

Swordsman 2511

Chapter 2511: The Captain's True Colors

"Five hundred thousand drops of Ancient God Divine Power?"

Xiao Tiexin's eyes turned stern.

500,000 drops of Ancient God Divine Power was equal to 50 pieces of Primordial Stones, it was almost the net worth of an Ultimate God.

There were 50 cultivators the Xueya Escort Team was escorting with each being charged 10,000 for their service rendered. It only totaled slightly more than 500,000 drops of Ancient God Divine Power.

That black-clad man was asking for 500,000 drops, the service would be carried out in vain if they gave it to him!

"Captain, what should we do?" An Ultimate God looked at her.

"No.2, No.3, both of you follow me. As for the rest of you, think of a way to endure the thieves' attack. You don't need to endure long, just hold on for ten breaths will be enough," said Xiao Tiexin quietly.

"Ten breaths?" The Peak Divine Demons in the Xueya Escort Team exchanged glances. Even though their number was a lot less than their opponents, they were very skillful and could even hold on for twenty breaths, let alone just ten.

"Charge!"

Xiao Tiexin did not waste a second. Her figure had already dashed toward the four Ultimate Gods of Celestial Beast Alliance up ahead in a flash. A bewitching purple sickle appeared in her hand.

The other two escort team's Ultimate Gods immediately followed suit.

"Haha! You really wanna fight? You're really seeking death!" The black-clad man laughed out loud when he saw that. "Boys, destroy them and leave none alive!"

A huge number of thieves immediately screamed and shouted before charging at those Peak Divine Demons of the Xueya Escort Team.

The battle began in the blink of an eye.

Right at this moment, the Ultimate Gods from both sides made contact.

The Celestial Beast Alliance had four Ultimate Gods, while Xueya Escort Team only had three. Xiao Tiexin, the escort team's captain had an incredible stern face while holding her purple sickle with one hand. As she waved the sickle in the air, it left traces of purple lights in the void.

Phew! Phew! Phew!

It was evident Xiao Tiexin had only waved the sickle once, but three beams of bewitching purple blade-light lashing out all of a sudden.

"Hmph!"

The black-clad man was also leading the Celestial Beast Alliance crowd and felt no fear as he watched the purple blade-light dashing over and waved the heavy sword in his hand.

The sword had strong momentum and an extremely heavy strike. In an instant, beams of wave-like sword shadows carrying heaven-shaking energies swung outwards.

The three beams of purple blade-lights were suddenly shattered.

However, Xiao Tiexin had already appeared right next to him before the black-clad man could even rejoice. At the same time, the purple sickle was cutting downward at him from above.

A beam of stern blade-light appeared, like thunder on a sunny day.

“This woman is that fast?” The black-clad man was slightly shocked, but his hand did not slow down. He swung his arm and the heavy sword was already blocking his front.

Twang! Under the strong impact of divine powers, the black-clad man could not steady himself, faltered, and sank a little.

Right at that moment, the mysterious purple blade-light appeared silent behind him. The cold blade-light cut towards his head like cutting wheat.

“What?!” The black-clad men were startled. Xiao Tiexin’s blade skill and speed were completely out of his expectations.

Right at the most dangerous moment, he violently moved himself to the side. The cold blade-light sliced through the air next to his ear. The sharp blade that drew across made his face feel icy-cold.

“Blindy, quick. Come help me!” shouted the black-clad man.

A blind white-haired old man with milky eyeballs behind him stepped forward. The aura of an Ultimate God exploded outwards before joining hands with the black-clad man and began fighting against Xiao Tiexin.

However, Xiao Tiexin’s face remained as indifferent as before even when both Ultimate Gods joined forces. The purple light which was surging out of her body formed a purple shadow out of nowhere behind her. The purple shadow was in the silhouette of a purple demon deity. As soon as the purple demon deity appeared, Xiao Tiexin’s aura had surged by quite a lot. Her speed had violently surged further as she waved her purple sickle.

Phew! Phew! Phew! Phew! Phew!

Beams of bewitching purple blade-light were unleashed one by one from Xiao Tiexin’s actions. The blade-light was heartbreakingly beautiful and delicate. Its speed was shocking fast.

While the black-clad man and the white-haired old man—two Ultimate Gods—joined hands and gave their all, they were still completely overpowered by Xiao Tiexin and ended up losing to her time and again. In a few breaths’ time, they were already on the brink of being crushed.

“Damn it, how could this woman be so powerful?”

“Two of us were fighting against only her and yet, we’re still being overpowered. This woman’s abilities are perhaps infinitely close to a High-Level Ultimate God. We won’t be able to get anything with her around. Boss, let’s retreat,” said the white-haired old man.

Even though the black-clad man did not feel like conceding, Xiao Tiexin’s ever-increasing pressure along with his other party members not being able to gain an advantage in the remaining battles had forced him to decide on retreating.

“Fall back, retreat!”

It took no more than a short moment before those people from Celestial Beast Alliance had completely retreated.

The experts of Xueya Escort Team and those 50 cultivators they escorted sighed in relief upon seeing that.

What followed immediately after that was a big roar in the void.

“This truly is a crimson-class escort team, even the Celestial Beast Alliance has been defeated head-on!”

“Marvelous, absolutely marvelous. Especially the captain of the Xueya Escort Team. Both sides are Ultimate Gods, but she alone could actually overpower two opponents!”

“This captain is just too amazing!”

All eyes were shining with respect and focusing on Xiao Tiexin.

In the crowd, Jian Wushuang who had been sitting straight on the back of his double-horned Thunderous Star Beast had not flicked his finger once. He raised his head, took a glance at Xiao Tiexin, and secretly nodded. “Good blade skills, she’s very close to the first level of blade principles. She also has a very high level of law understanding. Moreover, the secret technique she performed is also very powerful. Her battle strength is truly great.”

Of course, Jian Wushuang was only praising her casually in his mind and closed his eyes immediately after that.

It did not matter to him how the others were doing. All he asked for was that he could sit peacefully on the back of his double-horned Thunderous Star Beast and study without any disturbance.

Although the Celestial Beast Alliance thieves had started a big conflict with Xueya Escort Team, they had not defeated the escort team. Their overall battle had not affected him the slightest, hence he naturally did not bother to be involved.

The battle lasted for a very short time. The Xueya Escort Team did not suffer any loss save for a few slightly injured Peak Divine Demons who were not in any sort of danger.

Xiao Tiexin asked the other two escort team’s Divine Demons to go toward her.

“The battle just now has caused injuries on a few of our brothers, and we have consumed quite a bit of divine powers. Let’s find a place to rest and regroup. We’ll resume our journey tomorrow.”

Chapter 2512: Xiao Tiexin

The Eighteen Prefectures were definitely the overlords of Dark Thunder Territory. They were deeply rooted in the territory, very powerful, and way above any of the other criminal enterprises.

The Celestial Beast Alliance for example were definitely not weak in terms of their strength with four Ultimate God experts. However, they had never dreamed of comparing themselves with the Eighteen Prefectures.

The reason did not purely lie in strength as it also had to do with the methods they had taken and the nature of their businesses.

However strong the Celestial Beast Alliance was, they were just thieves after all.

Although the Eighteen Prefectures were also thieves, they could be equated to 18 powerful regional political powers to the others.

Anyone of the Eighteen Prefectures was equipped with the means to control a region.

Each of the Eighteen Prefectures had its own very well-organized intelligence department.

One of the Eighteen Prefectures, Demonic Moon Prefecture.

Inside a black garret.

"Third Leader, we just received news of the Celestial Beast Alliance pouring all their manpower to rob an escort team but lost big time." A black-robed man knelt down.

"Celestial Beast Alliance?"

At the foremost part of the garret, a slim old man in grey stood up with his face full of surprise.

"Celestial Beast Alliance is not weak. They have four Ultimate Gods among them. Even if they were robbing a crimson-class escort team, they should be returning victoriously. How come they lost?"

