinary situation, it wouldn't matter much even if True Monarch Profound Wind dealt with True Monarch Mountain Peak. But now, it was a critical moment for True Monarch Tian Zhu's main body, and it was not advisable to create unnecessary complications. It would be best if they could persuade True Monarch Profound Wind to leave voluntarily.

Chapter 556: Dispute

True Monarch Tian Zhu is currently at a critical moment in his true form, where he cannot tolerate any disturbance or allow any unexpected events to occur.

True Monarch Tian Zhu is not only wary of True Monarch Profound Wind but also Qi Mingyuan True Monarch and Qi Mingyun True Monarch.

In his eyes, True Monarch Profound Wind is like a vulture that immediately swoops in and seizes any benefits without any fundamental conflict of interest.

His actions so far have been aimed at taking advantage of the situation and seeking benefits. Qi Mingyuan and his brother pose a threat to True Monarch Tian Zhu's fundamental interests.

The peculiar state of the two brothers, Qi Mingyuan and Qi Mingyun, has many advantages in cultivation and battle before reaching the Primordial Spirit stage or even in the early stage of the Primordial Spirit.

However, after reaching the mid-stage of the Primordial Spirit, the state of their combined souls becomes inconvenient. Their original physical bodies have become increasingly unable to accommodate two Primordial Spirits.

A cultivator in the mid-stage of the Primordial Spirit can condense a wisp of soul and refine an external avatar. In the case of the Qi Family brothers, they should be able to refine an external avatar to accommodate one of their Primordial Spirits. However, there are two hidden dangers that have caused them to abandon this plan.

Firstly, both Primordial Spirits are main Primordial Spirits, not ordinary wisps of soul. The Primordial Spirit's power is too strong, and an ordinary external avatar cannot bear it.

Secondly, the external avatar is artificially refined and far less compatible with the Primordial Spirit than a naturally born physical body.

If one of the brothers chooses to house their Primordial Spirit in an external avatar, their cultivation base will be unable to progress and will remain in the mid-stage of the Primordial Spirit indefinitely.

The Qi Family brothers come from a prestigious cultivation clan and are true geniuses. They are proud and have long had the ambition to reach higher realms.

How could they accept the result of their cultivation base being unable to progress? Later, by coincidence, the two brothers arrived in the Deadly Sea of Sand and discovered the existence of a Fifth Rank Earth Spirit.

The body of the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit is a rare heavenly material in the countless realms, and it would be of great benefit to accommodate one of the brothers' Primordial Spirits. Unfortunately, this Fifth Rank Earth Spirit was targeted early on by True Monarch Tian Zhu and became his intended prey. The two brothers couldn't even defeat True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar, let alone fight against him.

Fortunately, True Monarch Tian Zhu was entangled with the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit and couldn't break free. His external avatar was also unable to completely expel the Qi Family brothers, so he had to tolerate their presence.

In the Endless Sea of Sand, the situation became chaotic due to the troubles caused by the Purple Gold Sect. The Qi Family happened to have a branch that was exiled near the Jiuqu League. The Qi Family brothers relocated this branch to the Endless Sea of Sand and supported them wholeheartedly. This branch of the Qi Family settled in the Endless Sea of Sand and became pawns in the battle between the Qi Family brothers and True Monarch Tian Zhu.

True Monarch Profound Wind, the troublemaker, further instigated the Fire Cloud Sect's invasion of the Endless Sea of Sand. Logically, True Monarch Tian Zhu should compromise with True Monarch Profound Wind and deal with the Qi Family brothers first.

However, for some reason, deep in True Monarch Tian Zhu's heart, he has always been deeply wary of True Monarch Profound Wind. At the level of a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, especially as a late-stage Primordial Spirit True Monarch like True Monarch Tian Zhu, even if not a Diviner, he has a certain ability to sense fortune and misfortune.

Although he appears to disdain True Monarch Profound Wind, he secretly raises his guard and treats him as a major enemy. He would rather compromise with the Qi Family brothers than leave enough strength to deal with True Monarch Profound Wind.

In order to temporarily stabilize the Qi Family brothers, True Monarch Tian Zhu made a demonic oath, vowing that after his great achievement, he would spare no effort to find a body capable of accommodating the brothers' Primordial Spirits, regardless of the cost. Although he temporarily

stabilized the Qi Family brothers and turned them into unreliable allies, True Monarch Tian Zhu has never truly trusted them.

Even if the Qi Family brothers later instructed the Northern Desert Qi Family and the Flying Swan Sect to join forces several times to fight against the common enemy, the Fire Cloud Sect, and eliminate the Deadly Sea of Sand, it still couldn't put True Monarch Tian Zhu at ease.

A Primordial Spirit True Monarch can already wield the power of the Grand Dao. The most reliable way to make a binding between them is to make a Grand Dao oath. With the supervision of the power of the Grand Dao, those who break the oath will suffer backlash from the Grand Dao, resulting in the destruction of their cultivation base, if not death. Due to the strong demands of the Qi Family brothers, they made a demonic oath with True Monarch Tian Zhu.

The demonic oath indeed has a strong binding force on a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, but many Primordial Spirit True Monarchs have ways to bypass the demonic oath if they pay a sufficient price. Not to mention the demonic oath, even many Gold Core Daoist Masters fear the ghost oath, but Primordial Spirit True Monarchs also have ways to bypass it.

The Netherworld's Ghost Deity supervises the ghost oath and punishes those who break it. In the Netherworld, the Netherworld Ghost Deity is powerful, but in the mortal realm, a Primordial Spirit True Monarch has many ways to resist it.

Because the balance of power between the Qi Family brothers and True Monarch Tian Zhu is not strong enough, True Monarch Tian Zhu appears to temporarily ally with them, but in reality, he is not at all lenient towards them. Therefore, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar is unwilling to confront True Monarch Profound Wind at this time, to avoid giving the Qi Family brothers an opportunity to take advantage.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's attitude towards True Monarch Profound Wind has been noticed by everyone. Qi Mingyuan smiles and says, "Yue Feng, don't be arrogant. After all, True Monarch Profound Wind is a senior in the Jiuqu League."

