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**Chapter 341: Entangled by Evil Spirits**

In the Phoenix Forbidden, where three trees formed a triangle, the three candles had long burned out, leaving only wax oil that had formed a thick layer on the trees.

Xu Qing stood in the center of the three trees and looked at where the Ghost City had disappeared.

He checked his storage bag and discovered that the items he had bought were still there.

"The items in the Ghost Lane can't be taken out during the day. They can only be used at night."

Xu Qing mumbled. This was in the information he had gathered. He recalled the scenes in the Ghost Lane and many guesses rose in his mind.

"That monk's head mentioned the Golden Crow?"

"Did it belong to a race that was refined by the Golden Crow before?" Xu Qing pondered and left the place. After looking around, he sped into the distance.

As for the Ghost Lane, he felt that there was a high chance that it was as he had guessed. As for the exact details... he could naturally investigate when he was capable.

Hence, Xu Qing stopped thinking about this matter. With a sway, he sped up in the jungle.

Other than the Ghost Lane, his plans in the Phoenix Forbidden also included some toxic beasts and plants. He needed to find and collect them.

"If everything goes smoothly, I'll be able to let the little black bugs break through its shackles and progress again. My plan to refine the Poison Restriction Pill should not be affected again."

Xu Qing's speed became faster and faster. On the way, he would occasionally compare his directions and search for the poisonous grasses he needed.

Just like that, a day passed.

The danger level of the Phoenix Forbidden during the day was much lower than at night.

Xu Qing moved only in the outer area. In addition to his current cultivation and combat strength, although he did encounter some ferocious beasts, he dealt with them easily.

He also found a portion of the grasses and herbs he needed. However, the trip wasn't completely free from danger. At dusk, Xu Qing saw a red grassland in the distance. That place gave him a sense of danger.

He only took a glance before the red grassland squirmed strangely. Many eyes grew on it and they opened one after another, staring at Xu Qing.

A wave of malice spread out from those eyes.

Xu Qing's body trembled. He felt that the skin all over his body was very itchy. He rapidly retreated while igniting his life fires and the life lantern, only then did he block this malice.

After leaving this place, he examined his entire body. On his arms, Xu Qing saw half an eye had grown out at some point in time.

The reason why he said half was because the eye hadn't completely grown to the extent of opening.

However, its eyelids and eyelashes were very clear. They looked exactly the same as the eyes in the red grassland.

This eye was extremely strange. Regardless of whether Xu Qing burned it with fiendish fire or tried to dig it out, he couldn't remove it. Even the shadow could only make it drift out of his body for a short period of time. However, when the shadow moved away, it would grow back.

Moreover, it was obvious that this eye was still growing. It gave Xu Qing the feeling that it would open in a few days at most.

Xu Qing didn't want to know what would happen when it opened. Hence, he controlled the shadow to separate it and activated Golden Crow Refines All Life. Finally, he refined this half-grown eye.

"This Phoenix Forbidden is very dangerous."

Xu Qing looked at his arm and then examined his body carefully. In the end, he cleared more than 30 eyes from his body.

These 30-odd eyes were far from the stage of completion. Moreover, most of them were just like seeds. What left Xu Qing with lingering fear was that they didn't grow on the surface of his body but in his internal organs.

He could imagine that if he checked them too late or neglected them, once they had time to grow, he would definitely be in a tragic state.

Xu Qing drew in a deep breath. As dusk passed and night fell, he became even more cautious. He chose a tree hole and entered.

"I have almost all the poisonous grasses. Next, I need to gather some toxic beasts..."

He didn't plan to go out tonight because the activity time of his next target was mainly during the day.

Moreover, he was going to try to fuse the evil yin poison into the little black bugs tonight. He began to set up array formations and poison powder outside the tree hole.

After ensuring his safety, he closed his eyes and meditated.

Night fell and the surroundings were silent. From time to time, strange cries would ring out from the outside world. As Xu Qing listened, he felt as though he had returned to the ruined city back then.

'I wonder when I'll be strong enough to... ignore the forbidden zones and forbidden regions.' Xu Qing mumbled inwardly.

Time flowed by and very soon, midnight arrived. As the cold air in the surroundings continued to permeate the air, white fog emitted from Xu Qing's mouth when he breathed. This caused the coldness he hadn't felt in a long time to surface again.