"According to our informants in Celestial Beast Alliance, they were really robbing a regular crimson-class escort team which only has three Ultimate Gods and around twenty Peak Divine Demons. However, their captain—Xiao Tiexin is very skillful. She's an Ultimate God, but so are the two Celestial Beast Alliance leaders which she crushed by herself. The Celestial Beast Alliance had to retreat from desperation," said the black-robed man.

The grey-robed old man was shocked. "She fought against two Ultimate Gods at the same time and was still able to defeat them. Doesn't that mean she's very close to possessing the battle prowess of a High-Level Ultimate God? Perhaps, she's even one? Xiao Tiexin? I feel like I've heard of her name."

While he spoke, the grey-robed old man began to shuffle through jade slips on the table before him.

After a while...

"Here it is!"

The grey-robed old man held up a jade slip with his eyes flickering with excitement. "Xiao Tiexin, the eldest daughter of the Xiao clan and its last survivor. Haha, so it's her!"

"Xiao clan?" The black-robed man also immediately recalled an ancient clan that used to exist.

"Hmph, this Xiao Tiexin has the guts to appear in Dark Thunder Territory and even became captain of a crimson-class escort team. She is also very skillful. Looks like she's in the midst of training and gaining experiences to improve her abilities. Once ready she'll return and seek vengeance from that person!" The grey-robed old man exclaimed.

"That person?" The black-robed man shuddered and immediately recalled a person.

That man was someone who the Eighteen Prefectures would not even dare cross even if they joined forces.

That man was basically a God in the Northern Darkstar Territory!

"Third Leader, Xiao Tiexin wants to seek revenge from that person, why don't we catch her and send it to the Lord? Would that make him happy?" suggested the black-robed man.

The grey-robed old man waved his hand. "No. Xiao Tiexin is nothing to the Lord. Otherwise, she would have been dead for a long time. How did you think she survived till now? Even if we presented her to the Lord, the Lord may not even care and perhaps wouldn't even care to see us. However, Xiao Tiexin is the eldest daughter of the Xiao clan and their last survivor after all. She probably possesses some of Xiao clan's wealth."

"Xiao clan's wealth? Didn't all of it gets taken by the Lord?" said the black-robed man in surprise.

"That's true, but Xiao clan is such a large ancient clan and Xiao Tiexin is their eldest daughter after all. We won't know if she had taken some of it when she escaped." The grey-robed old man squinted and soon decided. "You wait here, let me find Elder Brother."

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Dark Thunder Territory was shrouded in freezing darkness during the night.

In the forest, Xueya Escort Team and their clients were resting and regrouping.

Jian Wushuang remained seated cross-legged on the back of the double-horned Thunderous Star Beast while silently studying and cultivating by himself.

The others were also sitting down and going about their own businesses. Some were recuperating their abilities, some were cultivating, and some were discussing the battle with the Celestial Beast Alliance that occurred earlier.

In one corner, two Peak Divine Demons of the Xueya Escort Team were sitting together and chatting casually.

"Our captain is really something. She could oppress two Ultimate Gods all by herself!" One of them, a young man in a white robe exclaimed.

"That's true. Otherwise, how can she become our captain? You're a newbie on the team. Naturally, you haven't seen many such occurrences yet. When you've seen more, you'll know how powerful she truly is," said the other bald man proudly.

“Are you saying she hasn’t unleashed her full strength in today’s battle yet?” The white-robed youngster was shocked.

The bald man smiled awkwardly and said, “Well, I won’t know. Our captain is not only skillful. Her background is also pretty incredible.”

“Background?” The white-robed youngster was intrigued.

The bald man looked around and quietly said after realizing nobody was paying attention to him, “Ever heard of the Xiao clan?”

“Xiao clan? Are you talking about one of the top clans in the Northern Darkstar Continent? The captain is one of them?” The white-robed youngster exclaimed.

“Hehe, now you know.” The bald man smiled mysteriously before sighing a little and said, “The captain is the Xiao clan’s eldest daughter and has lived in a very sophisticated environment since young. It’s a shame the Xiao clan fell into turmoil not long ago with their whole clan being annihilated. She’s the only one from the Xiao clan who escaped.”

“The Xiao clan is such a powerful family and yet they had been destroyed. Who in the Northern Darkstar Territory would have such capabilities to annihilate them? Don’t tell me it’s...” The white-robed youngster thought of someone.

“Yes, that’s the one. The most superior one in the Northern Darkstar Territory, the Territorial Lord!” said the bald man.

“Why did he destroy the Xiao clan though?” asked the white-robed youngster.

“Well, I did hear our two deputy captains mention it before that the Xiao clan had obtained an extremely rare treasure by chance not long ago. Word got out by accident and the Territorial Lord caught wind about it. After that, destruction befalls the Xiao clan,” said the bald man.

“Treasure? It’s just one treasure. Why would it garner the Territorial Lord’s personal efforts in destroying such a large ancient clan? What’s that treasure?” The white-robed youngster only got more curious.

“I hear it’s a painted scroll, I think its name is ‘The Stately Painting’!” answered the bald man.

“The Stately Painting?” The white-robed youngster had a blank look on his face as he had obviously never heard of it.

“What are you two chatting about?!” someone suddenly scolded. It was one of the Ultimate Gods deputy captains who walked toward them.

The two were startled and immediately shut their mouths without speaking another word.

The deputy captain harrumphed coldly and left.

However, nobody noticed over the course of discussion between the bald man and white-robed youngster, Jian Wushuang had already opened his eyes while sitting on top of his double-horned Thunderous Star Beast.

Furthermore, an unprecedented sharp glint was shining through his eyes!

His body slightly trembled with excitement.

“The Stately Painting!!!”

Chapter 2513: The Demonic Moon Prefecture

Previously, there were no changes in Jian Wushuang’s expressions at all even when the Celestial Beast Alliance attacked in close proximity.

However, just the mention of that treasure by those two experts of the Xueya Escort Team had shaken Jian Wushuang.

“The Stately Painting!” Jian Wushuang mumbled in the corner of his mouth.

In his past life, Jian Wushuang possessed two extremely valuable treasures in the Eternal Chaotic Realm.

Both treasures were given by his master, Xuan Yi. One of them was Blood Mountain Sword, his default weapon which was upgraded alongside his own abilities.

The second treasure was the Stately Painting!

It was his secret weapon, his trump card, and also one of the Seven Star Black Sect’s most precious articles!

After Xuan Yi sent his soul into the Reincarnation Passage, he also sent the Blood Mountain Sword and The Stately Painting as well.

The Blood Mountain Sword fell from the sky during his birth and was still in his possessions.

However, The Stately Painting was lost.

Jian Wushuang guessed The Stately Painting had probably fallen into the Ancient God Realm as well on the same day he was born, but its exact location was unknown.

However, Jian Wushuang heard the name of the treasure mentioned once more in the Dark Thunder Territory through Xueya Escort Team members’ conversation.

According to their conversation, The Stately Painting was only recently discovered by the Xiao clan which only led to their clan’s destruction by the Territorial Lord’s personal actions. Obviously, The Stately Painting is so extraordinary it stirred such madness in the Territorial Lord to annihilate an entire clan, but that doesn’t mean this Stately Painting is the treasure which I’ve lost.’

Although Jian Wushuang was incredibly excited, he did not lose his rationality.

There were many people in the world who shared similar names, so it would not be surprising if there were treasures that shared the same name as well.

For example, it was entirely possible another painting scroll which was also a special treasure bearing the name ‘The Stately Painting’.

Regardless, it did not matter as Jian Wushuang would not ignore it the moment he heard the name 'Stately Painting'.

'The Xiao clan may be annihilated by the Territorial Lord because of the Stately Painting, but I wonder if the painting is currently in his hands.'

Jian Wushuang squinted before moving his eyesight toward the purple-armored woman who was sitting cross-legged on the ground. "This woman... The Xiao clan's eldest daughter must know everything about how her clan obtained The Stately Painting!"

Nothing else happened for the rest of the night.

On the next day, everyone in Xueya Escort Team had freshened up and resumed their journey.

They soon stood before a huge mountain.

The group stopped there for a short while.

