

Swordsman 2631

Chapter 2631: One Against Four

"I was wrong?" Jian Wushuang narrowed his eyes slightly. "What Master Inspector means is that this Blood Gem mineral vein has nothing to do with Northern Darkstar Territory?"

"That's exactly what I mean." Jin Yihang smiled sinisterly.

"Alright." Jian Wushuang glanced at Jin Yihang before turning around and left.

Jin Yihang was smiling even wider when he saw that.

However...

"Commander Cang Heng." Jian Wushuang ordered, "Tell the Official Army to retreat immediately and head back to the Northern Darkstar Territory."

"Yes." Cang Heng obeyed.

"Wait!" Jin Yihang was in horror and said in a low voice, "Jian Yi, what are you doing?"

Jian Wushuang turned around and sneered, "Isn't it strange for you to ask this question, Master Inspector? You said that this Blood Gem mineral vein has nothing to do with my Northern Darkstar Territory. In that case, the Official Army doesn't need to spend their time guarding this area. I'll leave this completely to you."

"Let's go."

Jian Wushuang led Cang Heng and the remaining commanders away—they were about to leave the area.

"Stop!" Jin Yihang shouted in a low voice, "You can go, but the Official Army has to stay."

"Why is that so?" Jian Wushuang asked quizzically.

"No particular reason. I need your Official Army," said Jin Yihang.

He could not help it. He could care less if Jian Wushuang had left and was what he wanted.

However, he did not think the same about the Official Army.

The Blood Gem mineral vein is so huge, hence it's quite difficult to mine and would need many cultivators to work mining it.

They would need to monitor and guard the many cultivators mining the mineral vein to prevent things from going wrong.

Jin Yihang was an inspector sent by the Crimson Stone Fort, but only had five people in the team including himself. The five were enough to guard the Blood Gem mineral vein but were short-handed to fully monitor the mining activities and ensure the cultivators did not secretly hide a stash of the Blood Gems. A little carelessness was enough to lead to complete riots with many Blood Gems gone by then.

That was why he needed the Official Army!

The mining of Blood Gem would be safe and secure with two or three out of the ten battalions guarding the mineral vein.

Even though stealing seemed inevitable, the impact would not be big.

Jian Wushuang knew Jin Yihang's intentions as he cracked a smile and said, "Master, you won't give the Northern Darkstar Territory any benefits, but want my Official Army to guard the Blood Gem mineral vein. Can there be such a good deal in life?"

"I don't care much, but you'll have to ask these commanders if they are willing to guard it for you?"

Cang Heng and several other commanders who were behind Jian Wushuang stared at Jin Yihang with indifferent expressions.

Although they were not in a position to protest due to the other party's identity, they looked extremely dissatisfied.

What a joke! Who would be willing to work without any returns?

Jin Yihang's complexion gradually became ugly under the few commanders' gaze.

"Let's go." Jian Wushuang waved his hand again.

Jin Yihang's complexion turned ashen.

"Hmph, you have to get my consent before leaving here. The four of you, go get and kill them if they dare resist," ordered Jin Yihang coldly.

The four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods behind Jin Yihang looked at each other and immediately stepped forward.

"Sorry, we're only following orders," said a white-robed middle-aged man among the four.

"Just surrender yourself so that you'll suffer less. Otherwise..." said an old man with red eyebrows.

Jian Wushuang's expression turned cold as the four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods approached.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

The Transmigration Power-filled Infernal Crimson Divine Swords were suspended in front of Jian Wushuang.

Cang Heng and the other commanders were staring at Jian Wushuang behind him. Those commanders were merely Peak Ultimate Gods and unable to fight against the Peak Earth Ultimate Gods, hence Jian Wushuang was their only hope in walking away safely.

They had witnessed how Jian Wushuang defeated the Green Flame Territorial Lord, who was also a Peak Earth Ultimate God.

However, there were four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods in front of Jian Wushuang at that moment.

"Congeal!" Jian Wushuang indifferently said.

The nine Infernal Crimson Divine Swords immediately overlapped at an astonishing speed before causing a huge and endless Reincarnation Passage to appear out of thin air. a black divine sword encased with the Transmigration Power shot out from the end of that passage.

The first level of Transmigration Sword Formation—Heaven's Edge!

Boom!

The black divine sword was like a huge awl with a terrifying power that went straight at the four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods.

"So stubborn!"

"How dare you fire the first shot when facing four of us?"

"He can't blame us since he has a death wish."

The four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods' expressions became cold as the four took action together.

The four of them discharged their divine power breath and were noticeably much stronger than the Green Flame Territorial Lord. Any one of them was more powerful than that of the Green Flame Territorial Lord.

The four of them then joined forces...

As a result...

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Four consecutive collisions blasted in the void before four people were sent flying like cannonballs.

The four people spewed blood as their divine power breath instantly died down along with the explosions.

Jian Wushuang was concurrently fighting alone against the four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods.

The four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods were completely defeated in just one blow!

"Humph!" Jian Wushuang snorted coldly. The black divine sword that resembled a huge awl shook slightly before a monstrous power erupted from it and charged toward Jin Yihang in the void.

"Sh*t!"

Jin Yihang was taken aback.

How could he think of resisting the blow as a merely High-level Earth Ultimate God when even four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods had been hit hard from the black divine sword's impact?

"No, no! Stop it!" Jin Yihang hysterically pleaded. However, the black divine sword did not hold back and went straight at his divine body.

Jin Yihang's physical protection methods collapsed as the terrifying power instantly passed through his body.

Chapter 2632: Condition

Boom!

Jin Yihang felt that he was hit hard by a huge world with its power grinding his body. His internal organs were displaced as blood poured out from his eyes, nose, ears, and mouth.

The impact would be enough to instantly kill Jin Yihang had Jian Wushuang not held back toward the end.

Whoosh!

Jin Yihang barely managed to stand firm in the void with his pale face whereas his body was trembling violently.

His divine power breath was at its weakest as though he could be completely wiped out at any time.

Cang Heng and several other commanders watched in disbelief.

They knew that Jian Wushuang's combat power was at the Peak Earth Ultimate God level and should be considered extremely strong among Peak Earth Ultimate Gods upon seeing Jian Wushuang defeat the Green Flame Territorial Lord. However, they had never expected Jian Wushuang's combat prowess to be so strong.

The four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods who joined forces were instantly defeated without breaking a sweat!

His combat prowess level was probably comparable with Heaven Ultimate Gods, right?

"You! How dare you hurt me?"

Jin Yihang's eyes widened followed by a loud shriek as he was looking at Jian Wushuang in malice and folie.

"Hurt you?" The corner of Jian Wushuang's lips was slightly raised. "No! I'm afraid you've misunderstood. Believe it or not, not only would I dare hurt you, but I also dare kill you too."

Jian Wushuang's smiling expression looked like a devilish smile to Jin Yihang at that moment.

"No, you absolutely will not dare. I'm an inspector from the Crimson Stone Fort, Crimson Stone Fort will never let you go if you kill me!" Jin Yihang roared with his deliberate loud tone and seemed to be cheering for himself.

He firmly believed that Jian Wushuang would only hurt him at most and never thought that Jian Wushuang would ever kill him.

Otherwise, Jian Wushuang would have killed him just now when he got the chance.

Jian Wushuang looked at Jin Yihang and sneered, "You're really stupid, so what if I kill you? Don't forget that the Blood Gem mineral vein is still in my hands. I believe many factions will be interested in this mineral vein if I release the news."

“Would the likes of Nanwu Palace, Divine Demon Sect, Life and Death Tower, Dongfang Clan, and such care about the Crimson Stone Fort? Do you think they won’t accept it were I to share this mineral vein with them in return for their protection?”

Jin Yihang was horrified.