Xu Qing was afraid of the cold. However, ever since he reached the Foundation Building realm, as his cultivation and combat strength increased, he rarely felt the cold anymore.

However, today... he was feeling it again.

"Something is wrong." A sharp glint appeared in Xu Qing's eyes. Last night, at this moment, although he sensed the temperature in the forbidden region dropping, it was not to such a low degree as now.

With a thought, the life fires in his body were instantly ignited. After he entered the Mystic Brilliance Form, he rushed out of the tree hole and checked his surroundings. At the next instant, Xu Qing's expression darkened.

He saw that a large amount of fog had suddenly appeared in the distant jungle. This fog spread out and enveloped the surroundings. The ghost city from yesterday had silently descended again.

This time around, Xu Qing hadn't played the ghost flute. He had also checked the surroundings and there was no one who summoned the ghost city. Xu Qing did not hesitate at all and instantly fled at full speed.

Behind him, the monk's head that was chained by countless arms in the air above the Ghost City slowly turned and looked in the direction Xu Qing had fled in. His voice was like lightning as it echoed again.

"The Golden Crow refined my race. The Golden Crow must die!"

As it spoke, the head suddenly leaped out and flew high. The chains made by arms were also stretched extremely long but they couldn't stop it.

The head directly smashed into the jungle outside the Ghost City. As a large number of trees collapsed, the head rushed forward, rolling like a ball as it chased after Xu Qing!

Its rolling speed was very fast. Wherever it passed, any obstruction on its path would collapse. The arm chains behind it were also lengthened and distorted. Even the ghost city rumbled as though it was about to be shaken.

All of this caused Xu Qing's eyes to narrow as a sense of danger rose in his heart. The life lantern and life fires in his body were all activated with full strength and the Golden Crow manifested behind him, boosting his speed.

However, the huge mountain-like head behind him continued to chase after him.

At the same time, sharp sounds rang out from the ghost city. Countless ghost hands stretched out and chased after the head.

From afar, Xu Qing was in the front and the head was chasing after him. The chains connected to the head limited its speed. At the same time, those ghost hands stretched out of the ghost city and chased after the head.

"Golden Crow..." In this pursuit, the head was still a little delirious and let out a violent cry.

"All of them..."

"Die!!!"

It leaped into the air again and shouted as it smashed toward Xu Qing in the distance. However, the chains on its body had already extended to their limit, causing the head to suddenly fall to the ground.

Seeing that the ghost hands were about to arrive, the head smiled strangely. Its body actually exploded on its own, transforming into countless small heads that landed on the ground and chased after Xu Qing.

Without the restrictions of the chains, those small heads' speed became even more astonishing. In an instant, more than ten of them rolled and leaped toward Xu Qing, opening their mouths and wanting to bite him.

Killing intent flashed in Xu Qing's eyes. He turned his head and the Golden Crow appeared behind him. The black iron stick also flew out and headed straight for these heads.

The Golden Crow let out a cry and fiercely inhaled. The black iron stick also rapidly moved. A rumbling sound echoed as the few small heads collapsed and turned into ashes.

However, not a single substance was absorbed.

It was as though these heads were just an illusion and didn't exist.

Moreover, the ashes gathered again and took shape. They were unscathed, and a head actually appeared beside Xu Qing's feet and bit down on his calf.

The life fires in Xu Qing's body suddenly spread out. The heads in the surroundings were swept away but they were still unscathed. At the same time, they were chewing, emitting a blurry sound.

"Delicious, delicious, delicious"

"Weak, weak, weak, weak!"

Xu Qing's expression was gloomy. He knew that it wasn't that the Golden Crow was weak but that his current cultivation wasn't enough to display the true power of the Golden Crow.

He looked at his calf. A piece of flesh had been bitten off by the other party.

In the past, he was the one who absorbed others. This was the first time someone was able to bite him.

That small head licked its tongue, revealing a strange smile. Just as it was about to take another bite, it was grabbed by a ghost hand and dragged back to the ghost city.

As for the other heads, some of them avoided the ghost hands and bit at Xu Qing again.