"Captain, what we see ahead of us is the Demonic Moon Mountains according to our map. One of the Dark Thunder Territory's Eighteen Prefectures has nested inside the mountains. However, the Eighteen Prefectures are infamous in the Dark Thunder Territory. If there isn't something valuable enough, they wouldn't easily take action." One of Xueya Escort Team's deputy captains Ultimate Gods reported.

Although the Eighteen Prefectures were also thieves, they had risen to the level of political powers.

They had taken over the Dark Thunder Territory and regarded themselves as kings and overlords of the area. They still did indeed rob passersby, escort teams, caravans, and experts. However, they would usually run a thorough background check on the other party to understand their abilities and potential gains before making a move.

The Eighteen Prefectures would not take action altogether if there were not much to obtain.

The Xueya Escort Team was merely a regular crimson-class escort team while the 50 cultivators they were escorting had only very normal backgrounds. The only person slightly more unique was Jian Wushuang who was riding on a double-horned Thunderous Star Beast, but that was really a tiny benefit. Perhaps the Demonic Moon Prefecture did not think too much of it.

"Even so, we still need to be careful. We should avoid troubles even if it's just some regular thieves. This is the base of the Demonic Moon Prefecture after all with a lot of thieves around. We're only passersby, hence let's not get into any more trouble and finish crossing through this place within two days," said Xiao Tiexin.

"Aye. The rest would be smooth sailing once we pass through Dark Thunder Territory's central region—the Demonic Moon Prefecture." The deputy captain agreed.

"Let's go then."

Everyone entered the Demonic Moon Mountains very soon following an order from Xiao Tiexin.

They moved at a moderate pace.

After an hour...

Jian Wushuang—who had been riding cross-legged on the double-horn Thunderous Star Beast—suddenly opened his eyes.

He scanned the surrounding voids once and shook his head. “Looks like crossing the Demonic Moon Mountains wouldn’t be an easy job.”

He muttered to himself before closing his eyes.

All was calm and uneventful within the first six hours after entering the Demonic Moon Mountains.

However, Xiao Tiexin—who was walking in front of the group—suddenly paused.

“What’s the matter, captain?” The two deputy captains immediately looked at her.

Xiao Tiexin looked serious. “Something isn’t right. Our journey is too calm and smooth. The Demonic Moon Mountains is the Demonic Moon Prefecture’s base. There are usually innumerable criminal activities going on here. However, we have been here for six hours now and still didn’t see even a single thief. Not only did we not run into any, but there hasn’t even been a single person spying on us from our surroundings. I didn’t even sense a single beam of soul power. That’s absolutely impossible!”

Although Xiao Tiexin was quite young, her years of adventures had trained her to be mature and methodical.

She would definitely not be that naive to assume the situation was a coincidence.

“Captain, are you saying the Demonic Moon Prefecture has noticed us?” One of the deputy captains could not help but ask.

“That’s very possible.” Xiao Tiexin nodded solemnly.

“Then what do we do?” the deputy captain continued his inquiry.

“Don’t panic, stay calm. We’ll turn around and go back the same way. We’ll think of another way to cross Dark Thunder Territory’s central region once we are out of the mountains,” said Xiao Tiexin.

“Aye.” The two deputy captains solemnly nodded and immediately began sending messages to the remaining escort team members.

However, something suddenly happened before they could turn around!

A few waves of powerful aura suddenly swept across the void in various directions as a huge curtain of light-grey-colored energy began spreading in an instant after that.

The Xueya Escort Team and their current void location were soon completely shrouded by it.

“Is this... Restrictive Shield?”

“Besiegement Restrictive Shield!”

Xiao Tiexin began to worry.

The Peak Divine Demons in Xueya Escort Team and those 50 cultivators being escorted were also visibly shocked!

Chapter 2514: Reality

"It's the Demonic Moon Prefecture, it must be them!"

"Goddammit! Why did they lock on to us in the first place?"

Many cultivators in the Xueya Escort Team began to cry in disbelief.

They knew the Demonic Moon Prefecture had made a move when they noticed the Restrictive Shield surging around them.

Only the Demonic Moon Prefecture had the capabilities to decorate those mountains with such powerful Restrictive Shields.

Furthermore, one could clearly differentiate between a normal group of thieves and the Eighteen Prefectures by merely observing their Restrictive Shield.

For example, the Celestial Beast Alliance who attacked the Xueya Escort Team a while ago would pour all the manpower and attack as a whole group the moment they started with no strategy whatsoever.

However, when the Demonic Moon Prefecture used Restrictive Shield formation to seal up the surrounding Space-time before attacking just to ensure no one from the escort team could run away.

This was the evidence of Demonic Moon Prefecture's foundation and absolute strength.

Phew! Phew! Phew! Phew! Phew! Phew! Phew!

Seven figures charged over at the same time from the void ahead.

They were so fast, appearing before the Xueya Escort Team in no time.

Although there were only the seven of them, everyone's face in the escort team turned shockingly pale.

The seven figures stood side-by-side in a straight line with their overpowering aura swept out—that was a total of seven Ultimate God experts!

In addition, the red-robed bald old man standing in the middle of those seven was probably their leader and projected an aura which surpassed a Low-Level Ultimate God's. He was an actual High-Level Ultimate God!!!

If a fight were to break out against such a lineup consisting of six low-level Ultimate Gods and a high-level Ultimate God... Hopelessness—the members of the Xueya Escort Team almost completely lost hope.

Even Xiao Tiexin was secretly gritting her teeth while looking at the red-robed old man. She asked with a deep voice, "I assume you are the Governor of the Demonic Moon Prefecture?"

"That's me." The old man nodded a little.

"We wonder if the Xueya Escort Team has offended Demonic Moon Prefecture in any way such that you are carrying out such drastic measures?" Xiao Tiexin asked.

"Your escort team did not offend us in any way. The reason we came to you was because of one person. You!" The red-robed old man pointed straight at Xiao Tiexin.

"Me?" Xiao Tiexin was surprised.

"The captain of Xueya Escort Team, Xiao Tiexin. We know you're the Xiao clan's eldest daughter and also the only survivor from the Xiao clan massacre. We've come here just for you," said the red-robed old man with a resonant voice.

There was a huge stir among the clients of Xueya Escort Team as soon as he made this statement.

"The Demonic Moon Prefecture is here for the escort team's captain?"

"That's what I'd thought. All of us have pretty regular backgrounds. How would they target us with such theatrics? The person they want is the escort team's captain of course. If I'd known this before, I won't be so stupid to spend such an amount of money to hire their team to escort me!"

"This Xueya Escort Team has been hired to protect us but became the reason we got into trouble. What the hell!"

A number of the cultivators who were still glad they were being protected by the Xueya Escort Team started to blame the escort team instead.

Not only they were blaming, they even felt a deep hatred and began cursing them.

They were all blaming the Xueya Escort Team for getting them in trouble.

All of that was clear in the red-robed old man's eyes as he mysteriously smiled. "Looks like you're all panicking, huh? Actually, there's no need. We are only here for Xiao Tiexin. As for the rest of you, you're not our target. I've already ordered my people to leave a few gaps on the Restrictive Shield. There's still time if you want to leave right now."

"We can go?"

The cultivators' expression changed with some of them downright joyful, but not without a slight worry.

However, the red-robed old man coldly continued. "If you want to go, you better do it soon. The gaps will completely seal up within ten breaths. Anyone who stays in this Restrictive Shield formation except for those from the Demonic Moon Prefecture will die by then!"

The cultivators who were previously protected by the Xueya Escort Team let go of all their hesitations upon hearing that.

"Quick, run!"

"Ten breaths is enough for us to escape from the Restrictive Shield. Although we won't be protected by the Xueya Escort Team anymore and the rest of the journey would be extremely dangerous, it's still better than dying here."

"This is clearly the Xueya Escort Team's fault. Why would I die with them here?"

They began to shout.

The escorted cultivators began running toward the Restrictive Shield's edge from all directions.

There were even a few Peak Divine Demons who just joined the Xueya Escort Team escaped without any hesitation since they had neither feelings nor emotional connections with the team and Xiao Tiexin.