"Qi Family, spare me your nonsense. Do you really think I don't know what you're up to? What, do you think inciting the fools from the East River Branch can cause trouble for me?" True Monarch Mountain Peak is equally straightforward with the Qi Family brothers. The East River Branch of the Yellow Lotus Sect has been suppressed by True Monarch Mountain Peak and has almost become subordinate to the Mountain Branch.

How can the Gold Core Daoist Masters in the branch accept this? To break free from the control of the Mountain Branch, they must have the power to resist True Monarch Mountain Peak. Therefore, the East River Branch is searching for support.

Hong Siming Daoist Master of the East River Branch has a close relationship with Qi Nanfei Daoist Master, and they have colluded with each other. Hong Siming Daoist Master's goal is to contact Qi Mingyuan True Monarch and seek his support to resist True Monarch Mountain Peak, in order to free the East River Branch from its current subordinate position.

True Monarch Mountain Peak has seen the East River Branch's actions all along. He has not acted because he believes that everything is under his control and that the East River Branch cannot escape from his grasp.

However, the Qi Family's interference in the internal affairs of the Yellow Lotus Sect, attempting to cause trouble for him, has made him very annoyed. He has long been dissatisfied with Qi Mingyuan True Monarch and Qi Mingyun True Monarch.

Chapter 557: Betrayal

Despite being of a lower generation and having a shallower cultivation base than the Qi Family brothers, True Monarch Mountain Peak, relying on the support of True Monarch Tian Zhu, did not give them any face. He didn't care about their reputation and directly exposed their secret dealings, almost tearing their relationship apart.

The Qi Family brothers have different personalities. Qi Mingyuan is introverted and silent, while Qi Mingyun is outspoken and unrestrained. When dealing with others, it is often Qi Mingyun who speaks. Many people only know Qi Mingyun's name as a True Monarch.

Not many people in the Cultivation World know that the Qi Family brothers share the same physical body, but everyone present happens to know this secret.

Qi Mingyun couldn't bear being challenged by a junior. Before he could speak, Qi Mingyuan, who shares the same body, sneered and said, "When we, the brothers, became famous, you were still in diapers. You can't even control your own subordinates, yet you blame us. You truly have the temperament of a child."

This statement made True Monarch Mountain Peak turn pale. Before he could react, True Monarch Profound Wind, not far away, burst into laughter, as if he was delighted to see chaos.

"Yue Feng, you little brat, these are your elders. Don't be naughty," True Monarch Profound Wind deliberately spoke in a tone used to coax children, infuriating True Monarch Mountain Peak.

The several Gold Core Daoist Masters present pretended not to hear anything, avoiding getting involved in the conflict between the Primordial Spirit True Monarchs. It was not their place to intervene.

Meng Zhang appeared honest on the surface but secretly criticized the situation. After all, they were all Primordial Spirit True Monarchs, with the older ones being 1,000 to 2,000 years old, and even the younger ones being several hundred years old. Why do they act like children? Is this what they call a childlike heart?

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar felt helpless. How did this pointless argument arise? Yue Feng used to be so honest. Why did he become so competitive after becoming a Primordial Spirit?

True Monarch Tian Zhu wanted to say a few words to him, but considering that they were all Primordial Spirit True Monarchs, even though he was Yue Feng's benefactor and senior, he should still give him face in front of everyone.

Just as True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar was thinking about how to calm the pointless dispute, True Monarch Mountain Peak couldn't bear it any longer and took the initiative to attack.

Dealing with the Qi Family brothers, who were temporarily allied with True Monarch Tian Zhu, was not easy. True Monarch Mountain Peak roared and pounced on True Monarch Profound Wind, using him as a punching bag to vent his anger.

With the strength of a mountain, True Monarch Mountain Peak aimed to suppress True Monarch Profound Wind with overwhelming force.

True Monarch Profound Wind showed no fear and actively met True Monarch Mountain Peak's attack, engaging in a fierce battle.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar tried to avoid getting involved at this time, but since True Monarch Mountain Peak had already taken action, he couldn't just sit idly by.

The Qi Family brothers were unreliable. Only True Monarch Mountain Peak, whom he had supported, was a trustworthy companion.

True Monarch Mountain Peak, with only an initial stage Primordial Spirit cultivation base, had no chance of winning against True Monarch Profound Wind, who was in the middle stage of Primordial Spirit.

If True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar didn't intervene in time, True Monarch Mountain Peak would likely suffer. They just needed to buy enough time until the main body finished its business, then they would have the upper hand. But why was Yue Feng always so impulsive?

True Monarch Tian Zhu sighed helplessly and rushed towards True Monarch Profound Wind, who was still fighting True Monarch Mountain Peak. The three Primordial Spirit True Monarchs' figures flashed in the sky, accompanied by thunderous booms.

In the sky, phantom mountain peaks appeared from time to time, gusts of wind blew, and a towering Jade Bamboo shadow emerged...

The three Primordial Spirit True Monarchs were experienced warriors on the battlefield. Despite their calculations before the battle, once they engaged, all their concerns were cast aside, and they fought with all their might.

The Gold Core Daoist Masters below watched intently, carefully observing the intense battle between the Primordial Spirit True Monarchs. The fighting on this side was much more exciting than the dispute on the other side. Although the level of this battle was lower, the Gold Core Daoist Masters could still barely understand it.

When the three Primordial Spirit True Monarchs made their moves, they held nothing back and displayed their true abilities. They each mobilized the power of the Grand Dao, attempting to suppress their opponents forcefully.

The Grand Dao powers they mobilized were different. True Monarch Tian Zhu seemed to be using the Wood Grand Dao, True Monarch Profound Wind employed the Wind Grand Dao, and True Monarch Mountain Peak seemed to be utilizing the Strength Grand Dao.

The scene of the Primordial Spirit True Monarchs clashing was a rare sight, and the Gold Core Daoist Masters eagerly absorbed the benefits, hoping to learn as much as possible.

The three Primordial Spirit True Monarchs were still within the Law Domain range of True Monarch Tian Zhu's main body and the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit. However, due to their strong abilities and the lack of interference from the other side, they were not greatly affected.

The three Primordial Spirit True Monarchs deliberately controlled the range of the battle, keeping their powers restrained and not releasing them recklessly. Otherwise, the Gold Core Daoist Masters would not be able to stand their ground.

Suddenly, Meng Zhang felt a sense of relief, as the threatening power that could have endangered his life completely disappeared. The other Gold Core Daoist Masters had similar feelings and exchanged glances. Jin Li Daoist Master was the one who revealed the secret.