Xu Qing's expression was ugly. He discovered that the power of his life fires were ineffective against them. Seeing another head charging over sinisterly, a cold glint appeared in his eyes.

The shadow sensed Xu Qing's thoughts and instantly pounced over, ruthlessly absorbing the anomalous substances in the head. The Diamond Sect's ancestor wasn't to be outdone and rapidly stabbed the head.

That head was also savage. It actually didn't dodge at all and bit at the shadow and the Diamond Sect's ancestor.

As it bit, the head collapsed and countless bugs flew out of its eyes.

These were Xu Qing's little black bugs. He had released them when he was fleeing earlier and they were attacking together with the shadow.

However, they were still ineffective.

Whenever the head was destroyed, it would form again. Moreover, there were even more pouncing over from the surroundings.

Xu Qing's expression was ugly. He knew that it was useless to tangle with these heads. He turned and used all his strength to flee.

Just like that, a night passed.

Xu Qing spent the whole night running wildly. If he was caught, he would quickly destroy the heads and continue to escape, not giving those heads a chance to surround him. At the same time, the ghost hands continued to grab one head after another and dragged them back to the ghost city.

It was only when a ray of light appeared in the horizon and Xu Qing erupted with his full strength to destroy a head that the pursuing heads finally disappeared.

All of them were grabbed by the ghost hands. As the sunlight scattered down, they disappeared.

Only Xu Qing was left in the area, his eyes revealing cruelty as he stared in the direction of the location where the ghost city appeared last night.

His clothes were tattered and although the mangled flesh had grown again, the bite marks dissipated slower.

"What is this thing? It's useless to destroy it and it can re-form immediately. Only those ghost hands can restrain them."

"It gives me the feeling that those ghost hands are like prison guards, and that monk's head is more like a criminal. It forcefully broke out of prison because of me..."

"And..." Xu Qing glanced at the bite marks on his body and the ferocity in his eyes increased.

"I have to think of a way to kill it!" The coldness in Xu Qing's eyes was extremely dense. When the Diamond Sect's ancestor noticed this scene, he snorted coldly in his mind.

'It's fine if you bite me, but if you dare to bite Demon Xu, your head will be done for!'

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### **Chapter 342: If the Wolf Turns Its Head, There Must Be a Reason**

The sky was bright and everything bizarre had disappeared. Xu Qing found a large tree and sat on its crown to recuperate.

When the sun was high in the sky, he opened his eyes and looked in the direction of the ghost city that appeared last night. The ferocity in his eyes grew increasingly intense. After that, he leaped down and began to wander in the jungle.

Xu Qing didn't search for the beast he had planned to target today. Instead, he sped through the forbidden region. He observed every area he passed by carefully. An hour later, he saw a valley.

Xu Qing activated his Mystic Brilliance Form and checked the valley.

From above, this valley looked like a concave shape. There was only an entrance and no exit.

After confirming that there were no major problems here, Xu Qing looked around him. He suddenly punched the mountain rock at the side.

A large number of rubble fell off, revealing a large hole in the mountain.

Xu Qing swept his gaze over and continued punching in different directions.

A while later, Xu Qing punched dozens of large holes in the mountain walls on both sides of the valley.

After doing this, he continued to bombard the ground of the valley, forming dozens of large pits before stopping.

He calculated the time and entered a large hole. He then took out an iron box from his storage bag.

This box was none other than the wish box that contained the Poison Restriction Pill.

Xu Qing opened the wish box and placed it on the ground.

Immediately, the aura emitted by the poison pill in the wish box spread in all directions.

Xu Qing quickly retreated and didn't bother with the poison pill that was letting out its aura wantonly. He grabbed the rocks that had been blasted down in the surroundings and piled them at the edge of the hole where the poison pill was placed, forming a wall.

Although this stone wall couldn't completely seal the hole, with Xu Qing's understanding of the Poison Restriction Pill, as long as there was no wind, the aura it emitted could exist for at least a day.

When there was only a small gap in the wall, Xu Qing waited for a while and waved his hand; the wish box flew over and he immediately closed it. He then sealed the entrance of the cave and went to the second hole.

Xu Qing was planning to let the poison pill's aura permeate the air in every hole, including the deep pits on the ground. This way, due to the special environment of the valley, the leaked poisonous air would remain in the valley.