The remaining escort team members who chose to stay saw that and gritted their teeth in agitation.

"You maggots. All of you stop! Stop right now!"

"A bunch of bastards! Idiots!"

The two deputy captains were also shouting angrily.

"No.2 and No.3, leave them alone. Just let them run if they feel like it." Xiao Tiexin's demeanor appeared to be very calm—aloof would be more accurate.

She had experienced such a scene before.

Countless clans and sects bowed at them when the Xiao clan was at its peak and seriously took every word they said.

However, all the clans and sects immediately disappeared without a trace when the Xiao clan experienced destruction from the Territorial Lord's personal attacks. None of them was willing to offer even a wee bit of help.

That was reality.

Cruel reality.

Xiao Tiexin had a clear view of reality and did not feel surprised by the action of those people.

'Hmph, they really believe the Demonic Moon Prefecture's Governor would let them live within ten breaths? Naive!' Xiao Tiexin thought sarcastically.

The Dark Thunder Territory's Eighteen Prefectures were infamous.

The reason for their infamy was built on nothing but endless killings which caused the shrouding crimson fog!

It was true the Eighteen Prefectures did not easily attack, but when they did everyone within their sight would be killed without showing the least bit of mercy.

It was nice to hear the red-robed old man's words which promised to let them live. However, perhaps he did not feel like wasting so much energy and was reluctant to suffer any additional loss on the Demonic Moon Prefecture's side.

If her predictions were correct, those who scattered and ran out of those gaps would probably be killed immediately and mercilessly right after they left.

In the end, perhaps not many would survive.

Of course, Xiao Tiexin knew that but had no desire to waste her words on those fleeing from battle.

Chapter 2515: Xiao Clan's Survivor

Only in a short moment, the 50 cultivators who were previously escorted by the Xueya Escort Team had completely cleared the place. No, it was more accurate to mention that one of those cultivators actually stayed.

That person was none other than Jian Wushuang.

“Oh, there’s actually one who stays behind?” The red-robed old man who was the Demonic Moon Prefecture Governor was intrigued.

Xiao Tiexin and the rest of the Xueya Escort Team experts who stayed back also looked at Jian Wushuang in surprise.

Everyone else had left except for this man.

Noticing everybody’s glare, the cross-legged Jian Wushuang on the back of the double-horned Thunderous Star Beast smiled awkwardly and said, “Sorry. I truly wished to run, but my beast isn’t listening to my commands. It has become frozen from fear.”

Everybody immediately looked at the double-horned Thunderous Star Beast.

It was true that the beast was shuddering and did not dare to move a muscle.

Wild beasts were fundamentally cowardly. They would not be able to move as long as they felt the auras from strong Divine Demons, let alone being in front of so many Ultimate Gods.

“What an idiot! He’s on the brink of death and still won’t let go of a wild beast?”

The Ultimate Gods from the Demonic Moon Prefecture began to scoff and nobody paid Jian Wushuang any more attention.

“Eldest Miss Xiao, the Xiao clan was one of the top clans in the Northern Darkstar Continent. We hear there were even a few Peak Ultimate Gods not to mention your foundations were extremely strong. Although the clan has been annihilated, perhaps you still possess some family wealth that you brought with you as the sole survivor of the clan?” The Governor stared at Xiao Tiexin with full of anticipation.

Xiao Tiexin stared at the Demonic Moon Prefecture Governor and scoffed, “Mr. Governor, it looks like you’re here for my family’s wealth. As one of the Eighteen Prefectures, you probably have a pretty well-organized intelligence department, yes? Didn’t your agents find out the Territorial Lord has robbed us completely of the clan’s wealth?”

“Yes, our intelligence did state so. However, you escape from the Xiao clan after all. You should’ve brought with you some resources and treasures when you ran. The Xiao clan was so large that even a tiny part brought out—say ten or even five percent—will still amount to huge wealth,” said the Governor.

“Haha. I’m afraid I’ll have to disappoint you, Mr. Governor. I did bring a portion of wealth with me when I left, but that was only the Interspatial Ring which my mother passed to me. My mother’s accumulated wealth only amounted to six thousand pieces of Primordial Stones. If you want it, you can have it. Why did you even utilize such a dramatic tactic?” As Xiao Tiexin spoke, she flipped her wrist and presented an Interspatial Ring.

Lying quietly in the ring were 6,000 pieces of Primordial Stones.

“Six thousand Primordial Stones?”

The Demonic Moon Prefecture’s Ultimate Gods were happy to hear that.

According to market value, one piece of Primordial Stone was equivalent to 10,000 drops of Ancient God Divine Power.

6,000 Primordial Stones meant 60,000,000 drops of Ancient God Divine power. It was a great amount of wealth for any High-Level Ultimate God, let alone a Low-Level Ultimate God.

Even the Demonic Moon Prefecture who accumulated an enormous amount of wealth through the ages could still not ignore 6,000 Primordial Stones.

For those Ultimate Gods, it was worth their time if they could obtain it.

However, the Demonic Moon Prefecture Governor did not look too happy.

6,000 pieces of Primordial Stones were a lot but was still a lot less than what he expected.

The Governor raised his head and said coldly, “Xiao Tiexin, don’t think you can get away with just giving me six thousand Primordial Stones. Perhaps what you carried with you is truly six thousand. However, your clan elders probably didn’t just give you Primordial Stones when you escaped. There are probably treasures which mean a lot to the Xiao clan, some secret techniques, and whatnot. All those are highly valuable stuff—a lot more valuable than the six thousand pieces of Primordial Stones. Surrender all of it.”

Xiao Tiexin’s heart sank.

She did bring some exceptional items when she left, but those items were her growth capital, and some were even for the Xiao clan’s revival—unlike the Primordial Stones.

The Primordial Stones were only a considerable wealth and as long as she became powerful, they were easy to obtain.

However, the rest of the items with her had their clan taken ages to accumulate.

She absolutely could not give up those things.

“Just six thousand Primordial Stones. I don’t have anything else. If you promise to let us leave, I shall respectfully present them to you. Otherwise, we’ll have to fight it out,” responded Xiao Tiexin frostily.

“Fight it out? Haha. Eldest Miss Xiao, perhaps you look too highly upon yourself since you don’t wish to give up the Xiao clan’s treasure. All I can do is to kill you before checking your Interspatial Ring myself.” The Governor sneered as his eyes turned icy-cold. “Do it!”

Boom!

The six Ultimate Gods next to the Governor immediately sprung into action.

Two giant waves of Ultimate God auras began pressing against each other and shocking everyone in the Xueya Escort Team.

“No.2, No.3, be careful. Find your chance to escape!” Xiao Tiexin instructed quietly and dashed forward in a sudden burst.

Purple lights surged from her body as she dashed forward while dragging out a trace of purple shadow. The purple shadow was actually in the form of a purple demon deity. Xiao Tiexin’s aura suddenly surged a great amount when the demon deity appeared.

The bewitching purple sickle also appeared in her hand without needing to mention it.

“Charge!”

Xiao Tiexin’s killing intention rose sky-high as she swung the purple sickle with one hand.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Three bewitching beams of purple blade-light immediately swept outward.

The purple blade-lights were incredibly fast and instantly blocked three Ultimate Gods of the Demonic Moon Prefecture.

The three Ultimate Gods also immediately reacted.

Unexpectedly... Xiao Tiexin’s movements were also extremely mysterious and unpredictable. She flashed and swayed along with her inconsistently flashing blade-lights produced by her purple sickle. It was extremely unpredictable and incredibly powerful.

The three Ultimate Gods joined forces, but could not gain any advantage over Xiao Tiexin. They gradually and eventually fell into a disadvantage.

“Goodness, this woman is really something!” All three of them were shocked in their minds.

At that very moment, the Governor who was behind the whole time stepped forward.

“Haha! Eldest Miss Xiao, let me experience your skills!”

The Governor laughed heartily and a bright red stone staff appeared in his hands. The battle strength of a high-level Ultimate God blasted outward.

Boom!