"Uncle Master Tian Zhu and that Fifth Rank great power have retracted their Law Domains. At this critical moment of their battle, they must utilize every bit of their strength."

In the sky, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar, together with True Monarch Mountain Peak, had already begun to gain the upper hand against True Monarch Profound Wind.

At this moment, the Qi Family brothers, who had been watching from the sidelines, shouted, "Friend Tian Zhu, let me help you."

Before the words had even finished, Qi Mingyun True Monarch flew into the sky, intending to join the battlefield. However, as he flew past True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar, he suddenly made a move, launching a surprise attack from behind.

His palm easily broke through True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar's defense and lightly struck his back.

On the other side, True Monarch Profound Wind exerted his full strength, almost drawing all of True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar's attention.

Seeing that the palm was about to hit its target, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar smiled triumphantly.

"I knew you couldn't be trusted. I've been on guard against you." As he spoke, he reached out and deflected the palm, avoiding the sneak attack from Qi Mingyun True Monarch.

Qi Mingyun True Monarch didn't mind at all and didn't feel discouraged by the failed attack. With the support of True Monarch Profound Wind, they could easily overpower their opponents and gain the upper hand.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar was indeed strong, but True Monarch Mountain Peak's strength was too weak and became a burden.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar knew the power balance between the two sides, but he wasn't in a hurry. Even if True Monarch Mountain Peak didn't help, he alone could hold off the opponent.

He didn't need to defeat the opponent; he just needed to buy enough time until his main body was free, and victory would be assured.

The battle between Primordial Spirit True Monarchs was not easily decided in terms of life and death. Even if they fought for ten days and half a month, it was nothing.

When True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar once again blocked Qi Mingyun True Monarch's attack, the originally fierce True Monarch Mountain Peak, unable to withstand True Monarch Profound Wind, had to retreat step by step, ending up not far behind True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar.

With a casual wave of True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar, a phantom of Jade Bamboo appeared, blocking the pursuing True Monarch Profound Wind.

True Monarch Tian Zhu, who had already exerted all his strength and had no time to spare, did not notice the silent attack from True Monarch Mountain Peak behind him. A punch struck his back, penetrating all the defensive spells of his external avatar and hitting a vital point.

Unable to dodge in time, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar let out a miserable scream and was sent flying.

Taking advantage of the situation, Qi Mingyun True Monarch and True Monarch Profound Wind caught up and launched a fierce attack, leaving the external avatar covered in wounds and in a sorry state.

Seeing that with a little more effort, they could completely kill the external avatar, Qi Mingyun True Monarch voluntarily disengaged from the battle and flew towards another nearby battlefield.

With one less enemy, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar finally regained his composure. He mustered his remaining strength and barely withstood True Monarch Profound Wind's attacks.

Seeing that True Monarch Mountain Peak was about to join the battle from a short distance away, he shouted at several Gold Core Daoist Masters, "What are you waiting for? Hurry up and stop this traitor!"

Including Jin Li Daoist Master, the Gold Core Daoist Masters were stunned. The changes in the situation had happened too quickly, and they had just reacted.

Seeing Qi Family's Patriarch launch a surprise attack on True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar, Qi Nanfei Daoist Master secretly moved away from the other Gold Core Daoist Masters and looked at them with a vigilant expression.

Qi Mingyun True Monarch's sudden betrayal and enmity towards True Monarch Tian Zhu had not been leaked beforehand, and Qi Nanfei Daoist Master was completely unaware.

Although he inwardly criticized the Patriarch, Qi Nanfei Daoist Master still hesitated and made a choice without any hesitation.

Qi Mingyun True Monarch flew towards the other battlefield, and everyone thought that True Monarch Tian Zhu's true body would be unable to divert his attention and would surely suffer a great loss.

However, once again, something unexpected happened. The triumphant voice of True Monarch Tian Zhu came from that direction.

"I knew long ago that the younger generation of the Qi Family is unreliable. Fortunately, I was prepared and guarded against you bunch of youngsters."

Upon hearing True Monarch Tian Zhu's confident voice, Jin Li Daoist Master, who had been hesitating, immediately made a decision.

She shouted, "Everyone, attack together and help me stop that traitor, Yue Feng."

Jin Li Daoist Master took out a scroll and shook it vigorously, revealing an additional Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart in her hand.

After Meng Zhang communicated with Yang Xueyi Daoist Master through voice transmission, she also flew out immediately.

Although Yang Xueyi Daoist Master's face was reluctant, she still obeyed the command of Sect Master Meng Zhang and flew towards Qi Nanfei Daoist Master, preparing to engage in combat with him.

Seeing Yang Xueyi Daoist Master take the initiative and snatch the easy target, Fei Shi Daoist Master and Wu Mingwei Daoist Master had no choice but to fly over and fight alongside Jin Li Daoist Master.

Jin Li Daoist Master was already a Gold Core cultivator, only one step away from becoming a Primordial Spirit True Monarch.

The Ten Thousand Li Yellow Sand Chart in her hand was a treasure left by her master.

The Ten Thousand Li Yellow Sand Chart was a Fourth Rank magic tool used by Primordial Spirit True Monarchs, and it was difficult for Gold Core Daoist Masters to operate.

However, Jin Li Daoist Master's master had left her Divine Sense in this magic tool, helping her control it.

With Jin Li Daoist Master's strength, she could not only unleash most of the power of this magic tool but also lend it to others.

During the years of sweeping through the Deadly Sea of Sand, Jin Li Daoist Master had informed several Gold Core Daoist Masters about some details of this magic tool, and she had even practiced with them a little, teaching them how to cooperate in driving the Ten Thousand Li Yellow Sand Chart.

Jin Li Daoist Master threw the Ten Thousand Li Yellow Sand Chart into the air, and a tornado composed of yellow sand descended and landed at her feet.

Jin Li Daoist Master stood at the head of the tornado, while Meng Zhang, Fei Shi Daoist Master, and Wu Mingwei Daoist Master stood in the middle and at the tail of the tornado, respectively.

The tornado danced in the air and actively pounced on True Monarch Mountain Peak.

A phantom mountain peak rose behind True Monarch Mountain Peak and fiercely pressed against the massive tornado.