Xu Qing continued to work.

The Diamond Sect's ancestor trembled when he saw Xu Qing doing the work with a ferocious look in his eyes. He thought to himself that it could have provoked anyone but it had to provoke this Demon Xu...

Just like that, time flowed by.

Xu Qing's arrangements continued until night fell. When it was almost midnight, Xu Qing finally finished setting up everything.

There were a total of more than 60 large holes here, and he had filled all of them with the poison pill's aura and sealed them.

The poison pill's aura in the valley was already very dense. During this process, even Xu Qing couldn't bear the poisonous air. He had to go out several times to recover before continuing with the work.

Now that he was finally done, he glanced at the valley with satisfaction.

Xu Qing felt that even with his resistance, he could only stay inside for about eight minutes. Once that time was crossed, he wasn't confident that the purple crystal could save him.

In that case, any other existences who were poisoned by this poison would definitely feel even more uncomfortable.

"Let's see how long that big head can last!" Xu Qing left the valley and sat cross-legged in the jungle not far from the valley. There were three large trees he had cut down here that were arranged in a triangular pattern.

There were also three white candles on the tree.

Xu Qing was worried that the head wouldn't appear by itself tonight. Hence, he was prepared to summon it if it really didn't come.

While waiting, midnight finally arrived.

Reality proved that Xu Qing was overthinking. The moment the time arrived, he didn't need to summon the ghost city. He could already sense the familiar coldness in the surroundings and the white fog when he exhaled.

"It's here!" Xu Qing narrowed his eyes and looked into the distance.

Very soon, the jungle in front of him was filled with fog. At the next instant, the familiar ghost city descended again.

This time, there were clearly more chains around the monk's head than last night. The suppression of the ghost city on it was more intense than before.

However, since this ghost city still appeared, it meant that this level of suppression wasn't enough.

The instant the ghost city appeared, the monk's eyes abruptly opened and locked onto Xu Qing.

"The Golden Crow must die!"

As it spoke, the head leaped up fiercely like yesterday. It ignored the arm chains that were wrapped around its body and directly headed toward Xu Qing. Its speed was so fast that it crashed near Xu Qing.

At the next instant, the trees where Xu Qing was at collapsed and the ground shattered.

Xu Qing had already activated his Mystic Brilliance Form earlier and fled into the distance. He even put on a horrified expression.

"You're like a lingering ghost. What exactly do you want!!!"

Even though the other party was delirious, Xu Qing still shouted just in case.

The monk head behind him landed on the ground and rolled forward. A strange laugh came from its mouth and it moved closer and closer at a rapid speed.

The ghost city was also trembling at this moment. More ghost hands erupted from it and chased after the monk head. The scene from last night appeared again, but Xu Qing had already rushed into the valley.

Seeing that Xu Qing had entered the valley, the monk head might be too confident or it might be because its mind wasn't clear and it couldn't judge, it didn't stop at all and directly rolled over to the valley to chase after Xu Qing while letting out a low roar.

However, at the next instant, this low roar stopped abruptly.

After that, a monstrous sound rang out from the valley. Amidst the rumbling, the head that rolled in immediately retreated. Its delirious face was replaced by horror.

A large amount of skin on its face was rotting.

However, no blood flowed out.

It was as though the existence of this head didn't possess blood but some kind of special physique.

However, no matter how special it was, it still showed signs of rotting and melting under the aura of the poison pill left from the previous era.

As it rolled out, Xu Qing, who was in the valley, performed a series of hand seals with both hands; immediately, an incomparably huge mosasaur appeared behind him and slammed fiercely into the valley.

Boom!

The valley collapsed and the poison pill's aura spread in all directions.

The head couldn't avoid the poisonous aura and was tainted a little more. The horror on its face became even more intense until it disintegrated on its own, transforming into countless small heads that attempted to disperse the poison.

However, the poison pill's power was terrifying. Even if it scattered it, it was still difficult to completely neutralize it.

Although the poison wasn't acting up rapidly, it was obvious that its level was extremely high and it couldn't be neutralized easily.

Killing intent erupted from Xu Qing's eyes as he quickly rushed out. He lifted his right hand and the heavenly saber appeared, slashing fiercely at the small heads that were scattered in the surroundings.