A staff shadow appeared out of the blue in the void above and began hitting down at Xiao Tiexin like huge waves.

The staff shadow was heaven-defying as it sealed up the void around Xiao Tiexin the moment it appeared and not giving her a chance to dodge. She could only swing her purple sickle to fend those attacks off by force.

Chapter 2516: Making a Deal

A terrifying momentum swept over with a huge bang as Xiao Tiexin lowered her body while feeling a little stunned.

The Governor of Demonic Moon Prefecture took another step forward before turning the stone staff in his hand into a thunderbolt and lashed out.

The purple light gushed out of Xiao Tiexin's body as her bewitching purple sickle drew an arch before she dashed forward.

Twang!

After another collision, her purple sickle's momentum was knocked away from its original direction, causing both her hands to suddenly feel numb while the insides of her body were throbbing.

"Haha, go to hell!"

The Governor laughed as he sent his stone staff forward which penetrated a hole in the void before continuing to pierce toward Xiao Tiexin.

"No!" Xiao Tiexin panicked.

She still felt numbness in her hand and was not able to defend against the incoming attack. In the nick of time, a strange flash of light shone before her eyes.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Three light beams appeared out of the blue at the void she was in and Xiao Tiexin retreated to the one side of the void with a flash.

She dodged the staff attack, but its momentum had not vanished. On the contrary, it turned into a bright red light beam which continued on with its attack. Coincidentally, Jian Wushuang was located not far behind Xiao Tiexin. She may have avoided that attack, but not Jian Wushuang.

"Ah..." Xiao Tiexin was shocked but could not do anything.

In such situations, she could not even guarantee her own safety let alone the safety of Jian Wushuang.

Boom!!!

Violent energies burst outwards from the void where Jian Wushuang was.

The void fell into a humongous storm of energy with nobody being able to see what had happened inside it.

"A secret technique?"

The Governor looked at Xiao Tiexin with his face blooming in a grin. "So it's true that you did not only bring six thousand pieces of Primordial Stones from the Xiao clan. The secret technique which you used to dodge my attack is probably a lot more valuable than the six thousand Primordial Stones!"

Xiao Tiexin looked at him coldly without uttering a word.

"Eldest Miss Xiao, I have a suggestion. Why don't you come to Demonic Moon Prefecture and become my wife and teach me all the secret techniques you know in one go? What do you say?" The Governor sneered.

However, as soon as he finished speaking...

"Phew, that was close! My double-horned Thunderous Star Beast which costs ten thousand drops of Ancient God Divine Power almost died." A light voice suddenly spoke from afar.

On the battlefield, the experts from both the Demonic Moon Prefecture and Xueya Escort Team were caught by surprise.

All their eyes immediately moved over to the side void and looked at the energy storm.

The Governor and Xiao Tiexin both looked over as well.

The energy storm began to gradually die down and unveiled its insides.

They saw a three-meter tall double-horned Thunderous Star Beast standing trembling there. On its back was a golden-robed man sitting cross-legged and carrying a long sword behind.

It was clear the Governor's staff energy had exploded in that part of the void, but how did both the beast and golden-robed man escape unscattered under such immense energies?

"He's actually still alive?"

Xiao Tiexin and her men were shocked.

That powerful staff strike required Xiao Tiexin to dodge with a secret technique. Otherwise, a low-level Ultimate God could only greet death when facing it head-on.

However, not only did the golden-robed man before their eyes survived, so did his double-horned Thunderous Star Beast.

Jian Wushuang looked at the beast he was riding on under everyone's stare and said, "Little Ray, don't be scared. Come, let's get over there."

'Little Ray' was a pet name Jian Wushuang gave to his double-horned Thunderous Star Beast.

However, Little Ray did not even move a hair no matter how much motivation he directed toward the beast. It was already frightened to near death.

Jian Wushuang could do nothing but got down from its back and walked on his own.

The Governor closely stared at Jian Wushuang and slowly squinted his eyes at the same time. "Looks like our intelligence has made some mistakes. There's an expert among those being escorted."

Previously, he did not notice Jian Wushuang at all, but now... As Jian Wushuang slowly closed in, he realized he could not see through Jian Wushuang's true abilities and cultivation level which started to make him slightly alarmed.

He was a High-Level Ultimate God after all. If an Ultimate God could not see through his opponent, it was either an opponent at the same cultivation level or a Low-Level Ultimate God good at hiding his aura.

He was most probably an expert regardless which was true. Otherwise, it would not be possible for him to safely survive his staff strike.

Jian Wushuang finally arrived at the battlefield's center and stood next to Xiao Tiexin.

Xiao Tiexin and her men were a little surprised.

Jian Wushuang was a client who hired their escort team to protect himself and had been traveling with them for more than four months. Although Jian Wushuang's aura felt a little strange to them with nobody able to see through him, they had never taken note of him let alone suspected that he was a hidden expert.

The reason for their point of view was that, would it not be pointless for him to hire them for protection if he was that powerful?

Why would he need to pay them escorting fees?

Any escort team would love to have an expert at the level of Ultimate God or above among them.

However, to be able to survive the staff strike and remain unscathed probably meant the golden-robed man's abilities were quite high.

"Xiao Tiexin, Oh great Captain Xiao." Jian Wushuang smiled mysteriously at Xiao Tiexin next to him. "What if we make a deal?"

Xiao Tiexin was surprised. "A deal? What kind of a deal?"

"It's very simple, I'll get rid of these people from Demonic Moon Prefecture, but you'll have to be honest with me when I ask you a question later," said Jian Wushuang.

"Sure." Xiao Tiexin agreed without hesitation.

If it was only one question. It should not be anything serious, at the very least not comparable with everyone's lives.

However, the bigger question was whether this unknown man who traveled with them would really be able to get rid of the Demonic Moon Prefecture's people?

The Xueya Escort Team including Xiao Tiexin herself felt slightly doubtful.

However, Jian Wushuang did not care much and turned his gaze toward those people from Demonic Moon Prefecture.

"Demonic Moon Prefecture, yes? Do you want to leave on your own or do you want me to kick you home?" Jian Wushuang smiled faintly with his absolutely confident tone.

They could not tell what Jian Wushuang was up to, hence nobody dared to move. They looked at the Governor instead.

The Governor's face turned a little gloomy before saying, "Sir, perhaps you're being too arrogant if you think you could convince us to leave with just a few words."

"Well, there's no other way but to fight in that case." Jian Wushuang smiled while his divine powers began to surge.

His aura was naturally in full display as soon as he activated his divine powers.

Everyone on the battlefield was instantly shocked!

Chapter 2517: Eleven Apparitions!

“Divine Demon Realm?”

“Peak Divine Demon? He’s only a Peak Divine Demon?”

“Is this a joke?”

Experts from both sides could not make peace with what they saw. Some even felt incredibly angry.

How did the golden-robed man before them have such self-confidence?

He had the gall to strike a deal with Xiao Tiexin and announced that he would get rid of the Demonic Moon Prefecture people and even asked them to leave under their own initiative.

Most importantly, both the Xueya Escort Team members and the Ultimate Gods from the Demonic Moon Prefecture almost believed him!

It was because they could not see through his abilities.

The Xueya Escort Team naturally found a beacon of hope from seeing how confident Jian Wushuang was adding to the fact he survived the Governor’s staff strike unscathed.

As for the Demonic Moon Prefecture’s Ultimate Gods which included their Governor, they were made alert and worried that the golden-robed man before them was really a hidden expert.

However, he had finally put his cultivation level on full display.

In the end, he was only a Peak Divine Demon!

Peak Divine Demon was truly considered experts in most regular wildernesses. However in Dark Thunder Territory, especially in this particular situation under the presence of seven Ultimate Gods from the Demonic Moon Prefecture, even a Low-Level Ultimate God could not make any difference, let alone a Peak Divine Demon! Was this some kind of a joke?

“This kid is playing with us!”

Flames of fury were burning in the eyes of the Demonic Moon Prefecture’s Ultimate Gods.

They really almost got stunned by that Peak Divine Demon.