His pride, self-righteousness, and envious background in the Crimson Stone Fort collapsed.

He might be full of himself but he was no fool.

He knew what Jian Wushuang said was true.

Jian Wushuang was indeed capable of killing him on the spot.

Jin Yihang’s attitude began to change after recognizing the fact.

“Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord. No, Master Jian Yi.” Jin Yihang forced a smile on his face. “That’s just a misunderstanding. We can slowly talk about it now.”

“Talk about it? What do you want to talk about?” Jian Wushuang sneered.

Jin Yihang’s divine power breath was extremely weak as he quickly took out a few elixir pills and swallowed them. He opened his mouth after a couple of breaths while still feeling a little weak and said, “The Blood Gem mineral vein appeared in Northern Darkstar Territory and was acquired by the Official Army earlier. Northern Darkstar Territory can indeed keep a part of the wealth after alerting the Crimson Stone Fort of its existence according to the rules.

“However, this Blood Gem should be of no use to you, so we will replace it with Primordial Stones. Crimson Stone Fort will fork out fifty million Primordial Stone as a reward for Northern Darkstar Territory who discovered and guarded this Blood Gem mineral vein. How about that?”

“Fifty million Primordial Stones?” Cang Heng and the other commanders were shocked and overjoyed.

Primordial Stones in the millions were exorbitant to those Peak Ultimate God commanders as many of them could not earn even a million Primordial Stones in their lifetime. It was not hard to imagine how happy they were with those fifty million Primordial Stones?

They had never seen such a huge amount of Primordial Stones ever since they started cultivation.

On the other hand, Jian Wushuang was a little dissatisfied when he heard the amount. “Fifty million Primordial Stones is too little. Are you trying to dismiss beggars? Don’t forget that this Blood Gem mineral vein is huge with its value of more than thirty billion Primordial Stones. How dare you offer us fifty million Primordial Stones!”

Jin Yihang was a little embarrassed and spoke again after a little hesitation, “One hundred million Primordial Stones. Nothing more!”

“One hundred million!” The few commanders gasped.

Jian Wushuang groaned slightly.

One hundred million Primordial Stones was not much for Jian Wushuang at that moment. However, he knew that he was merely a Territorial Lord with a combat power of at most Heaven Ultimate God. The Crimson Stone Fort was considered a powerful force to Jian Wushuang, so he could not ask for too much.

Just as previously described, Crimson Stone Fort was taking the meat while Northern Darkstar Territory could only just have its gravy.

He got 100,000,000 out of the 30,000,000,000 Primordial Stones—one three-hundredth was still quite a lot.

“Just one hundred million then, but I have a condition,” said Jian Wushuang.

“What condition?” Jin Yihang glanced over.

“I don’t need Primordial Stones. I want Divine Elixir Pills. You’ll have to replace the one hundred million Primordial Stones with an equivalent amount of Divine Elixir Pills which comes to twenty Divine Elixir Pills,” said Jian Wushuang.

Jin Yihang roared, “No way! A Divine Elixir Pill’s market price is worth five million Primordial Stones. However, the fact remains that you might not even be able to exchange them for a single Divine Elixir Pill even if you fork out ten million Primordial Stones. Although Crimson Stone Fort has an extraordinary background and a lot of elixir pills, we’ll never give away twenty Divine Elixir Pills as a reward. It’s simply impossible!”

Jin Yihang paused before continuing, “Fifteen—at most fifteen Divine Elixir Pills. I have to get approval from the Crimson Stone Fort’s high-level management to personally agree to this condition for this.”

“Just fifteen it is. You may get the approval now.” Jian Wushuang smiled.

He never expected to get 20 Divine Elixir Pills and thought it was quite good if they could get even ten.

Fifteen was beyond his expectations.

According to his estimations, he would need about 20 Divine Elixir Pills to make a breakthrough from Peak Ultimate God to Primary-level Earth Ultimate God. He had already obtained four Divine Elixir Pills and would have 19 Divine Elixir Pills when he received the 15 from Crimson Stone Fort. It should allow him to attempt a breakthrough to the Primary-level Earth Ultimate God realm.

Chapter 2633: Earth Ultimate God

Jin Yihang sent a message to the Crimson Stone Fort’s higher-ups and soon received a response.

“Jian Yi, Crimson Stone Fort agreed to fifteen Divine Elixir Pills. Lord King Scorpion will soon arrive from Crimson Stone Fort a few days later and personally give you the Divine Elixir Pills,” said Jin Yihang.

The corner of Jian Wushuang’s mouth was slightly raised.

“Let’s go.”

Jian Wushuang waved his hand and headed back to the camp with Cang Heng and the other commanders—ignoring Jin Yihang and his entourage.

Back in the camp...

“I can’t believe that Crimson Stone Fort agreed to fifteen Divine Elixir Pills?”

“I thought it’s already extremely generous of Crimson Stone Fort to give tens of millions of Primordial Stones, who knew they would agree to give fifteen Divine Elixir Pills!”

“This is also because our Territorial Lord is powerful. I’m afraid this inspector would’ve really not given us even a single Primordial Stone and make us work in vain if our Territorial Lord was someone ordinary. Although we’ll be dissatisfied, there’s nothing we can do about it.”

A few commanders were sighing and admiring Jian Wushuang.

“Territorial Lord, did you know that the Crimson Stone Fort higher-ups would agree to your request for fifteen Divine Elixir Pills?” Cang Heng looked at Jian Wushuang.

Jian Wushuang shook his head before continuing, “No, I wasn’t sure. Although I’m not sure whether they’ll agree to give me fifteen Divine Elixir Pills, they’ll agree to give us a huge sum of Primordial Stones as they aren’t as stupid as Jin Yihang.

“This rule of the stellar region having a share of the wealth upon the discovery of any valuable resources in their stellar regions has been enforced by the Crimson Stone Fort for a long time to satisfy the stellar region’s territorial lord and official army.

“Take this Blood Gem mineral vein as an example—if the Northern Darkstar Territory hands over to the Crimson Stone Fort without receiving any benefits, the Northern Darkstar Territory will never again do so for any new resources in the future.

“Secondly, even if Crimson Stone Fort used some despicable means and forced us to guard the Blood Gem mineral vein, our armies will be dissatisfied and might even do a lousy job of monitoring and guarding. The Official Army might even pocket some Blood Gems which caused Crimson Stone Fort to end up losing even more!

“Crimson Stone Fort won’t be so stupid to make that sort of decision.”

The commanders nodded in agreement.

A few days later, Jian Wushuang arrived with a few Official Army Commanders in the void above the Blood Gem mineral vein. Jin Yihang and the others respectfully stood there and waited as more than ten black spots soon appeared in the void.

Those more than ten black spots were getting larger as they approached and soon appeared in front of Jian Wushuang in the blink of an eye.

“Jin Yihang meets Lord Scorpion King.”

Jin Yihang and the four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods behind him immediately bowed and saluted before Jian Wushuang and the Official Army Commanders followed suit.

Jian Wushuang was observing those people's strength at the same time.

He was quite shaken up after his observation.

The more than a dozen people were experts above the Heaven Ultimate God realm!

Especially the beefy middle-aged man Lord King Scorpion King wearing black armor and leading the group, his divine power breath had completely exceeded the Heaven Ultimate God realm. He was a Grand Ultimate God!

Crimson Stone Fort had sent a Grand Ultimate God along with more than a dozen Heaven Ultimate Gods. It only showed how much attention the Crimson Stone Fort paid toward the Blood Gem mineral vein.

"Jin Yihang? Jin Yan's younger generation?" The beefy middle-aged man, Lord King Scorpion glanced at Jin Yihang and snorted softly.

The light snort seemed insouciant, but Jian Wushuang saw and got the idea.