Following the previous practice, Meng Zhang and the other three Gold Core Daoist Masters infused True Essence into the tornado, while Jin Li Daoist Master controlled it, freely maneuvering in the air and fighting against True Monarch Mountain Peak.

Jin Li Daoist Master had enough confidence to provoke True Monarch Mountain Peak. They, the four of them working together, relying on the power of the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart, might not be a match for True Monarch Mountain Peak, but temporarily holding him back was not a big problem.

On the other side, Yang Xueyi Daoist Master had already flown over and engaged in combat with Qi Nanfei Daoist Master.

Yang Xueyi was much younger than Qi Nanfei. When Qi Nanfei formed his core, she hadn't even been born yet.

As a newly established Yang Xueyi Daoist Master, facing the veteran Gold Core Daoist Master Qi Nanfei, she showed no signs of fear. Not only did she take the initiative to attack, but she also held her ground without falling behind.

Meng Zhang knew the abilities of both individuals, which is why he had Yang Xueyi target this "soft target."

Although Yang Xueyi was a newly promoted Gold Core Daoist Master, she was much stronger than Qi Nanfei.

Meng Zhang had specifically instructed Yang Xueyi not to surpass Qi Nanfei but to simply entangle him.

This way, Yang Xueyi could avoid the extremely dangerous battle at the Primordial Spirit level.

If the situation became unfavorable for Meng Zhang, Yang Xueyi would have to abandon the fight and immediately retreat, returning directly to Taiyi Sect.

With the strength of a Gold Core Daoist Master, she wouldn't be able to contribute much in today's battle at this level.

Although Meng Zhang couldn't openly defy True Monarch Tian Zhu's orders and had to join the battle, he still made arrangements to protect the vitality of Taiyi Sect as much as possible.

Jin Li Daoist Master showed her true abilities and performed exceptionally well. She actually managed to hold back True Monarch Mountain Peak, preventing him from joining the fight against True Monarch Profound Wind and True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar.

"You traitor! Your conscience has been eaten by dogs. True Monarch Tian Zhu has shown you great kindness, and yet you dare to betray her," Jin Li Daoist Master scolded.

To Jin Li Daoist Master's scolding, True Monarch Mountain Peak only replied with, "Ignorant fool," and couldn't be bothered to say anything more to Jin Li Daoist Master.

Chapter 558: 0 Years of Great Enmity

Although True Monarch Mountain Peak colluded with outsiders and betrayed True Monarch Tian Zhu, launching a surprise attack on his external avatar, they were hesitant to engage True Monarch Tian Zhu directly if not necessary. This was not out of concern for old emotions, but a strategy to pursue gains and avoid harm, leaving True Monarch Profound Wind and the Qi Family brothers to deal with the tough battles. Rather than facing the mysterious and formidable True Monarch Tian Zhu, they preferred to confront the weaklings like Jin Li Daoist Master.

True Monarch Mountain Peak's condescending attitude infuriated Jin Li Daoist Master. Old grievances surged in her heart, prompting her to unleash a real killing move. With a silent prayer in her heart, a yellow-robed girl appeared before her. This girl was the tool spirit of the Fourth Rank magic tool, Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart, created by Jin Li Daoist Master's master who sacrificed part of her Divine Sense to nurture it.

This tool spirit inherited some of Jin LiDaoist Master's master's qualities and felt a deep connection with Jin LiDaoist Master. Despite Jin LiDaoist Master's weaker Cultivation Base, the tool spirit willingly followed her commands. With the tool spirit's assistance, Jin LiDaoist Master could easily wield the power of Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart.

Jin LiDaoist Master gave some instructions to the tool spirit, who immediately acted and helped her unleash the magic tool's power. A sandstorm dragon formed from swirling yellow sand descended from the sky, heading straight for True Monarch Mountain Peak.

True Monarch Mountain Peak snorted disdainfully and conjured a mountainous illusion, engaging in a fierce battle with Jin LiDaoist Master and her allies. Meanwhile, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar continued to suppress the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit while resisting the attacks from the Qi Family brothers.

True Monarch Tian Zhu and True Monarch Profound Wind were locked in a fierce battle, with the latter gaining the upper hand due to True Monarch Tian Zhu's previous injuries. True Monarch Profound Wind taunted, "Old man Tian Zhu, how does it feel to be betrayed?"

True Monarch Tian Zhu and his external avatar had a mysterious connection, allowing them to share their feelings. True Monarch Tian Zhu was indeed furious at True Monarch Mountain Peak's betrayal. She had received great kindness from him, and this betrayal was unexpected.

Though Cultivation World was rife with deception and betrayals, True Monarch Mountain Peak had always been respectful and obedient before True Monarch Tian Zhu, with no hint of wrongdoing. True Monarch Tian Zhu controlled his subordinates not only through goodwill but also by exploiting True Monarch Mountain Peak's fatal weakness. If he had the opportunity, he could easily eliminate True Monarch Mountain Peak.

As for the Qi Family brothers, they had previously made a temporary alliance with True Monarch Tian Zhu by swearing a soul oath. Their sudden betrayal showed it had been planned in advance.

The connections between True Monarch Profound Wind, True Monarch Mountain Peak, and the Qi Family brothers, and their motivations remained a mystery to True Monarch Tian Zhu.

"Xuan Feng, do you really want an endless battle with me?" True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar made a final effort, though he knew the threat was futile.

True Monarch Profound Wind, holding a purple-gold knife, replied coldly, "Old man Tian Zhu, either you die today, or I do."

Suddenly, a cry of alarm came from True Monarch Tian Zhu's main body. "What have you done? No, something is wrong at Fei Hong Mountain."

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar was closest to True Monarch Mountain Peak, and he couldn't help but glare at her. Just now, Fire Cloud Sect had attacked and captured Fei Hong Mountain, the gate of Flying Swan Sect.

Fei ShiDaoist Master and Wu MingweiDaoist Master, with the main forces of Flying Swan Sect, had gone to participate in the battle at the Deadly Sea of Sand, leaving the defense of their sect to the arrangement of others.

Previously, True Monarch Mountain Peak and others had allied with Yellow Lotus Sect Mountain Branch, East River Branch, and Crane Song Sect. However, with True Monarch Mountain Peak's betrayal, those allies were now enemies.