However, they did not know Jian Wushuang’s Peak Divine Demon aura was due to the black stone which raised his aura by two levels higher than its actual. Jian Wushuang’s real divine power aura and cultivation level were in fact that of a Second-Class Divine Demon.

Angry eyes gazed over one by one, but Jian Wushuang did not care at all. Behind him, his enormous divine powers were still surging and formed a 3,000-meter tall God Shadow in the blink of an eye. At the same time, the Seven Star Secret Technique was being unleashed in his body.

“Captain Xiao, remember what you just promised me.” Jian Wushuang smiled mysteriously.

Xiao Tiexin was even more shocked at that point.

Suddenly, Jian Wushuang moved!

Nothing happened when he stood still, but as soon as he did...

Many figures started bursting out one after another—a total of 12 figures covered half of the void.

“This is...” Everyone around was dumbfounded.

“Those are apparitions, Space-time Apparitions!”

“There are twelve figures in total but one of them shouldn’t be a Space-time Apparition. This means there are eleven apparitions in total!”

“Eleven apparitions? Impossible!”

The Demonic Moon Prefecture’s Ultimate Gods were in complete shock.

Space-time Apparitions were only achievable after one had made a breakthrough to the first stage of Space-time Law understanding. The more apparitions one could form meant the higher one’s understanding of the law.

In normal circumstances, high-level Ultimate Gods who were studying the Space-time Law could perhaps form three to four apparitions at most. However, forming 11 at the same time? It was extremely rare among the high-level Ultimate Gods. Normally, only Peak Ultimate Gods who focused on studying Space-time Law could form more than 10 apparitions.

This man before them, however...

“Hmph, so what if you have a slightly deeper understanding of the Space-time Law? You’re still nothing but a mere Peak Divine Demon.” The Governor scoffed in disdain and refused to take him seriously.

However, Jian Wushuang had moved his physical body before the Governor after concurrently forming 11 apparitions and unsheathed his Blood Mountain Sword.

Ring!

A gigantic sword-light appeared out of nowhere.

The sword-light was incredibly attractive and bright as though it could connect Heaven and Earth together.

The moment it appeared, it became the focal center of Heaven and Earth.

It even became an eternity.

Space-time Sword Technique—Heaven and Earth Aligned!

“How’s that possible?”

The Governor who was paying no mind to Jian Wushuang was suddenly shocked beyond words when he saw that gigantic sword-light sweeping at him.

“This... How can this be a sword technique performed by a Divine Demon Realm cultivator? No way!” The Governor roared.

The sword-light was so sufficiently strong that it stunned regular Ultimate Gods.

At the same time, he felt immense dangers from that sword-light. He had only experienced such feelings from High-Level Ultimate Gods—very powerful High-Level Ultimate Gods.

The Governor did not dare remain arrogant anymore as he instantly turned the bright red stone staff in his hand into a thunderbolt and swung viciously toward the sword-light.

With a huge bang, the seemingly ever-expanding sword-light spread toward every direction.

The Governor's pupils dilated as he felt a huge momentum being directed towards him, knocking his body, and sent him faltering backward.

However, a ghastly figure already got close to him before he could steady himself.

Infinite sword essences swept around and shrouded him.

The Governor instantly fell into an infinite ocean of sword essence while Jian Wushuang's Blood Mountain Sword finally erupted with great powers.

One after another, the sword-lights swept toward the Governor like a tsunami.

Too fast! The sword-lights were way too unbelievably fast.

The bewitching blade-light was also very fast when Xiao Tiexin swung her purple sickle, but it was still behind Jian Wushuang's speed by two folds.

Jian Wushuang had repeatedly flickered among those apparitions of his. He was able to do so due to his tremendous Space-time Law understanding in both the aspects of sword techniques and movement methodologies. As such, it was impossible for the Governor to realize Jian Wushuang's mysterious appearance beside himself.

All he could do was to swing his stone staff like a madman and tried insanely hard to fend off Jian Wushuang's attacks.

However, even with such defenses, Jian Wushuang's pressure was so huge that he was completely being suppressed to the point of gradually losing.

"You Divine Demon maggot, scram!"

The Governor released an explosive shout as his bright red stone staff suddenly began to grow in size with terrifying divine powers began concentrating in his hand.

The bright red stone staff resembled a bright red volcano suddenly falling at Jian Wushuang before completely erupted.

Jian Wushuang's eyes turned frosty as his sword essence began to sweep around and immediately turned his Blood Mountain Sword into a long snake.

With a tearing sound, layers of the void were torn open like pieces of paper as everything was dissolved by the sword stroke.

It was soundless and motionless without a single trace.

The only exception was a sword shadow that swept past.

Space-time Sword Technique, Third Form—Pure Shadow!

The violently erupting bright red volcano was also being torn open as a large amount of vicious divine powers was dispersed into its surroundings.

The remaining sword-light still had quite a bit of momentum and continued sweeping toward the Governor.

“Thud!”

The Governor got swept by the sword-light which immediately caused his body to be severely injured. His aura began to weaken after spitting out a big gulp of blood.

A huge amount of his divine powers began to gradually decrease. However, the golden-robed man who was holding a long sword continued to issue attacks at him which were capable of tearing open everything in the void.

Chapter 2518: Defeated

“Don’t let him go! Quick! Block his path!”

The Demonic Moon Prefecture Governor let out a stern shout with his booming hysterical voice.

Several Ultimate Gods around the Governor of Demonic Moon Prefecture were still in shock. Nonetheless, the three Ultimate Gods closest to their target immediately reacted upon hearing the distraught shouting.

“Let’s take him down together!”

The three Ultimate Gods placed themselves in front of Jian Wushuang, blocking his path, and were just about to launch an attack.

Hum!

Those three Ultimate Gods had trouble telling which one was the real Jian Wushuang when 11 apparitions appeared out of thin air at the same time.

Three sword-lights lit up and sliced through those three Ultimate Gods’ necks when they were still caught in a limbo.

Their eyes widened in horror from being surprised by the sword speed of that Divine Demon and could not even react before their heads flew off.

In a span of mere seconds, their consciousness was gone.

“Are you really Primary-Level Ultimate Gods? Tch!” Jian Wushuang’s lips curled slightly.

The differences between Primary-Level Ultimate Gods and the High-Level Ultimate Gods were huge, but strenuous efforts were required in order for a High-Level Ultimate God to kill a Primary-Level Ultimate God.

Normally, three Primary-Level Ultimate Gods together could even engage in a riveting head-on fight against a High-Level Ultimate God.

Unfortunately, their opponent was none other than the unfathomable Jian Wushuang.

Jian Wushuang possessed the combat prowess of a High-Level Ultimate God. In addition, his speed was extremely fast, and he had his Space-time Law.

A deep understanding of Space-time Law to be exact.

The three Ultimate Gods had no time to react with his 11 apparition disguises and his sword moving at warped speeds. They did not even have the opportunity to unleash an attack before all of them died to his sword.

“Run! Run!”

The governor dared not stay any longer, made a swift turn around, and fled for his life from the untenable situation.

Of course, the remaining three Ultimate Gods also fled without hesitation.

In a blink of an eye, those four had vanished from Jian Wushuang’s sight along with the heavy restrictive shield which enshrouded the area soon dissipated.

Jian Wushuang watched the four escape but made no efforts to chase after them.

It was easy for him to kill a Primary-Level Ultimate God but considerably arduous to kill a high-level one.

“Although the governor is a High-Level Ultimate God, he probably hasn’t been at that level for long and only has a rudimentary understanding of Space-time Law. His strength is probably at rock bottom among the High-Level Ultimate Gods. I only used the Seven Stars Secret Technique and Divine God of Punishment Technique, yet I could easily defeat him with only Space-time Law,” murmured Jian Wushuang.

He knew his current strength barely reached the combat prowess of a High-Level Ultimate God level as when he fought with Yun Zhen against Strange Old Feng in the Wusha Wilderness.

After his strength skyrocketed he obtained his Life Armor, cultivated the Nine Sparkle Star Armor Secret Technique, and reached the Golden Armor chapter. He was then sufficiently capable to oppress Yun Zhen.