He could see that Lord King Scorpion was a bit displeased with Jin Yihang—to be precise with Jin Yan.

"Are they from different factions?" Jian Wushuang muttered secretly.

He knew that Crimson Stone Fort was divided into many factions.

Those factions fought overtly and covertly, but matters never got too ugly. The Lord King Scorpion's behavior toward Jin Yan and Jin Yihang clearly showed that they were not part of his faction.

"Are you the Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord?" Lord King Scorpion looked at Jian Wushuang again.

"Yes." Jian Wushuang nodded in neither a humble nor pert manner.

"Here are the fifteen Divine Elixir Pills that you wanted." Lord King Scorpion waved and threw an Interspatial Ring over before saying, "I've given the Divine Elixir Pills to you, but I hope the Blood Gem mineral vein mining will go smoothly with no more changes. Otherwise..."

"Master, don't worry. Our Northern Darkstar Territory Official Army will go all out to ensure there'll be no problems in mining the Blood Gems," said Jian Wushuang.

"That's good." Lord King Scorpion nodded.

"Commander Cang Heng, let's start mining," said Jian Wushuang.

"Yes." Cang Heng immediately acted.

Jian Wushuang had already sent someone to gather cultivators for mining the Blood Gems before Lord King Scorpion and the others even turned up.

The refinement materials for Heavenly Treasures Blood Gems were not easy to mine as it's extremely hard and buried deep underground, hence cultivators who worked on mining must at least be in the Divine Demon realm—precisely Second-class Divine Demons and even First-class Divine Demons. They must also possess a tyrannical divine power foundation before they could mine the Blood Gems.

Jian Wushuang did not hesitate to spend a lot of money and brought in a large number of Divine Demons from other wildernesses for that reason.

A few ten thousand Divine Demon realm cultivators were gathered as a result of Jian Wushuang promising them a lot of benefits in return.

A few ten thousand cultivators had started mining under Jian Wushuang's commands while the Official Army dispatched four army battalions to guard the area whilst the others returned to Northern Darkstar Territory.

As for Jian Wushuang, he returned to the camp and immediately began seclusion cultivation.

Jian Wushuang sat cross-legged in an exquisite attic completely covered by the restrictive shield with the 19 Divine Elixir Pills before him!

"I hope the nineteen Diviner Elixir Pills won't let me down!"

Jian Wushuang was excited as he began to absorb and refine those Divine Elixir Pills.

Time flew past in the blink of an eye and soon a month had passed.

Jian Wushuang had been sitting with his eyes closed in the attic where he suddenly shook before sharply opening his eyes that shone brightly.

The divine power breath from his body was many times stronger than before.

"What good luck! Although I've only swallowed nineteen Divine Elixir Pills, I still managed to make a breakthrough!"

"I'm now an Earth Ultimate God!"

Chapter 2634: Royal Blood Gem

There was a huge gap between the strength of an Earth Ultimate God and an ordinary Ultimate God.

Jian Wushuang went from the Peak Ultimate God Realm to the Primary-level Earth Ultimate God Realm. Thereby, his overall strength was greatly improved.

"Now, even if I don't use The Stately Painting and settle with just having a few secret techniques, I should be able to compete against the ordinary Heaven Ultimate Gods." Jian Wushuang clasped his hands tightly. He looked surprised.

Soon, Jian Wushuang walked out of the attic.

After walking out, he did not deliberately conceal his aura.

He was originally giving away the aura of a Primary-level Earth Ultimate God. Under the cover of the black stone, he exuded an aura of a Peak Earth Ultimate God.

Jian Wushuang went up into the void and wandered around the Blood Gem mineral vein.

A tens of thousands cultivators were gathered in the huge mineral vein, mining the Blood Gem.

Suddenly, something that was happening on a big tree not far away attracted Jian Wushuang's attention.

That big tree was located at a high place. Hence, it was conspicuous. However, what really caught Jian Wushuang's attention was that there were more than a dozen dead bodies hanging from the trunk of the big tree.

Those corpses hanging from the tree trunk were obviously there as a warning.

"Cang Heng," Jian Wushuang spoke, his voice echoing.

Cang Heng came up behind Jian Wushuang in just a jiffy.

"What's going on?" Jian Wushuang pointed at the dozen corpses hanging from the tree and asked in a cold tone.

"Master, those people were killed by the inspector ten days ago," Cang Heng replied, "It's such a big mineral vein with a tens of thousands of people mining. Some people escaped the Official Army surveillance and stole some of the Blood Gems. This is inevitable. However, the inspector did an ad hoc body search on some cultivators who were mining. He forcibly searched for some treasures on them. As a result, more than a dozen people were found to be hiding some Blood Gems.

"In fact, the amount found on them wasn't much, mostly one catty or two catties. The inspector killed them nonetheless and then left them hanging on the tree. Besides, he also reprimanded the Official Army for not doing a good job."

Jian Wushuang frowned slightly after hearing it.

He knew that was beating the dog before the lion to serve as a deterrent to the miners. The inspector had not done anything wrong but Jian Wushuang thought that the inspector was heavy-handed.

"Did Jin Yihang ask to check the Official Army's Interspatial Rings?" Jian Wushuang asked.

"No, he didn't," answered Cang Heng.

"Okay, pass the order to those Divine Demon Realm miners that I'll pay them three times more than the original agreed amount after they're done with it. Tell them to work honestly and don't try to get out of line. Otherwise, they might survive if the Official Army found out but they won't be that lucky with the inspector. I won't be able to save them if it happens," said Jian Wushuang.

"Yes." Cang Heng nodded.

"By the way, have you distributed the Primordial Stones that I gave to all the army brothers?" Jian Wushuang asked.

"Yes, it's all done." Cang Heng cracked a smile immediately. "Master, you gave us ten million Primordial Stones at one go. All of us got quite a fair bit after the division. The Peak Divine Demon Realm armies received around hundreds each, Primary-level Ultimate God Sergeants and High-level Ultimate God Captains received a little bit more and of course, the commanders enjoyed a bigger amount."

"The brothers in the army are very grateful for Master."

Cang Heng was telling the truth.

Jian Wushuang received 15 Divine Elixir Pills from Crimson Stone Fort which he needed all of it for himself. Then again, he would never mistreat his Official Army so he took out 10 million Primordial Stones to distribute among the armies.

There were 10,000 men in each battalion and there were altogether 10 battalions. Each of the armies got a fair share from the pool of Primordial Stones, especially the ten commanders. They were grateful to their Territorial Lord—Jian Wushuang.

“Okay, let the brothers continue to be on guard. I’ll fork out another batch of Primordial Stones to distribute among the brothers when the mining is over and the Crimson Stone Fort officials have left.” Jian Wushuang smiled, waved his hand and returned to the camp. Then, he began cultivating on his own.

Thereafter, the Blood Gem mining was progressing smoothly.

With Jian Wushuang’s promise, many of the Divine Demon Realm miners were able to keep mining with a peace of mind. There were not many of them who would risk getting caught stealing the Blood Gems.

Actually, they had no idea what the Blood Gem was and how much it cost. They would not want to risk the consequences of stealing when Jian Wushuang had clearly given them a good promise.

In addition, what Jin Yihang did earlier served the deterrence effect.

Two years had passed.

This mineral vein was extremely huge and there were billions of catties of Blood Gems. It was extremely high in value and it was extremely difficult to mine. Therefore, after the few ten thousand Demon Demon Realm cultivators had been mining for two years, they had only managed to complete one-third of it.

Back in the camp, Jian Wushuang was sitting in the attic, quietly comprehending the Fentian Scroll.

Without warning...

“Master.” Cang Heng’s voice came from outside the attic.

Jian Wushuang slowly opened his eyes. “Commander Cang Heng, what’s the matter?”