The ground rumbled and the Golden Crow also rose up, spitting out black flames in all directions, turning the surroundings into a sea of fire. It then inhaled fiercely.

As for the shadow and the Diamond Sect's ancestor, they didn't dare to make a move at this moment. They were also afraid of that poison.

Only the little black bugs had some resistance to the poison. They rushed out and began to devour the heads. Xu Qing slashed with his heavenly saber again. The ground quaked and the small heads let out mournful cries as they quickly ran into the distance.

At that moment, every small head disintegrated again, trying to separate the rotting part.

Seeing this, Xu Qing didn't continue fighting. He took out a magic artifact he had obtained from Sima Ling that targeted bizarre entities.

This magic artifact was a beautiful, small pagoda made of crystal.

Its activation procedures were simple and only needed magic power. Xu Qing activated it and waved it at a small head that had weakened after removing the rotting parts.

The small head's strength had clearly decreased after cutting out its parts. It was enveloped by the crystal pagoda and was instantly sealed.

Xu Qing grabbed it and kept it. He immediately turned around and left.

He was clear that although his Poison Restriction Pill was terrifying, what he had released this time was only its aura. It wasn't the true poison restriction. There was a huge difference between them.

Xu Qing wasn't sure about its true might.

However, he had some guesses after looking at the monk head unable to neutralize the poison even after splitting into countless heads. Since he had taken his revenge, Xu Qing left very quickly.

Although he didn't completely kill the other party this time, the strange monk head probably didn't feel good either. Moreover, he had obtained a specimen to study and find a way to completely kill it.

"Or I can just wait till I fuse the Poison Restriction Pill and am able to display its true might before I come to kill it!" Xu Qing suppressed his killing intent and walked further and further away.

Just like that, several days passed.

Xu Qing didn't know what the ending of the strange monk head was but over the next few nights, the ghost city didn't appear again. Xu Qing also didn't play the ghost flute to check.

Before he had the ability to completely kill the other party, Xu Qing felt no point in checking. However, he carved the word 'monk head' on the bamboo slip.

After that, he placed all his energy on searching for the toxic beasts he planned to obtain. The method was simple. The shadow scattered a large number of shadow eyes on the ferocious beasts in the forbidden region. They scattered in all directions like countless spies, helping Xu Qing search for his targets.

As time passed, Xu Qing's search went smoothly. He finished gathering all the toxic beasts in his list and obtained more poison.

During this time, Xu Qing also used the evil yin poison he had bought. Coupled with the poison he obtained later, the little black bugs could resume its path of transformation.

After they were formed in batches, Xu Qing continued to nurture them with the help of the ferocious beasts' bodies, causing the little black bugs to become stronger and stronger. However, as they underwent many transformations, the time for each transformation grew increasingly long.

Since he was free, Xu Qing was considering whether he should make a trip to the ruins where the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple was located to see if he could comprehend the Extreme Heaven Saber there.

When this thought rose, the shadow transmitted a surprised emotion to Xu Qing.

"...Idiot... Parasite... Praise..."

"Idiot?" Xu Qing started.

"Master, Master, what Little Shadow means is that the idiot from the First Peak was seen by a ferocious beast parasitized by its shadow eye in the nearby area. Moreover, he was acting suspiciously." The Diamond Sect's ancestor transformed and quickly translated, automatically ignoring the word 'praise' Little Shadow mentioned.

'You want Demon Xu to praise you? Little Kid, don't even dream about it as long as I translate for you!'

### Outside Of Time

#### **Chapter 343: Sorry to Disturb You**

"Wu Jianwu?" Xu Qing squatted on a tree crown and his eyes gleamed.

Back then, this Wu Jianwu had provoked him on the Forbidden Sea. However, later on, the other party seemed to be very afraid and no longer had the ability to threaten him. Moreover, he had even helped pay the fee for killing his follower.

Hence, after some thought, Xu Qing didn't plan to look for him. He was going to head to the ruins where the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple was located but he still casually asked.

"What is he doing?"

The shadow instantly spread out on the ground and kept changing its appearance. It was as though the scene it saw through its eyes was too complicated, so much so that it changed several times. In the end, it didn't hesitate to split up to portray the scene.