Fei ShiDaoist Master and Wu MingweiDaoist Master were concerned about the safety of their sect, but they knew they couldn't leave the battle at hand.

The outcome of the duel between True Monarch Tian Zhu and the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit included determining the ownership of Fei Hong Mountain. When Fei Hong Mountain was taken by Fire Cloud Sect before, it greatly boosted the power of the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit. If Flying Swan Sect hadn't recaptured it in time, True Monarch Tian Zhu would have suffered significant losses.

Now that Fei Hong Mountain had fallen again, the balance of power shifted in favor of the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit, making True Monarch Tian Zhu's face turn ugly.

During their battle, True Monarch Profound Wind suddenly revealed a Fourth Rank magic tool, the Purple Gold Knife, which had been missing since True Monarch Vermilion failed to kill the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit. True Monarch Tian Zhu had suspected that the knife might be in the hands of the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit, but it had never been seen before. Now, it seemed that True Monarch Profound Wind was more capable of wielding the magic tool than the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit.

Upon witnessing this, True Monarch Tian Zhu finally understood that True Monarch Profound Wind was his true arch-enemy, and their plot was aimed at bringing him to his demise. This is not

just a collusion between several Human Clan Primordial Spirit True Monarchs; they also conspired with this Fifth Rank Earth Spirit from beyond the heavens.

"Why?" True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar had a serious expression, asking in a deep voice.

"Why? Do you still have the face to ask why? Old man Tian Zhu, have you forgotten the events of Marine Transport Island fifteen hundred years ago? Have you forgotten the millions of lives on that island?" True Monarch Profound Wind no longer had any scruples as he sternly rebuked.

The truth had been revealed, and True Monarch Profound Wind no longer held back. He shouted fiercely, "True Monarch Tian Zhu, your external avatar possesses most of your true self's memories. For a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, forgetting is not an issue. As long as the memories exist in your mind, they can be reproduced."

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar took a moment to recall and remembered the events from fifteen hundred years ago. At that time, Demonic Cultivation caused chaos on Marine Transport Island, intending to Demonize all living beings on the island.

Back then, True Monarch Tian Zhu was entrusted by nearby major cultivation sects to handle the matter entirely.

As a recently advanced Primordial Spirit True Monarch, True Monarch Tian Zhu also intended to establish his position in the Cultivation World through this incident.

After successfully killing the rampaging Demonic Cultivators, he worried that some remnants might be hiding among the island's commoners, and many of the island's beings had already been Demonized by Demonic Cultivation.

Demonic Cultivation was like a plague; if not thoroughly eradicated immediately, it would quickly recover its strength and cause a new wave of calamity.

To permanently solve this problem, True Monarch Tian Zhu triggered an underwater volcano, using the power of heaven and earth to sink Marine Transport Island and annihilate all beings on the island.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's decisive actions earned him much acclaim in the Cultivation World. Many cultivators praised him for acting like a great general, preemptively averting a catastrophe.

As for the millions of beings extinguished on the island, countless mortals and cultivators, hardly anyone cared about their fate.

Perhaps some would talk behind True Monarch Tian Zhu's back, claiming that his methods were excessively ruthless and caused too much slaughter, thereby offending the heavens and incurring divine punishment.

Even if True Monarch Tian Zhu were to hear such comments, he wouldn't care at all.

In the eyes of the Heavenly Dao, mortals were nothing more than a group of ants, and cultivators were at best a larger group of ants.

No matter how many ants died, it wouldn't draw the attention of the Heavenly Dao. Wiping out cities, slaughtering countless lives—what did that have to do with the Heavenly Dao?

The Cultivation World was full of bloodshed, and who had brought divine retribution upon themselves?

In reality, True Monarch Tian Zhu's extermination of Demonic Cultivation was an effort to rid the world of a malignant tumor. It might even earn him the rewards of the Heavenly Dao and merit.

Recalling the past, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar pointed at True Monarch Profound Wind and spoke righteously, "Could it be that you are one of the remnants of Demonic Cultivation seeking revenge?"

True Monarch Profound Wind was sneered at by the enemy's shameless words. So, all his enemies were considered remnants of Demonic Cultivation?

True Monarch Profound Wind was originally a cultivator from Marine Transport Island, with fellow disciples and relatives on the island. When Marine Transport Island sank, he happened to be away, narrowly escaping the disaster.

In the eyes of others, True Monarch Tian Zhu was a great hero who quelled the demonic calamity, but in the eyes of True Monarch Profound Wind, he was an irreconcilable enemy.

Over the next fifteen hundred years, True Monarch Profound Wind made rapid progress in his cultivation journey. From Foundation Building to Gold Core, and finally reaching the Primordial Spirit stage, his cultivation base improved continuously, and he never forgot this deep-seated hatred. This grudge became the driving force behind his fervent cultivation.

For other Primordial Spirit True Monarchs, after passing through the long ages, the feelings associated with their mortal lives would gradually fade away. What seemed like significant events back then might become trivial matters in the end.

Rational Primordial Spirit True Monarchs would never engage in life-and-death battles over insignificant past grudges with powerful foes.

However, among the Primordial Spirit True Monarchs, True Monarch Profound Wind was a rarity, with intense emotions that never waned, and he had never forgotten this grudge. This deep hatred had become the motivation for his rapid progress.

When True Monarch Tian Zhu arrived at the Deadly Sea of Sand and got entangled in a battle with that Fifth Rank Earth Spirit, True Monarch Profound Wind saw it as a godsend opportunity to take revenge.

Knowing that the strength gap was too significant, True Monarch Profound Wind carefully hid his true intentions, pretending to be driven by greed, feigning that he fought True Monarch Tian Zhu for the sake of seeking benefits.

True Monarch Profound Wind waited patiently, plotting in secret, until he finally had the perfect opportunity to seek revenge, with the right timing, place, and people.

He secretly allied with the Qi Family brothers, paying a high price to buy True Monarch Mountain Peak's support. He persuaded them to betray their alliance at the critical moment and dared to secretly contact that Fifth Rank Earth Spirit. Everything True Monarch Profound Wind did was for this day.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar was primarily made from Jade Bamboo and possessed a wood attribute, cultivating the Grand Dao of wood.

The Purple Gold Blade was the treasure of the Purple Gold Sect, a supreme magic tool among metal attributes.