“Something is on. Come and have a look quickly.” Cang Heng sounded anxious.

Jian Wushuang did not hesitate. He put away the Fengtian scroll and went out with Cang Heng.

Soon, Cang Heng led Jian Wushuang to one of the mines.

There were countless mines where the few tens of thousand people were mining.

Jian Wushuang arrived at an ordinary mine.

There were two commanders with several Divine Demon Realm miners in the mine.

“Cang Heng, what is going on?” Jian Wushuang asked.

“Master, look at that.” Cang Heng pointed in one direction.

Jian Wushuang glanced over and what he saw was a stone wall in the mine. The stone wall was made of blocks of Blood Gems. The gems were in light hazy blood color. Those gems were the Blood Gems.

However, among the many Blood Gems on the stone wall, Jian Wushuang spotted a piece of gem in a much darker shade than the other Blood Gems. It was a complete blood-red in color.

The other Blood Gems were in a faint blood color and some had blood streaks in them, but the one that Jian Wushuang saw was deep red in color like blood!

“Could this be the legendary Royal Blood Gem?” Jian Wushuang went wide-eyed in surprise and his heart was beating fast.

Chapter 2635: Greed

Royal Blood Gem was the king of Blood Gems.

There were rumors that only large billion catties Blood Gem mineral veins would have a small chance of finding a Royal Blood Gem.

It was extremely hard to get one Royal Blood Gem out of hundreds or even thousands of Blood Gem mineral veins under normal circumstances.

The value of the Royal Blood Gem was naturally worth far more compared to ordinary Blood Gems.

Ordinary Blood Gems were used to refine some ordinary Heavenly Treasures whereas Royal Blood Gems were used to refine Holy Treasures. It was the main refinement material for many Holy Treasures!

The bright red gem embedded in the stone wall before their eyes was a Royal Blood Gem!

“This Blood Gem mineral vein not only has more than three billion catties of Blood Gems but also produced a Royal Blood Gem?” Jian Wushuang was secretly admiring the gem before turning around and asked, “Who’s the first to discover this gem?”

A First-class Divine Demon in the mine immediately stepped forward and respectfully answered, “Master, it’s me. I was the first to discover this gem.

“I initially thought this gem was the same as others with merely a darker color shade and I didn’t care too much about it. However, I found it to be far harder than ordinary gems when I was about to remove them from the wall. I will usually be able to crack an ordinary gem with just one blow of my axe while a few blows would get it off the wall. This one was different as I’ve tried chopping it a few times with my axe using all my might, but it won’t even budge and there isn’t even a crack on it.

“I immediately knew this gem was extraordinary, so I invited the commander over.”

After the First-class Divine Demon finished speaking, Cang Heng also took a step forward and softly whispered, “Master, I’ve checked that this person is telling the truth. He immediately told the Official Army to get me the moment he found this gem is extraordinary. He didn’t tell anyone about his

discovery while I've also covered up the news. Everyone who knows about this gem is in this mine as of now."

Jian Wushuang glanced at everyone in the mine and nodded slightly.

"Master, this gem is a rare find if I'm not mistaken and it's probably countless times more precious than Blood Gems. Although we only have this single piece of Royal Blood Gem, its value is probably higher than the entire mineral vein. The most important matter is that we're the only ones who know about this Royal Blood Gem. The people from Crimson Stone Fort don't know about it yet," said Cang Heng in a low voice.

Jian Wushuang narrowed his eyes.

He knew what Cang Heng was trying to convey.

People are greedy—Cang Heng and Jian Wushuang were no exception.

Taking the Blood Gem mineral vein as an example, who would not be tempted by a Blood Gem mineral vein worth a few tens of billion Primordial Stones? Who would not want to own the mine?

It would require a lot of manpower to mine such a large mineral vein, hence it was impossible to hide from the Crimson Stone Fort as there was no way to drown the commotion. They had no choice but to inform the Crimson Stone Fort of its existence.

The Royal Blood Gem was a different game altogether.

He could remove that single piece of Royal Blood Gem and hide it. The Crimson Stone Fort would not be able to find out as long as he was able to shut the mouth of those people present in the mine. They would never imagine Jian Wushuang was hiding a piece of Royal Blood Gem.

The Royal Blood Gem was too rare after all with the probability of getting one in a large Blood Gem mineral vein extremely minimal.

Crimson Stone Fort had never thought there would be a Royal Blood Gem in the mineral vein and neither had it ever crossed Jian Wushuang's mind.

"Don't worry, send someone to guard outside, and do not allow anyone to come in. Let's take it down first before we continue talking," ordered Jian Wushuang.

"Yes." Cang Heng immediately sent someone to guard outside.

They did not make it obvious, but tried to act normal and were cautious not to attract others' attention instead.

Jian Wushuang started digging out the Royal Blood Gem.

"Master, this Royal Blood Gem is so hard. I've made an attempt before, but failed," said Cang Heng.

"Leave it to me." Jian Wushuang pulled out his Blood Mountain Sword from behind and was about to do it himself.

Hum!

The Blood Mountain Sword traced the Royal Blood Gem's outline under the guidance of surging divine power.

The Royal Blood Gem then was cut out neatly in an instant.

"As expected." Jian Wushuang chuckled.

Although he did not cut the Royal Blood Gems directly and only cutting the ordinary Blood Gems on its edge, the neighboring Blood Gems were also affected due to close vicinity with the Royal Blood Gems—making them harder than ordinary Blood Gems. It was almost impossible to cut the gem out so neatly if one was a Peak Earth Ultimate God or even a Heaven Ultimate God.

Jian Wushuang was able to do so not only due to his strength but his Blood Mountain Sword which played a great role.

The Blood Mountain Sword was his Life Divine Weapon and extremely sharp, so cutting Blood Gems was not a problem at all.

The Royal Blood Gem was pulled out from the stone wall by Jian Wushuang in just a few moments.

Due to the Royal Blood Gem's considerably large size and also some ordinary Blood Gems that were trapped in the middle, Jian Wushuang had to divide the Royal Blood Gem into three before removing those ordinary Blood Gems to maintain its purity.

"So we have three pieces of Royal Blood Gems."

Jian Wushuang looked intently at the three Royal Blood Gems.

Those three Royal Blood Gems were of different sizes with the smallest only the size of a thumb. However, the thumb-sized piece of Royal Blood Gems surprisingly weighed 10 catties due to its high density!

One of the remaining two pieces was the size of a baby's fist as Jian Wushuang held it in his hand, felt its weight, and estimated it to be more than 200 catties.

The last piece was the largest and most complete form with the size of an adult's head.

Jian Wushuang held it in his hand and estimated its weight to be more than 10,000 catties!

"Ten thousand catties of Royal Blood Gem..." Jian Wushuang clasped his hands together with shining eyes.

He knows how rare and precious the Royal Blood Gem was, but had no idea how much a catty of Royal Blood Gem was worth. He was sure the value for 10,000 catties of Royal Blood Gem was much higher than the entire mineral vein.

"Master." Cang Heng and the other two commanders enthusiastically looked at Jian Wushuang in extreme excitement.

Jian Wushuang took a deep breath and calmed himself.

"Come here all of you." Jian Wushuang glanced at the Divine Demon realm cultivators.

They immediately stepped forward and were a little worried about what was going to happen.

“There are a thousand Primordial Stones in each Interspatial Ring. Take it.” Jian Wushuang handed a few Interspatial Rings to the Divine Demon realm cultivators.

Chapter 2636: An Uninvited Visit

“One thousand Primordial Stones?”

The Divine Demons were dumbfounded.

They were stunned by the huge surprise.

Second-class and First-class Divine Demons like them who remained in the wilderness normally only use Ancient God Divine Power in their transactions.

10,000 Ancient God Divine Power only equated to one Primordial Stone.