In the battle against the Demonic Moon Prefecture Governor, he neither used Nine Sparkle Star Armor nor Divine God of Punishment, but could still easily defeat the governor.

The only explicable reason would have been the governor’s strength was too weak and ranked at the bottom even among High-Level Ultimate Gods.

Secondly, Jian Wushuang’s understanding of the laws had improved greatly.

It had been seven or eight months since he departed from Wusha Wilderness. During that time, Jian Wushuang had been sitting on the double-horned Thunderous Star Beast and worked on his cultivation. Besides that, he did not only relied solely on his own ability but on Fengtian Scroll’s support.

Although the Fengtian Scroll was not as helpful when he was in Saint's Tomb, it was still beneficial to Jian Wushuang.

In just seven to eight months, his understanding of Space-time Law had improved so much that he went from just having two apparitions to eleven apparitions. Was that not impressive?

His sword skills had also improved tremendously.

"The governor is too weak. If it's someone slightly stronger, I'm afraid I will only be able to win by executing Divine God of Punishment or Nine Sparkle Stars Armor." Jian Wushuang sighed.

However, he had not realized those members from Xueya Escort behind him were completely stunned!

Yes, they were stunned to see what happened.

They were furious when they saw Jian Wushuang merely showing divine powers at the level of a Peak Divine Demon Realm.

They thought Jian Wushuang was just fooling around with them.

However...

The very same Peak Divine Demon had defeated those Demonic Moon Prefecture experts right before their eyes.

And he did not simply drive them away but managed to intimidate them and even killed three of their Ultimate Gods.

How terrifying he must be to have done that?

"He must be a genius!"

One of Xueya Escort's deputy captains exclaimed, "I once heard there were pools of talents in the Ancient God Domain and many of them were monsters. They had the combat prowess of an Ultimate God when they were merely in the Divine Demon realm. Some of them were capable of killing an Ultimate God! I thought that was just hearsay, but I saw it with my own eyes today."

"It's simply amazing he could defeat High-Level Ultimate God head-on and even beheaded three Primary-Level Ultimate Gods while being at the Divine Demon realm!"

The others were also shocked.

Even though they were terribly shocked, they were still able to accept what just happened.

There were Peak Divine Demons in Ancient God Domain who could kill Primary-Level Ultimate Gods after all.

They were just lucky to have met one.

However, they would be even more shocked to realize that Jian Wushuang was merely a Second-Class Divine Demon were he not had that black stone disguising his actual cultivation level.

It was impossible for a Second-Class Divine Demon to kill a Primary-Level Ultimate God!

Xiao Tiexin took a deep breath, calmed his nerves, and stepped forward with a hint of respect. "Thank you for your actions, you've just helped the Xueya Escort Team to resolve a crisis!"

"Thank you for what you have done, Master," said the other members of the Xueya Escort Team.

Faced with someone who killed a Primary-Level Ultimate God at Peak Divine Demon, the Xueya Escort Team was respectful toward Jian Wushuang.

Tiexin was almost at the strength of a High-Level Ultimate God yet she had addressed Jian Wushuang politely. Whereas everyone else, including the two Ultimate God deputy captains, had to call Jian Wushuang as Master.

Jian Wushuang waved his hand and said, "There's no need for that. Captain Xiao, just don't forget the deal between us."

"Of course I won't. I don't know what you're looking for, but I'll tell you everything I know," said Xiao Tiexin.

Jian Wushuang did not speak. Instead, he looked at the others from Xueya Escort Team.

Xiao Tiexin understood and immediately ordered, "No. 2 and No. 3, go around and see if all those people from Demonic Moon Prefecture have escaped. Check if any of those people whom we are supposed to escort had survived. If anyone survives, bring them back to where we are."

"Yes."

The two deputy captains nodded and immediately brought someone to search the nearby area. Their departure gave Jian Wushuang and Xiao Tiexin some space to speak privately.

Chapter 2519: Precious Treasure

"Captain Xiao," addressed Jian Wushuang.

"Your Excellency, please don't call me Captain Xiao. You can just call me Tiexin. Oh yes, I didn't get your name," said Xiao Tiexin.

"My name's Jian Yi." Jian Wushuang introduced his pseudonym.

"Mr. Jian Yi, what do you want to ask?" Xiao Tiexin asked.

"I want to know what happened to that treasure Xiao clan had," said Jian Wushuang in a deep voice.

"That treasure?" Xiao Tiexin pondered for a moment before saying, "In fact, that incident is no secret. I can tell you everything you want to know about it."

Jian Wushuang nodded and was keen to hear about it.

"Our clan got that treasure not long ago. It is only a little more than twenty years ago. At that time, an Ultimate God Elder from our clan was engaged in a duel. Out of a sudden, the void around him shattered and a treasure flitted from the void which the elder then caught," explained Xiao Tiexin.

“Around twenty years ago... Did you say it flitted from a broken void?” Jian Wushuang’s heart quivered.

It had only been a little more than 20 years since he was reborn in his current life. The timing seemed to coincide exactly as his Blood Mountain Sword was also a treasure descended from the Heavens.

“That treasure is a picture scroll. After the Elder got the picture scroll, he immediately took it back to the Xiao clan’s residence and studied it with other Xiao clan’s elders. Unfortunately, the picture scroll is very mysterious and weird that those elders failed miserably to open it up after exhausting every idea they had, hence they had no way to claim and meditate upon it. However, during their many attempts, one of the clan Elders discovered the picture scroll’s name was The Stately Painting!” Xiao Tiexin said.

Jian Wushuang remained calm.

It was no surprise that Xiao clan’s experts were unable to cultivate using the picture scroll. How could any ordinary individual claim ownership over such a precious treasure, especially when it’s indeed The Stately Painting? It was a treasure that belonged to the Seven Stars Black Sect after all. One would naturally be unable to unseal the picture scroll without first gaining ownership over it.

“Tiexin, what else do you know besides the picture scroll’s name?” Jian Wushuang asked.

“There is another message which I vividly remembered.” Xiao Tiexin paused before reciting, “The Stately Painting. The endless mountains and streams, dividing the world...”

Xiao Tiexin had just started the first half of the sentence when Jian Wushuang finished the remaining by saying, “Mountains and rivers were the palms and the land was the seal which created the world!”

“Mr. Jian Yi, do you know this message?” Xiao Tiexin looked at Jian Wushuang in surprise.

“Haha.” Jian Wushuang just smiled faintly. There was not much change in his expression, but his heart was deeply moved.

‘The Stately Painting is indeed mine!’ Jian Wushuang was overwhelmed with excitement.

He knew the Xiao clan had gotten hold of The Stately Painting but he was not sure if it was the genuine article.

He was now sure it was indeed the genuine article when he heard Xiao Tiexin’s words.

It was indeed The Stately Painting!

That was the most powerful treasure he had in his previous life and one of Seven Star Black Sect’s most powerful treasures!

‘I thought it would take a long time to recover The Stately Painting which went missing but I didn’t expect I would’ve found it so fast.’ Jian Wushuang was stoked, but tried his very best to pull a straight face before continuing to ask, “What happened after that?”

“The events which happened later were widely known. The Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord learned of the fact our Xiao clan acquired such a treasure and he has his heart set on it. Although neither our Xiao clan nor the Lord knew where the treasure came from, we’re certain it was an extremely high-level treasure of at least a Heavenly Treasure,” said Xiao Tiexin with anger flashing in her eyes.

“In fact, there are long-standing conflicts between our Xiao clan and the Lord. He has been wanting to take down our clan for a while now since our clan used to be a rather influential and prominent clan after all. Even though he’s a Territorial Lord, our presence still perturbed him. The Stately Painting was the last straw which broke the camel’s back.”

He attacked our Xiao clan without warning with his amazing feats of strength and decimated our clan in a very short time. No one else except I survived!”

Xiao Tiexin was trembling in anger.

Jian Wushuang was able to understand her feelings!

The hatred she had for someone who wiped her entire clan out must be unimaginable.