Metal restrains wood, so the Purple Gold Blade naturally countered True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar's wood attribute.

Moreover, during the previous battles, the external avatar had been ambushed and heavily injured by True Monarch Mountain Peak, as well as beaten up by True Monarch Profound Wind and the Qi Family brothers.

At this point, the external avatar was already in tatters, internally and externally damaged, much weaker than before.

True Monarch Profound Wind couldn't be bothered to exchange any more useless words with this external avatar; his ultimate goal was True Monarch Tian Zhu's true self.

Ever since that Fifth Rank Earth Spirit secretly handed him the Purple Gold Blade, he had been fully refining it.

Even though his main cultivation was not in the Grand Dao of metal, and the attributes didn't match, he could still unleash most of the magic tool's power.

With a light stroke of the Purple Gold Blade, a destructive and malevolent blade energy surged directly towards True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar.

Facing True Monarch Profound Wind wielding the Purple Gold Blade, the external avatar had no effective means of resistance. Even if it struggled to defend, it was completely unable to withstand the onslaught.

In the sky, the blade light shone, and purple energy surged. Waves of killing intent surged out, covering everything.

The external avatar could only block a few strikes before being covered in numerous wounds.

The sharp blade energy continuously ravaged its physical body, and the ferocious malevolent energy sought to destroy the wisp of soul within the incarnation.

True Monarch Profound Wind kept using the power of the Grand Dao, urging the might of the Purple Gold Blade.

The golden wind howled, and the blade energy was wrapped in fierce winds, relentlessly slashing towards his opponent.

The balance of power was clear, and the external avatar had no means to turn the situation around or make a last-minute comeback. The result of this desperate battle was without any suspense.

Chapter 559: Fighting tooth and nail

When True Monarch Profound Wind swung his purple-golden blade for the last time, True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar was cut in two halves. After falling to the ground, his original human form turned into two pieces of Jade Bamboo, withered and lifeless.

Witnessing the severing of True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar, Meng Zhang and other Gold Core Daoist Masters were utterly shocked. If they weren't temporarily trapped by the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart, they would have fled long ago.

Jin Li Daoist Master controlled the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart, defending against True Monarch Mountain Peak while keeping an eye on True Monarch Profound Wind's movements. If the situation turned unfavorable, she would immediately rely on this Fourth Rank magic tool to escape.

A glance from True Monarch Profound Wind made Jin Li Daoist Master and others extremely nervous. His real arch-enemy was True Monarch Tian Zhu, and he was not interested in wasting time on a bunch of small fry.

True Monarch Profound Wind stared at True Monarch Tian Zhu in the distance, as if ready to spew fire. At this point, he no longer needed to restrain himself.

With a roar, he pounced forward.

When True Monarch Profound Wind left, Jin Li Daoist Master and the others finally breathed a sigh of relief. With the power of the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart, they barely held their ground against True Monarch Mountain Peak, and it was already a challenging task. If True Monarch Profound Wind joined the fight, they wouldn't even stand a chance to escape.

With only one True Monarch Mountain Peak left, they could still manage to cope.

True Monarch Mountain Peak didn't exert all his strength against the four Gold Core Daoist Masters. He knew True Monarch Tian Zhu well and understood that the old fellow had hidden depths. Even if he seemed to be at a disadvantage now, who knew what hidden cards he still possessed? Even if he turned the tables in the next moment, True Monarch Mountain Peak wouldn't be surprised.

When True Monarch Mountain Peak agreed to secretly plot against True Monarch Tian Zhu, it was not only because True Monarch Profound Wind paid a great price but also because he was too wary of True Monarch Tian Zhu.

No Primordial Spirit True Monarch would willingly be controlled by others, forever manipulated as a pawn. Before achieving Primordial Spirit, True Monarch Mountain Peak was obedient to True Monarch Tian Zhu, without any other thoughts.

However, people change. After achieving Primordial Spirit, he felt that being under the control of True Monarch Tian Zhu was too annoying. Sacrificing oneself and being manipulated like a chess piece just for a supposed debt of gratitude was too belittling. After all, he was a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, a ruler in his own right.

True Monarch Mountain Peak was ambitious and not content with only controlling the Yellow Lotus Sect Mountain Branch. Taking control of the East River Branch was just the first step in his plan.

He wanted to become the Yellow Lotus Sect Cult Master and completely control this vast Primordial Spirit sect. Only then would he truly become a core figure in the entire Jiuqu League.

Before achieving Primordial Spirit True Monarch, Tian Zhu was a great help to him, irreplaceable. But after achieving Primordial Spirit, True Monarch Tian Zhu became a major obstacle. He brought more trouble than benefits.

The Yellow Lotus Sect Cult Master could not be under someone's control, and the higher-ups of the Jiuqu League would not allow a core figure in the alliance to be a pawn of outsiders.

True Monarch Profound Wind and his group wanted to secretly plot against True Monarch Tian Zhu, and True Monarch Mountain Peak also wanted to use them as a tool to get rid of this big trouble.

After ambushing True Monarch Tian Zhu's external avatar, True Monarch Mountain Peak fought against Jin Li Daoist Master and others. He would wait until True Monarch Profound Wind and his group forced True Monarch Tian Zhu's true self into a desperate situation before joining that battle.

Jin Li Daoist Master and others faced a Primordial Spirit True Monarch. Their goal was to temporarily hold him back and were not willing to devote themselves to True Monarch Tian Zhu regardless of their safety.

The appearance of their fight with True Monarch Mountain Peak seemed intense, but in reality, nobody was risking their lives.

After Yang Xueyi and Qi Nanfei fought, Yang Xueyi followed Meng Zhang's orders to just hold him back without actively seeking victory. Similarly, Qi Nanfei's fighting spirit was not high. He and Yang Xueyi moved their battle group away from the other two groups, ready to escape if the situation turned unfavorable.

True Monarch Tian Zhu had already pushed the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit to a desperate situation, but now Qi Family's brothers joined the battle. He had to allocate some of his power to suppress them using his hidden cards. After a while, True Monarch Profound Wind, holding the purple-golden blade, aggressively rushed over.

True Monarch Tian Zhu was strong, but he no longer had any extra power to withstand a mid-stage Primordial Spirit expert.