1,000 Primordial Stones meant 10,000,000 Ancient God Divine Power which was a lot more than the total assets owned by some wilderness’ sects.

Gifting them with such wealth?

It was 1,000 Primordial Stones each! It caught them in a total surprise of course.

However, Jian Wushuang continued to speak, “It’s true that these Primordial Stones are for you, but don’t get too happy too soon. I’ll plant a restrictive spell on each of you that would not activate in normal circumstances. However, I will sense it immediately if you mentioned what happened today to anyone and the spell will immediately trigger—killing you right there and then.”

The Divine Demons shuddered before immediately snapping out of it.

“Sir, please be assured that we’ll never mention what happened today to anyone,” said one of them.

Jian Wushuang nodded slightly and casually planted the restrictive spell on each of them.

“You may go.”

The Divine Demons left the mining cave excited and perturbed as Jian Wushuang waved his hand.

Jian Wushuang looked over to Cang Heng and the other few commanders before taking out a similar Interspatial Ring after those Divine Demons had left.

“Inside the ring is 20,000,000 Primordial Stones which you can split among yourselves. All of you are my people, so I won’t plant the spell on you. However, I do have to say that you’d better forget about everything you saw here. Otherwise, don’t blame me for being ruthless,” said Jian Wushuang frostily.

“Aye.” Cang Heng nodded immediately.

“Your Excellency, please be assured that we won’t utter a word about today’s occurrence.” The other two commanders nodded in agreement.

Although 20,000,000 Primordial Stones was far from the Royal Blood Gem's value, it was quite an astronomical amount to the commanders.

Even after they gave some to their soldiers and divided it equally among themselves, they each would still have a few million Primordial Stones.

It was enough to shut them up.

"Come, let's get out of here."

Jian Wushuang and his men left the mining cave—ready to return to camp.

On their return path...

"Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord, where do you think you're going?" An evil smile appeared in a void beside them.

Jian Wushuang's face turned grim when he looked over and recognized who it was.

It was none other than Inspector Jin Yihang. Other than him, another person was gliding next to him—a Heaven Ultimate God!!

Jian Wushuang would normally not be worried about Jin Yihang. However, Jin Yihang paid him a surprise visit right after Jian Wushuang and his men left the mining cave which made him begin to wonder.

'Is he suspecting something about what just happened?' Jian Wushuang thought to himself but quickly negated the idea.

'No, I have planted my restrictive spell on those Divine Demons. They won't have the guts to spill the secret, while Cang Heng and the rest have been handsomely bribed to the extent they won't receive a better amount even if they told Crimson Stone Fort the secret. Therefore, they have no reason to sell me out either. In addition, those who are present won't only be Jin Yihang if word about Royal Blood Gem is out.'

However, he was still quite alarmed even after concluding that Jin Yihang was not there for Royal Blood Gem.

"Mr. Inspector, I just had a detailed investigation of this mineral vein and about to return to the camp. I wonder what's the urgency?" Jian Wushuang casually spoke.

"Oh, I've nothing urgent, but Mr. Qing Ze here is seeking you out for some matters," said Jin Yihang devilishly.

The large man next to him stared at Jian Wushuang and asked, "So, this man is whom you said easily defeated four Peak Earth Ultimate Gods while still only at the High-level Earth Ultimate God realm—the Northern Darkstar Territory Lord? He has obviously reached Peak Earth Ultimate God according to his aura."

"It's him, but his aura... Perhaps he just made a breakthrough to that level very recently," said Jin Yihang.

The large man called Qing Ze heartily laughed. "Breakthrough? Great! Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord, right? My name is Qing Ze. I heard from Inspector Jin that you're a supremely capable and talented fighter—able to easily crush four Peak Ultimate Gods while still a High-level Earth Ultimate God. However, I have yet to witness those occurrences with my own eyes, so I don't really believe what I've heard, hence I asked Inspector Jin to bring me here to meet you.

"I'm here at quite the right timing as your current ability must be even higher than I initially thought since you have made a breakthrough to Peak Earth Ultimate God. Come, let's have a duel!"

Qing Ze stared at Jian Wushuang like a hunter eyeing his prey.

Jian Wushuang's expression turned dark—he had finally figured it out.

Qing Ze was someone Jin Yihang brought over to seek troubles.

It was most probably because he was unhappy about the fact of being defeated twice previously, hence he was looking for a chance to take back his pride.

Jin Yihang brought a Heaven Ultimate God along as an Earth Ultimate God was not sufficient to lay a hand on him. There were a dozen Crimson Stone Fort Heaven Ultimate Gods who were guarding the mineral vein and it was very easy to seek out one of them after all.

"My ability isn't as strong as the Inspector described, but I'm happy to indulge Mr. Qing Ze if you so wish," said Jian Wushuang.

"Haha, great!" Qing Ze immediately laughed. "Let's just do it here."

"Sure." Jian Wushuang did not waste another word and immediately with his mind... Ring! Ring! Ring! Ring!

Infernal Crimson Divine Swords that were shrouded by Samsara Strength appeared in the void one by one.

There were a total of nine swords with each stirring the void and forming multiple Reincarnation Passages.

"Go!"

The nine Infernal Blood Divine Swords charged right at Qing Ze like nine humongous asteroids as Jian Wushuang pointed.

He could already easily defeat a Peak Ultimate God with that move before even making a breakthrough to Earth Ultimate God with his full strength. His divine power had increased incredibly since reaching the Earth Ultimate God level, hence the energy from the same move had surged ten times more than previous!

The nine asteroids arrived before Qing Ze in the blink of an eye with terrifyingly overpowering momentum.

"His energy is pretty strong for sure."

Qing Ze's eyes were shining fervently as he took a step forward with divine power violently gathered in his hand. He began throwing out a series of explosive punches as the Heaven Ultimate God divine power energy burst outward.

Chapter 2637: Battling Qing Ze

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of nine impact explosions resonated as those nine asteroids charged without any hesitation.

Everything died down very soon.

"Nine swords combine, Heaven's Edge!"

The nine Infernal Crimson Divine Swords overlapped and formed a complete Transmigration Sword Formation as coldness shot out of Jian Wushuang's eyes.

At the same time, a surging golden divine power gathered behind Jian Wushuang and formed a 9,000 meters tall Golden God Shadow in the blink of an eye.

The Golden God Shadow stood tall overlooking heaven and earth as Jian Wushuang's aura once again surged radically.

"Kill!"

The black divine sword that was transformed from Transmigration Sword Formation penetrated the void like an awl and appeared once again before Qing Ze.

Qing Ze was surprised as he could also feel the unusual pressure from the sword formation. He immediately flipped his giant hand as a green battle saber appeared.

Whoosh!

A sharp saber-light flashed like lightning in the sunny sky and clashed head-on against the black divine sword.

Clank!

The black divine sword trembled slightly and paused for a second in the void before shooting out once again after a brief moment.

On the other hand, Qing Ze was being stunned backward for a few steps.

Not only did Qing Ze not get mad after steadying himself, but was also laughing as well. "Haha! Your battle strength is really high..."

Traces of green lightning began appearing on Qing Ze's entire body which covered him like an armor of lightning after a series of crackling sounds. He had also at the same time grown twice from his original size.

He then took a step forward with his battle saber swung outward once again.

There was literally a bolt of violent green lightning descending from above at that time.

Boom!

The sound shook the heavens as the black divine sword flew backward and Qing Ze retreated three steps.

“Haha, let’s do it again!!”

Qing Ze let out loud maniacal laughter while he stepped forward and swung his battle saber again.

Jian Wushuang was not afraid at all as he clashed head-on with Qing Ze time and again with his Transmigration Sword Formation.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Violently overpowering energy ruthlessly swept outwards following those continuous collisions.

The booming noises resonated between heaven and earth.