Jian Wushuang continued to ask after Xiao Tiexin simmered down a little, “Did the Territorial Lord get his hands on The Stately Painting in the end?”

Xiao Tiexin nodded, “Yes, he did. Not only The Stately Painting but also our clan’s wealth which had been accumulated over the years. Many treasures and resources have fallen into the despicable Territorial Lord’s hands. I’ve no idea if he managed to cultivate with the picture scroll or just gave it away.”

“An Earth Ultimate God like him will not be able to cultivate with the picture scroll.” Jian Wushuang firmly shook his head.

He knew for certain that even a remarkable Undying Saint would not be able to cultivate with The Stately Painting.

There were very few in the world who possessed the capability. Jian Wushuang was able to do so in his previous life with the help of his master. In addition, he had managed to claim ownership due to his Renegade Cultivation method.

‘I believe The Stately Painting is still with the Territorial Lord since this happened only about twenty years ago.’ Jian Wushuang squinted his eyes slightly with his unprecedentedly chilly and sharp gaze.

He initially had no apparent conflict with the Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord.

Although he thought of challenging the Territorial Lord to a duel and replace him, he was just thinking without any real intentions to realize it.

Besides, there were countless star territories in the Ancient God Domain. There were hundreds of star territories in a single domain with many domains in each. There was no need for him to target solely the Territorial Lord.

However, things had changed.

He had to do it now because The Stately Painting was in the Territorial Lord’s hand. In order to regain his treasure, Jian Wushuang must confront the Territorial Lord.

“The Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord is an Earth Ultimate God. I’ve no idea where his level of strength is among Earth Ultimate Gods. I might not be able to compete against him with my current strength and

must find ways to improve myself as soon as possible. I'll need a large number of Primordial Stones for that!"

Jian Wushuang tightly clenched his fists.

Chapter 2520: Cultivation

"Primordial Stone..."

Jian Wushuang groaned but suddenly raised his head the next moment. "Tiexin, I would like to request your help in a matter."

"What's the matter?" Xiao Tiexin looked over.

"I want to borrow the six thousand Primordial Stones in your Interspatial Ring. I'll return it to you after some time," said Jian Wushuang.

Xiao Tiexin frowned but soon relaxed.

"It's just six thousand Primordial Stones. If Mr. Jian Yi needs it, I'll give it to you. It doesn't matter if you return it or not." Xiao Tiexin did not hesitate and took out her six thousand primordial stones.

She knew that were it not for Jian Wushuang, she would be left with nothing that day. Even her life would be gone, let alone the 6,000 Primordial Stones she had.

"Don't worry, I'm just temporarily borrowing it." Jian Wushuang smiled and accepted the Primordial Stones from her.

At that instance, the Xueya Escorts members who went to investigate their surroundings had also returned.

"Captain, there's no more people from the Demonic Moon Prefecture around us. As for those people we previously escorted, all of them are dead," reported a deputy captain in a deep voice.

"Indeed, none survived." Xiao Tiexin was not surprised.

Jian Wushuang smiled. "It's nothing to do with Xueya Escorts as they were digging their own graves. Now that those people you were serving are dead, it's meaningless to go on with the journey. Are you returning to where you're from via the same route or will you continue through Demonic Moon Mountains and head to the other end of Dark Thunder Territory?"

"We are heading to the other end of Dark Thunder Territory. The escorting task is just an opportunity for us to earn some Ancient God Divine Power. What about you? Where is Mr. Jian Yi heading to?" Xiao Tiexin asked.

"Me? Don't worry, let's go through Demonic Moon Mountains first," suggested Jian Wushuang.

"Right, this is Demonic Moon Prefecture's nest. They went full force against you but were defeated. They might not be able to have their revenge against you now with only the Demonic Moon Prefecture's powers alone but they'll find ways to invite experts from other prefectures for assistance, so we'd better leave." Xiao Tiexin nodded in agreement.

Everyone soon continued to set off.

Two days passed in a flash.

During this time, people of the Demonic Moon Prefecture knew exactly where the Xueya Escort Team was, but dared not cause any trouble as the scene where three Ultimate Gods were killed were fresh in their minds.

They were terrified of Jian Wushuang.

Jian Wushuang made a pit stop when the Xueya Escort Team had left the Demonic Moon Mountains.

"Let's part ways here," Jian Wushuang directly announced.

"Mr. Jian Yi, aren't you going with us to the other end of Dark Thunder Territory?" The Xueya Escort Team members were quite shocked.

"The environment in central Dark Thunder Territory is good. I want to stay here for a while. Tiexin, you can stay with me if you don't mind. I still have to return to you six thousand Primordial Stones after all. If you leave now, I won't make the effort to seek for you and return those Primordial Stones," Jian Wushuang said with an implicit meaning.

Xiao Tiexin pondered for a moment before agreeing. "No. 2 and No. 3, both of you will take the others home first. Mr. Jian Yi and I have some other things to do in Dark Thunder Territory."

"Oh...well." The two deputy captains of the Xueya Escort Team looked at each other and finally agreed.

"Take Little Ray along too. It's not convenient for me to bring it along." Jian Wushuang led the double-horned Thunderous Star Beast in front of the Xueya Escort.

The two deputy captains accepted it and soon the Xueya Escort Team left.

After passing through the mid-section of Demonic Moon Mountains, they were quite a distance from Dark Thunder Territory. Although there were bandits along the journey to the other end of Demonic Moon Mountain, the bandits were nothing in comparison to the Xueya Escort Team, hence Xiao Tiexin was not worried about their safety.

After the Xueya Escort Team disappeared into the distance...

"Mr. Jian Yi, what's your plan?" Xiao Tiexin asked directly.

In fact, she did not care too much about the 6,000 Primordial Stones. She was only especially curious about Jian Wushuang.

Jian Wushuang was evidently only a Divine Demon, but possessed the terrifying combat prowess to easily kill an ordinary Ultimate God yet was very low-key from the beginning and had never exposed his skills or techniques.

Moreover, he was also very interested in The Stately Painting. Perhaps he was more than just interested in it as he seemed to have a deep understanding of that picture scroll and knew what it was.

Mysterious, powerful, and extremely weird. He must have an extraordinary background with a lot of hidden secrets.

Xiao Tiexin was willing to stay out of her curiosity toward Jian Wushuang.

As for Jian Wushuang, he kept Xiao Tiexin with him not because he merely wanted to return her 6,000 Primordial Stones, but also because she fitted the role as a helper well.

“Tiexin, come with me first.”

Jian Wushuang smiled without explaining too much.

Jian Wushuang strolled around before stopping in a slightly secluded place.

“I’m going to spend a few days here cultivating. Can you protect me and don’t let anyone disturb me?” Jian Wushuang asked.

“Yes.” Xiao Tiexin nodded and did not refuse.

Xiao Tiexin immediately went into the void nearby Jian Wushuang with her soul power sweeping across the area.

Jian Wushuang sat down cross-legged, flipped his hands, and many Primordial Stones appeared around him.

Those Primordial Stones were borrowed from Xiao Tiexin with a total of 6,000 altogether!

Jian Wushuang’s eyes lit up instantly upon seeing those 6,000 Primordial Stones.

“In Wusha Wilderness, I previously swallowed and refined three thousand five hundred Primordial Stones from the Great Compassion Sect and Narcissus Island in one breath. My divine power was close to the Peak Second-Class Divine Demon then. These six thousand Primordial Stones should be enough for me to make a breakthrough from Second-Class Divine Demon to First-Class Divine Demon.”

Jian Wushuang carried a glimmer of expectation before emitting a terrifying suction force and began to swallow and refine the Primordial Stones around him.

He was absolutely fast and made scary progress.

A large amount of pure divine power from those Primordial Stones entered his body before being instantly refined and absorbed by his body.

His divine power began to increase at an astonishing speed.

While Jian Wushuang was refining and absorbing the powers from those Primordial Stones, Xiao Tiexin who was in the void not far away was taken aback at what had happened before her eyes. She could not believe how fast Jian Wushuang was absorbing and refining those powers.

“How can he be so fast?”