Moreover, True Monarch Profound Wind, with his deep-seated grudge, was truly fighting with all his might.

After the purple-golden blade left a deep bone-visible wound on True Monarch Tian Zhu, he finally awakened.

His meticulously planned scheme of hundreds of years had completely failed. Not only did he lose the opportunity to occupy the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit's body, but he might even lose his life.

If he couldn't accomplish his plan, he would be unable to advance further. With his age and cultivation base, it meant his path was practically cut off.

Normally, True Monarch Tian Zhu would be enraged and indignant, but now he suddenly became calm, making people feel scared.

Without wasting any more time, True Monarch Tian Zhu immediately made a decision.

Silently, he interrupted the One Disappears Another Grows Dao Technique.

By forcibly stopping the Dao Technique, he suffered a deep backlash. Not only did he get seriously injured immediately, but the Grand Dao's power also destroyed the foundation of his cultivation. Let alone further progress, soon his cultivation base would rapidly regress until it was completely lost. The regression of cultivation base was a future concern; True Monarch Tian Zhu's focus was on the present.

He swallowed several pills, activated his secret technique, forcibly suppressed his injuries, and restored himself to the best state.

Without any rage or shouting, True Monarch Tian Zhu quietly exerted his True Essence, mobilizing the power of the Grand Dao to attack.

The first to suffer was Qi Family's brothers. Their shared, overburdened body was shattered by True Monarch Tian Zhu.

Qi Family's brothers were scared by the sudden eruption of True Monarch Tian Zhu and lost their confidence to continue fighting. A Primordial Spirit True Monarch without a physical body would not only suffer a drastic drop in cultivation base and combat power but would also become a preferred target for many evil cultivators.

Qi Family's brothers didn't hesitate to flee, leaving their comrades behind, and flew away using their Primordial Spirit.

"Insolent fools!" True Monarch Profound Wind cursed.

While True Monarch Tian Zhu shattered Qi Family's brothers' physical bodies, True Monarch Profound Wind managed to wound him several times with his purple-golden blade, leaving several wounds on True Monarch Tian Zhu's body. However, True Monarch Tian Zhu ignored these wounds and continued to exert the power of the Grand Dao, trying to suppress True Monarch Profound Wind.

Despite his burning desire for revenge and the countless costs he paid, True Monarch Profound Wind hesitated when faced with the explosive power of True Monarch Tian Zhu.

Chapter 560: Things quiet down

Before today, True Monarch Profound Wind had imagined countless times how he and his arch-enemy, True Monarch Tian Zhu, would fight to the death and how it would all play out. He had sworn many times in his heart that even if it cost him his life, he would drag True Monarch Tian Zhu along with him to death.

When True Monarch Tian Zhu forcibly shattered the physical bodies of the Qi Family brothers, he had to endure the attacks of True Monarch Profound Wind and the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit. As the Primordial Spirit of the Qi Family brothers escaped, True Monarch Profound Wind was supposed to desperately move in, firmly entangling True Monarch Tian Zhu to create an opportunity for the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit. However, when the critical moment arrived, he hesitated.

As a mid-stage cultivator with a Primordial Spirit aged just over 1500 years, he still had a long lifespan, with at least several hundred more years to live. He was somewhat reluctant to throw away his life just like that. For a moment, he found it difficult to make the decision to bring both himself and the enemy down in a double loss situation.

True Monarch Tian Zhu seized the opportunity during True Monarch Profound Wind's hesitation. With the Dao path cut off, True Monarch Tian Zhu had nothing to worry about. After all, he didn't have many days left to live anyway, so he might as well take his enemy down with him.

In True Monarch Tian Zhu's eyes, True Monarch Profound Wind was the main culprit who had caused him to end up in such a sorry state. Even if it meant putting his life on the line, he would not let True Monarch Profound Wind off lightly. True Monarch Tian Zhu ignored his own limits, desperately squeezing out every bit of potential from within, and mobilized the power of the Grand Dao.

At this moment, it seemed like the heavens were also on his side. The suppression on the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit by the surrounding world increased, leaving the severely injured spirit almost breathless.

True Monarch Tian Zhu used a strategy of trading injuries, and he fiercely clashed with True Monarch Profound Wind, both of them being injured by the power of the Grand Dao and falling heavily to the ground.

Finally, True Monarch Profound Wind retreated. He lacked the same determination as True Monarch Tian Zhu and did not treat his own life as insignificant. True Monarch Profound Wind broke free from True Monarch Tian Zhu's grasp and escaped the battlefield without looking back, flying towards the Deadly Sea of Sand.

Qi Nanfei Daoist Master, who had been paying attention to the situation of the ancestral master while his Qi Family brothers' physical bodies were shattered and their Primordial Spirit fled, hardly hesitated and was about to turn and run. In his haste to escape, he left himself open and received a heavy blow from Yang Xueyi Daoist Master.

Ignoring everything, he fled with his injured body.

Yang Xueyi, who was originally prepared to pursue, remembered Meng Zhang's instructions and stopped, observing the situation from where he stood.

Although True Monarch Mountain Peak had already viewed True Monarch Tian Zhu highly, he absolutely couldn't have imagined that, under such dire circumstances and with an absolute disadvantage, True Monarch Tian Zhu would actually turn the tables.

In True Monarch Mountain Peak's plan, True Monarch Tian Zhu would pay a heavy price and temporarily repel the Qi Family brothers and True Monarch Profound Wind. Then, in his intact state, True Monarch Mountain Peak could profit from the situation and wait to see which side would offer a greater price to buy him over.

Of course, deep down, he leaned more towards True Monarch Profound Wind. The best outcome would be to extract all the benefits from True Monarch Tian Zhu and then deal with the old guy.

Even though True Monarch Tian Zhu had just displayed his might, True Monarch Mountain Peak knew that he definitely wasn't as lively and vigorous as he appeared on the surface. He must have been injured. However, the long-standing influence of True Monarch Tian Zhu still made True Monarch Mountain Peak somewhat hesitant.

Seeing the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit struggling to pounce, True Monarch Tian Zhu summoned his remaining strength and once again used the power of the world to temporarily suppress it.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's figure flashed, crossing a distance of dozens of miles, and appeared not far from True Monarch Mountain Peak.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's proactive attack made True Monarch Mountain Peak lose the last bit of resistance. He abandoned his opponent and tried to quickly flee.