Countless experts in the Blood Gem mineral vein, be it Divine Demon workers, Official Army soldiers, or even Crimson Stone Fort experts all noticed the activity.

Suddenly, many figures flew up.

There was a grandiose palace on the peak of one of the mountains as a middle-aged man clad in black battle armor looking strong like a bull walked outside from the palace. The middle-aged man was none other than the Grand Ultimate God, Scorpion King!

At that moment, he had also noticed the battle in the void not far from him.

“It’s Qing Ze fighting against the man... Huh? Isn’t that the Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord?” Scorpion King was shocked.

He had met the Territorial Lord once and recalled him being only a High-level Earth Ultimate God. However, he had already made a breakthrough to the Peak Earth Ultimate God in only two years. Not only that, he was even fighting fiercely against the Heaven Ultimate God Qing Ze as a Peak Earth Ultimate God at a similar battle prowess.

They were truly at a similar level.

Qing Ze’s saber skills were intense and violent with his overpowering energy. However, Jian Wushuang’s Transmigration Sword Formation energy that burst out had reached the level of a Heaven Ultimate God with the help of Divine God of Punishment. The sword formation attacked continuously and collided against Qing Ze’s battle saber head-to-head while showing no signs of losing.

“Interesting.” Scorpion King broke out a smile. “The divine power between an Earth Ultimate God and Heaven Ultimate God should be ten times apart, not to mention the level of their principle and law understanding in addition to various tactics. However, this Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord’s abilities are truly quite on par with a Heaven Ultimate God judging from the way he controls the sword formation.

“This Northern Darkstar Territory Lord a genius?”

Genius!

Yes, he’s surely a genius for unleashing the battle strength comparable to Heaven Ultimate God while being an Earth Ultimate God!

There may not even be a small handful of geniuses such as him in the entire Danyang Holy Domain.

On the battlefield, Qing Ze began to feel quite embarrassed after multiple collisions and not gaining any the least bit of advantage.

Especially when there were so many Heaven Ultimate Gods from Crimson Stone Fort around who were laughing and jesting at him.

They talk about how a Heaven Ultimate God like him could not even handle a little Earth Ultimate God and brought embarrassment to all Heaven Ultimate Gods, etc. Although they were Qing Ze’s friends and just ridiculing him with friendliness, it still made Qing Ze feel insulted.

“I’m done with playing games!”

Qing Ze let out a low growl as the green lightning over his body suddenly burst out like a huge electric net spreading across his surroundings.

The infinitely intense saber essence spread along with it.

Boom!!

A powerful Principle World directly pressed against Jian Wushuang.

The Principle World of the Heaven Ultimate God had also reached Profound Realm.

Qing Ze shuttled in the net, dodging the attacks from Transmigration Sword Formation, and rushed toward Jian Wushuang’s physical body.

“Your sword formation is indeed strong, but it’s designed for range attacks. I’ll easily defeat you as long as I don’t go head-on against it like a fool and get close to you,” growled Qing Ze softly.

“Is that so?” Jian Wushuang sneered on the other hand.

A gigantic Sword World had befallen.

Although Jian Wushuang’s Sword World was only at Merit level and being held back without unleashing the Sword World’s full potential, the Sword World still matched Qing Ze’s Principle World in strength as it struck.

“What? A Merit Principle World could match my Profound Realm?” Qing Ze was rather surprised but did not care too much as he already appeared before Jian Wushuang.

Qing Ze held his battle saber in one hand which carried infinite green lightning like a God of Thunder.

Woosh! Woosh! Woosh!

Three continuous strikes violently lashed out at Jian Wushuang.

Jian Wushuang sneered as his physical form suddenly shook.

Multiple apparitions appeared which filled the entire heaven and earth.

There were not less than 300 apparitions in a glance.

The apparitions moved unpredictably at lightning speeds such that even Heaven Ultimate God Qing Ze could not identify Jian Wushuang's true physical form.

The three saber-lights finally ended up landing on an apparition.

A freezing-cold sword essence suddenly appeared at the same time.

Qing Ze subconsciously looked to the side as a tight-knit sword net had shrouded him while countless sword shadows attacked him one after another.

Qing Ze used his full might to block those sword shadows.

Both of them reverted to struggling against each other again as multiple metal clashing sounds started resonating.

Chapter 2638: The Scorpion King's Invitation

In the Void, two figures passed each other by repeatedly and a wave of terrifying energy swept out in a frenzy. They were in an apparently heated battle.

Qing Ze thought Jian Wushuang was only good at manipulating the sword formation to get close to him and that Jian Wushuang was no match to Qing Ze if they got into a close quarter fight.

Little did he know that he was wrong! As soon as he got close to him, he realized that Jian Wushuang's close quarter combat skills were just as good. His understanding of Space-time Law and sword skills were extremely deep, he was not worried about his opponent getting close. When combining those abilities with the sword formation, he even caused Qing Ze quite a bit of anxiety.

There was nothing he could!

After a long intense fight, Jian Wushuang actually made Qing Ze realize that there was nothing he could do!

"Stop!"

Qing Ze suddenly distanced from him and Jian Wushuang paused the fight.

"I didn't believe what Inspector Jin's description of you—I didn't believe what he said. Finally, I get to witness it myself." Qing Ze looked at Jian Wushuang, rather stunned. "At Peak Earth Ultimate God's level, you can already easily defeat a Peak Earth Ultimate God. And now that you've broken through Peak Earth Ultimate God, the power of your battle strength is actually comparable to regular Heaven Ultimate Gods, even I can't do anything to you. I salute you!"

"You're being too kind." Jian Wushuang smiled slightly.

Jian Wushuang did not give all he had in the fight, nor did he utilize a lot of his tactics. However, the same could be said for Qing Ze.

They were merely testing each other out, there was no need to determine who the winner was, nor did they have to fight to death.

Even so, the fight was rather meaningful to Jian Wushuang, as he had a basic idea of where his battle strength was at.

“Inspector Jin.” Qing Ze looked unhappily at Jin Yihang, “You saw it. I simply couldn’t do anything to the Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord. I guess you’ll have to find someone else to teach him a lesson.”

Qing Ze smiled devilishly and left.

Jin Yihang’s face was full of embarrassment.

Indeed, he personally went to Qing Ze and tried many ways to trick him into agreeing to fight Jian Wushuang. His goal was to let Qing Ze teach Jian Wushuang a good lesson, just to vent his own dissatisfaction. However, not only Qing Ze had nothing on Jian Wushuang, he even sold him out in front of Jian Wushuang and the crowd when he left—revealing that it was Jin Yihang who asked him to come.

That was rather unethical to begin with, and on top of that, Qing Ze revealed it deliberately...

“Mr. Inspector.”

As expected, Jian Wushuang looked at Jin Yihang directly and said coldly, “You’re a respectable inspector from the Crimson Stone Fort, every word you said and every action you carry out represents the fort. How can you be so despicable?”

Jin Yihang shuddered but he could find no words to talk back.

“Let’s go,” said Jian Wushuang and went back to the camp with the Official Army commanders.

Jin Yihang stood in the Void, clearly sensing that many pairs of eyes looked at him in a strange way.

Many of those looks were from the Divine Demon miners and Official Army soldiers. There were also some Heaven Ultimate Gods from the Crimson Stone Fort.

The Heaven Ultimate Gods looked at him tauntingly in disdain.

That made Jin Yihang even more embarrassed. He could not stay any longer and left quickly.

On the peak not so far away, Scorpion King—who was in full battle armor and strong like a bull—smiled mysteriously.

“Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord...

“Never have I thought such an incredible genius exists in this tiny stellar region, very interesting.

“Crimson Stone Fort is in a terrible situation as it’s facing pressure from a few top powers from the outside. The factions within Crimson Stone Fort itself are a big threat to the Fort Master as well. At this moment, the Fort Master is in dire need to train some experts to support her. Although this Northern

Darkstar Territorial Lord is only an Earth Ultimate God, he is extremely gifted. It's worth the effort to try persuading him."

After mumbling a little, Scorpion King went back into the palace.

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After Jian Wushuang returned to the camp, he dismissed Cang Heng and the rest and went back to the exquisite penthouse.

As soon as he arrived at the penthouse, he set up a restrictive shield, then flipped his hand and took out the smallest sized Royal Blood Gem, which was as tiny as a thumb.

"Royal Blood Gem..."

Looking at the Royal Blood Gem before him, Jian Wushuang's eyes burned with passion.

"Although I don't know the exact value of this Blood Gem, as the main material to cultivate Holy Treasure, it must be unusually valuable. The value of this little thumb-sized piece that I'm holding, which doesn't weigh more than 10 pounds, must be beyond my imagination. I also possess one that is 200 pounds and another one 10,000 pounds, the total value must be..."

"I'm rich, this time I'm going to be rich!"

Jian Wushuang was incredibly excited.

At that point, he did not need to cultivate any treasure, the Royal Blood Gems were of no use to him. Looking at it, Jian Wushuang could almost see countless Divine Elixir Pills that could help him break through his current level, making his ability increase drastically.

"No hurry, we're still in the process of mining Royal Blood Gems, so I can't leave for the time being. I need to wait till later, when the gems are all being mined and when the dust is settled, before I can find a chance to bring Royal Blood Gems to exchange for Divine Elixir Pills." Repressing his excitement, Jian Wushuang calmed as soon as he could.

At the same time, he was slightly alert.

He knew he had made a fortune, but it was a windfall, which was supposed to be kept a secret.

As soon as people from Crimson Stone Fort or other powers knew that a little Territorial Lord obtained 10,000 pounds of Royal Blood Gem, there would be many who would keep an eye on him.

In the penthouse, Jian Wushuang gradually shut his eyes and began to cultivate himself.

The cultivation only lasted for a day.

"Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord." A resonant voice came above the campground.

Jian Wushuang opened his eyes and went up to the Void above in just a flash.

Glancing at the visitor, Jian Wushuang was stunned. "Mr. Qing Ze, why are you here?"

It was none other than Qing Ze, the man he fought a day ago.

“Haha, your ability is not below me, so nevermind the honorable addresses, just call me Qing Ze.” Qing Ze seemed to be very easy going. “Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord, come with me.”

“Where to?” asked Jian Wushuang.

“Master Scorpion King wants to see you, he asked me to bring you there,” explained Qing Ze.

Jian Wushuang was a little stunned.

Mr. Scorpion King—the Grand Ultimate God of Crimson Stone Fort—wanted to see him?

Perhaps it was because of the battle that happened?

Although he was perplexed, Jian Wushuang still went with Qing Ze immediately.

Chapter 2639: Sacred Palace

In the majestic palace hall, the bullish battle armor-clad middle-aged man Scorpion King sat up straight on the throne.

“Master Scorpion King.”

Qing Ze brought Jian Wushuang into the palace hall and bowed respectfully.

Scorpion King raised his head and glance at Qing Ze. “Leave us.”

“Aye.” Qing Ze turned around right away and left.

Only Jian Wushuang and Scorpion King were left in the palace hall.

“Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord, Jian Yi...” Scorpion King’s eyes stayed on Jian Wushuang’s face while wearing a faint smile. “I looked at your information just now and learned that you haven’t been the Territorial Lord for very long—only a dozen years. It has only been around twenty years if I include the time you first made a name for yourself in the Northern Darkstar Continent and that you were only a Primary-level Ultimate God twenty years ago!!

“You have jumped from a Primary-level Ultimate God and become a Peak Earth Ultimate God with battle strength comparable to a Heaven Ultimate God within merely twenty years. Your cultivation speed is truly terrifying.”

He appeared to be calm as usual as Jian Wushuang listened.

Many had known about him on the Northern Darkstar Continent, hence he was not at all surprised that Scorpion King did as well.

“Master Scorpion King, I’m just slightly faster in absorbing and cultivating divine power compared to others. On top of that, I have enough resources to cultivate, hence my level could go up so fast,” said Jian Wushuang.

“I know that.” The Scorpion King nodded. “There were many in the Northern Darkstar Continent who guessed that you relied on absorbing huge amounts of external divine power like cultivating and

absorbing divine powers from Primordial Stones to increase your cultivation level. This method is not uncommon in the Ancient God Domain, but there's a criterion for those who bravely use this method which is to ensure their Law and Principle understanding are compatible!

"You won't only be unable to make a breakthrough even after accumulating enough divine power without sufficient Law and Principle understanding—you may even reach a bottleneck. In addition, excessive reliance on external force to upgrade one's cultivation will affect one's foundations quite a bit. Normally, anybody who chooses to do this will have absolute confidence in himself!

"I noticed your understanding of Laws and Sword Principle is way above your cultivation level as I watched your fight with Qing Ze yesterday. You're only an Earth Ultimate God, but your understanding of Space-time Law, Transmigration Law, and Sword Principle are comparable to a Heaven Ultimate God—I would even say it's higher than regular Heaven Ultimate Gods. Your foundation is also incredibly strong and unaffected from using those external resources!

"You have progressed so much while still able to keep your foundation intact in only twenty years. It shows that you're a true genius!!"

Jian Wushuang's heart was calm and did not get excited by Scorpion King's praise altogether.

He knew that he was merely relying on his perfect foundation as a Perfect Chaotic Creature to fearlessly ingesting external divine power and increase his divine power!!

His foundation was indestructible not to mention his understanding of Laws and Sword Principles had exceeded his current cultivation level. All those reasons enabled him to make a breakthrough without encountering any bottleneck, hence the side effects of absorbing external divine power did not shake his foundation at all.

"Jian Yi, geniuses like you are rare even in the Golden Crow Nine Realms, not to mention our Danyang Holy Domain. You could have joined any of the great powers if you truly so wished, such as Dragon Phoenix Pavilion who only pick the cream of the crop. The resources you can get will be a lot more if you had joined them and you may have progressed even faster!

"However, those great powers in the Nine Realms of Golden Crows like Dragon Phoenix Pavilion are very powerful and have many genius disciples which will have spread thin the resources available for sure. Therefore, many geniuses won't receive the kind of nurturing they deserve and will rather join slightly lesser powers to cultivate under such situations. For example, the Sacred Palace in our Crimson Stone Fort..."

Jian Wushuang had completely understood the reason he was invited upon reaching that point of Scorpion King's speech.

"This Scorpion King is trying to persuade me to join Crimson Stone Fort, huh?" Jian Wushuang was amused.

"Jian Yi, you may not know what the Sacred Palace is, so let me explain to you." Scorpion King smiled and said, "Sacred Palace was built by the previous Fort Master, Crimson Stone Saint who was also our founder. Its function is for nurturing genius disciples—an indisputable concentration camp of geniuses.

Many of the geniuses that appeared in any stellar region within the Danyang Holy Domain will choose to join the Sacred Palace.

“Our new Fort Master is taking Sacred Palace especially seriously now that the old Fort Master is no longer around anymore with seventy percent of our resources being allocated to the Sacred Palace. You’ll receive maximum nurturing with your talent if you enter the Sacred Palace with resources comparable to those offered by sects like Dragon Phoenix Pavilion—giving you a lot of room for growth.”

The Scorpion King stared at Jian Wushuang after his speech.

Jian Wushuang fell into deep thoughts.

He had no interest in Sacred Palace but heard the undertone of Scorpion King’s standing.

Crimson Stone Fort was in a situation where there were multiple factions within that were causing all kinds of internal conflicts.