Focusing solely on escaping, True Monarch Mountain Peak had to forcibly take a hit from True Monarch Tian Zhu before spitting out blood and fleeing in panic.

Jin Li Daoist Master and the others witnessed True Monarch Tian Zhu's bravery, defeating all enemies in one fell swoop, and their spirits were invigorated.

Jin Li Daoist Master breathed a sigh of relief, thankful that she didn't waver at the critical moment and stood firmly on True Monarch Tian Zhu's side.

However, she immediately remembered her moment of hesitation and hoped that True Monarch Tian Zhu hadn't noticed her lack of resolve.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's figure flashed again, appearing not far from the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit, and once again suppressed the creature that had just escaped the predicament.

Jin Li Daoist Master put away the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart, and Meng Zhang and the others flew up into the air, preparing to go over and pay their respects to True Monarch Tian Zhu.

"Don't come over here, just stay where you are and listen to me. I don't have much time left, so let's make this brief." True Monarch Tian Zhu's words, transmitted through dozens of miles, still clearly reached everyone's ears.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's words changed the expressions of everyone. What did he mean by not having much time left?

Without waiting for the crowd to react, True Monarch Tian Zhu continued speaking.

"Before I breathe my last breath and my foundation is completely destroyed, my vitality has already faded away, and I'm barely holding on. This last breath won't last much longer; it will dissipate completely soon.

Before I depart from this world, there are a few things I must tell you all, so listen carefully.

Jin Li, you have called me Uncle Master for so many years, but I regret that as your Uncle Master, I haven't taken good care of you during these years. If your master knows from the netherworld, he would probably complain about me."

Without waiting for Jin Li Daoist Master to respond, True Monarch Tian Zhu continued speaking on his own.

"The Qi Family brothers' physical bodies were destroyed this time, and only their Primordial Spirits escaped. They won't dare to come back here until they obtain new physical bodies."

"Yue Feng, the traitor, will most likely return to Jiuqu League seeking protection from the higher-ups."

"As for Xuan Feng, that kid has lost all courage and probably won't dare to come back voluntarily."

"After I'm gone, with my remaining influence, I can deter them for at least a few decades. But if I continue to remain hidden, they will eventually become suspicious. In a maximum of a hundred years, they will try to test the waters."

"Among you, if there is no new Primordial Spirit True Monarch born, you will likely be unable to evade their investigation. With their vengeful personalities, they will surely direct their anger towards you. Once they confirm my demise, they will act swiftly."

"After I'm gone, you all need to carefully consider your future plans."

True Monarch Tian Zhu's words cast a shadow over the hearts of everyone present.

After True Monarch Tian Zhu's death, how should they face True Monarch Mountain Peak and True Monarch Profound Wind? Even after going through so many twists and turns, at this point, even if they try to seek refuge with someone else, they may not be accepted.

True Monarch Tian Zhu's passing would bring complete freedom to Jin Li Daoist Master, allowing her to come and go as she pleases. But Meng Zhang, as a Gold Core Daoist Master, has a whole family under him. What should he do?

Taiyi Sect alone has thousands of disciples, not to mention the vast Endless Sea of Sand outside the sect. There are tens of thousands of ordinary mortals in the territory. How could so many people secretly leave the Endless Sea of Sand? And where could they find a safe place to settle?

Among the Gold Core Daoist Masters present, Jin Li Daoist Master was the one True Monarch Tian Zhu truly valued. He didn't know Meng Zhang well, and his impression of him was not that great. The two Gold Core Daoist Masters from Flying Swan Sect, in his eyes, had already exhausted their potential, not to mention reaching the Primordial Spirit realm; even the Gold Core late stage was beyond their reach.

Only Jin Li Daoist Master, who was an old acquaintance, possessed a complete Gold Core cultivation base, excellent aptitude, roots, and comprehension ability. If she could receive his guidance, she had a great chance of breaking through to the Primordial Spirit realm.

Perhaps, it's true that people become more benevolent when facing death. True Monarch Tian Zhu rarely showed kindness, but now he generously shared his knowledge and guidance.

After communicating with Jin Li Daoist Master through Divine Sense, he casually threw several storage magic tools to her, entrusting her with the matters after his passing.

Having spent many years under True Monarch Tian Zhu's tutelage, Jin Li Daoist Master was still relatively well understood by him. Although she had just betrayed True Monarch Mountain Peak, in a helpless situation, he had no choice but to trust her.

After making appropriate arrangements with Jin Li Daoist Master, True Monarch Tian Zhu continued speaking.

"Before I die, I won't leave any harm to this world. When I go, I'll take the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit with me."

"When the time comes, you all must leave this place immediately and get as far away as possible. In the short term, don't approach the area within a radius of several hundred miles from here."

True Monarch Tian Zhu's originally full voice became weaker and weaker, and the weakness in his voice could no longer be hidden.

The Fifth Rank Earth Spirit, who had been temporarily trapped by him using the power of the world, struggled desperately and had already broken free from the suppression, ready to break away at any moment.

"Hurry, I can't hold on any longer, I must act now."

Before his words finished, True Monarch Tian Zhu turned into a streak of light, leaving behind a long trail, and lunged at the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit.

The dazzling light surrounded the massive body of the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit, almost encircling it completely, and then it completely merged into the Fifth Rank Earth Spirit's body.

Meng Zhang and the others didn't dare to be negligent, nor did they ignore True Monarch Tian Zhu's warning. They exerted all their strength, flying far away, and tried their best to distance themselves from this place.

Just as they flew dozens of miles away, they felt violent gusts of wind behind them, making it almost impossible to maintain balance in the air.

Ignoring the fierce winds, they continued to fly at high speed.

After flying more than a hundred miles away, thunderous roars erupted from behind them. The unprecedented noise made their ears numb, and they soon lost their hearing.

They didn't dare to slow down and continued to escape with all their might.

A sun seemed to rise behind them. Even with their backs turned, they could feel the dazzling light.

They didn't dare to look back but saw only a vast expanse of white in front of them, almost blinding their eyes.

They flew more than two thousand miles before stopping to catch their breath and daring to look back.

The dazzling light had disappeared, but the hurricane was getting more intense.

In the distance, it seemed as if the heavens and the earth were collapsing, with black holes appearing in the sky and countless cracks.