He could tell from the way Scorpion King spoke that he was probably in the same camp as the new Fort Master—Yin Su’er.

Jian Wushuang had inquired about that while on the way here with Qing Ze who gave the same answer—Qing Ze, Lord Scorpion King, and the many Heaven Ultimate God that arrived were followers of the new Fort Master, Yin Su’er’s faction with Jin Yihang being the only person from another faction.

That was why the Scorpion King had such a deep dislike towards Jin Yihang.

Jian Wushuang finally said, “Lord Scorpion King, I appreciate your thoughts but I think I’ll pass.”

Scorpion King frowned and sighed in his mind.

He was prepared for that as he knew very well that the Crimson Stone Fort was not what it used to be and neither was the Sacred Palace. Although Yin Su’er truly put in more effort to train the Sacred Palace’s geniuses, the outcome was less than satisfying.

Although his speech sounded fancy and attractive, anybody who knew any better about the situation in Danyang Holy Domain would understand the position Crimson Stone Fort was in. A genius like Jian Wushuang was more than qualified to join top-tier powers like Dragon Phoenix Pavilion and get the best-maximized training—why would he choose to join the Sacred Palace?

Scorpion King recognized Jian Wushuang’s incredible talent and was merely trying his luck to see if he could induct him into the Sacred Palace and become a great help to Yin Su’er in the future.

“However...”

Chapter 2640: Masterstroke

Jian Wushuang suddenly said, “Master Scorpion King. Although I’m not particularly interested in joining the Sacred Palace, I’ll still be heading to Crimson Stone Fort in due time to meet the new Fort Master.”

“Oh?” Scorpion King was surprised.

“I wonder if you recognize this token I have here?” Jian Wushuang showed him a token.

The token was passed to him by Crimson Stone Saint’s remaining consciousness while in the Saint’s Tomb.

Crimson Stone Saint had reminded him that he could present her with the token if he ever met Yin Su’er in the future and she would then know who he was.

The Scorpion King did not notice anything special at first upon seeing the token. However, his eyes enlarged after a short moment.

“Old Fort Master! The Old Fort Master’s aura! This token is from the Old Fort Master!!” Scorpion King’s voice trembled with excitement as he stared toward Jian Wushuang.

“So you do recognize it, huh?” Jian Wushuang smiled.

“Jian Yi, how did the Old Fort Master’s token fall into your hand? Don’t tell me you’re his personal disciple?” Scorpion King asked a series of questions.

“Personal disciple?” Jian Wushuang shook his head. “I’m not, I just made a deal with him to return a favor since I’ve benefited a lot from him. A deal which I shall do all I can to help his daughter—the new Fort Master of Crimson Stone Fort, Yin Su’er—once I’m sufficiently strong.”

“Is that so?” Scorpion King was happy and surprised. “Turns out you’re the help sent by the Old Fort Master. I won’t even have to try and rope you in since that’s the case. However, your current abilities are a little too weak.”

Jian Wushuang broke out laughing. “My current abilities are indeed a bit low right now, but Lord Scorpion King—do you not recall that I only spent twenty years to make a breakthrough to Peak Earth Ultimate God from Primary-level Ultimate God? I’ll naturally go to the new Fort Master and give her my all to resolve Crimson Stone Fort’s crisis once I’m sufficiently capable.”

“It’s probably fine if it’s only twenty or a hundred years as the Fort Master could perhaps hold it together, but I’m afraid she won’t be able to hold the fort if you need a few hundred years.” Scorpion King frowned.

“You mean to say that the situation in Crimson Stone Fort is so bad it can’t even endure for a few hundred years?” Jian Wushuang was frowning as well.

Crimson Stone Saint had fallen for a few hundred thousand years at that moment as far as he knew. Although Crimson Stone Fort had been in an unusual crisis, it had persevered for so many years. How could it not survive for another few hundred years?

Was it due to a big turn of events that had befallen Danyang Holy Domain?

“The situation of Crimson Stone Fort is a lot worse than what people think. The Fort Master has been trying her hardest to hold everything together. However, we’re now on the brink of crumbling.” Scorpion King sighed. “Jian Yi, the Old Fort Master had never been wrong about people as it’s not easy to live up to his standards. He must have believed that you can be of great help to the Fort Master since

he passed you the token and made a deal with you which greatly benefited you. However, you'll need to increase your abilities as fast as possible!

"On that note, please let me know if you need anything that can help increase your abilities."

Jian Wushuang was moved from listening to the Scorpion King's incredible hopeful words.

Perhaps it was because Crimson Stone Saint had specially sent him, or he saw Jian Wushuang's incredible cultivation speed. The Scorpion King had decided as long as Jian Wushuang grew fast enough, he would be of immense help to Yin Su'er and might even change the entire situation.

Therefore, Scorpion King was willing to do everything he could to help him upgrade his abilities.

Jian Wushuang who was scratching his nose did not hold back and directly said, "Master Scorpion King, you know that I've been increasing my cultivation level by relying on external resources and shall keep doing so moving forward. Therefore, what I need the most right now are Divine Elixir Pills to raise my level. I need as many as you can provide!"

"Divine Elixir Pills, huh?" Scorpion King pondered for a short while before immediately waving his hand and bringing out an Interspatial Ring.

"I have fifty Divine Elixir Pills here, you can have them for now. As for the rest, I shall report to the Fort Master and have her get you more as soon as I return to Crimson Stone Fort. However, Divine Elixir Pills are not Primordial Stones, so we won't have too many in stock after all. Besides, the Fort Master isn't the only person making decisions in Crimson Stone Fort as there are various factions...

"Even the Fort Master may not be able to provide you many Divine Elixir Pills after trying her very best."

Jian Wushuang took Scorpion King's Interspatial Ring and had a quick look. He nodded and gratefully said, "Thank you, Lord Scorpion King."

"Don't mention it, we're under the Fort Master's faction since you're sent by the Old Fort Master. We'll naturally go the greatest length to help you increase your abilities." Scorpion King smiled and sat down on his throne. "Oh yes, Jian Yi—I saw you using a sword formation while fighting Qing Ze which seems to be very potent."

"Yes, the sword formation was something I obtained in the Star Picking Pavilion's auction—a Transmigration Sword Formation that Sword Lord Tong Xin left behind with merely the first four stages. I had spent forty million Primordial Stones on it," said Jian Wushuang.

"Transmigration Sword Formation! No wonder it contains such terrifying Samsara Strength." Scorpion King smiled as he looked at Jian Wushuang. "Jian Yi, you're well-versed in the Sword Principle and studied Space-time Law. I'm sorry that I can't really help you with both of these. You may not know this but I studied Transmigration Law too."

"Oh?" Jian Wushuang was surprised.

"I have quite a bit of insight on Transmigration Law and even created a masterstroke that has the same effect as your sword formation which I can show you," said Scorpion King.

"Masterstroke?" Jian Wushuang was overjoyed.

A Grand Ultimate God who was deeply skilled in Transmigration Law showing his masterstroke right before him. He was doing it to let Jian Wushuang observe it firsthand and study it. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Jian Wushuang.

“Watch closely.”

Scorpion King smiled before pointing slowly towards the void ahead of him. A huge wave of Samsara Strength swept out of his body all of a sudden.

The Samsara Strength began to vigorously fill the space as the huge palace hall was being crushed to bits. Jian Wushuang and the Scorpion King soon found themselves in the boundless void.

Nine gigantic black holes appeared in the void at that moment.

The nine black holes were formed from Samsara Strength with each of them containing immense Samsara Strength.

The nine black holes moved at high speed in the void like nine gigantic dark stars under the Scorpion King’s manipulation as each of them bombarded the void. The nine dark stars were perfectly coordinated and displayed incredibly terrifying power.