In the scene, more than ten shadows split into different ferocious beasts. Every ferocious beast had one thing in common, and that was their stomachs were bulging.

The shadow also outlined Wu Jianwu's appearance. The other party was sitting beside a ferocious beast and touching its bulging stomach.

Even Xu Qing, who wasn't very curious, was stunned and revealed a puzzled expression. The Diamond Sect's ancestor at the side gasped.

"What's going on? What is that fool doing? Why are the stomachs of these beasts bulging? Are they pregnant?" At this point, the Diamond Sect's ancestor's soul body trembled and his expression revealed disbelief.

"Master, why don't we go take a look? This fool... I think he's doing something big!!"

Xu Qing fell silent. He wasn't a curious person but that scene was too strange. He wanted to see it with his own eyes, so he spoke.

"Lead the way."

The shadow was excited and quickly guided.

Xu Qing followed the shadow's directions, disappearing into the jungle.

Not long later, Xu Qing saw a mountain.

This mountain was a branch of the Truth Mountain Range that was in the range of the Phoenix Forbidden.

Xu Qing looked around and leaped onto the mountain. Very soon, on the other side of the mountain, he saw a crack in the mountain that was hidden in the dense vegetation.

It was ten feet long and naturally formed. Its location was very concealed.

If it wasn't for the shadow leading the way, it would be difficult for Xu Qing to sense this crack.

Standing in front of the crack, Xu Qing had a surprised expression. The concealment here was enough to show how cautious Wu Jianwu was. After pondering for a moment, he entered the crack with vigilance and followed the shadow's directions.

This crack was much deeper than Xu Qing had imagined. Moreover, as he entered deeper in it, he slowly felt some moisture. It was as though this crack penetrated the mountain and the ground, leading to the underground river.

There were also many forks that made it a natural maze. If it wasn't for the shadow's precise directions, Xu Qing might be lost in this maze even if he found the crack.

Just like that, a while later, Xu Qing arrived at the end of the crack.

At the end, there was a huge underground cave. A bat was lying at the side of the cave, paying attention to everything.

It was possessed by the shadow.

Xu Qing moved closer to the edge and looked at the cave below. His expression instantly became incomparably strange.

There were more than 20 ferocious beasts in the cave.

These ferocious beasts included wolves and tigers, and there were also many strange-looking beasts. At that moment, they were all subdued and sealed. They lay there with their stomachs bulging as though they were nourishing their babies.

Other than that, there was also a pool that had been dug out in the middle of the cave.

There were many medicinal liquids inside, emitting waves of medicinal smell.

As for Wu Jianwu, whose face was bruised and swollen, he was squatting beside the medicinal pool. He took out the medicinal liquid with a stone bowl and walked to the side of a huge bear with a bulging belly. He carefully and meticulously fed it medicine.

This giant bear's expression was filled with horror. It wanted to struggle but it was useless. Its entire body was sealed and it had lost all resistance. It couldn't even get up.

Wu Jianwu's expression was gentle. As he fed the medicine, he even touched the giant bear's stomach and muttered softly.

"It's normal for you to have some reaction. Bear with it a little longer. I'll rely on you for the rest of my life. The little darling is about to be born."

"Once the little darling is born, I'll truly be amazing. At that time, I'll let Saintly Star know who the true heaven's chosen is!"

"Who can be heaven's chosen of all ages? Only I, the supreme Wu Jianwu!"

Wu Jianwu gritted his teeth. His expression seemed to have frightened the giant bear at the side. Its struggle became intense. Wu Jianwu hurriedly stroked it gently, trying his best to be gentle and speak softly.

"Be good and don't move around. You need to rest well. As long as the little darling is born successfully, you'll have made a great contribution. I'll treat you well."

This scene caused Xu Qing's eyes to widen.

At the side, the Diamond Sect's ancestor shuddered. He quickly took out a jade slip and began to record. Perhaps it was because he was too shaken, he produced some noise when recording.

Wu Jianwu immediately felt the disturbance. He looked up with a savage expression.

"Heaven and earth are my abodes, no one can hide from me!"

As he spoke, he leaped up. However, at the next instant, he saw Xu Qing who still looked a little shocked.

"Xu Qing?"

Wu Jianwu's heart trembled. He was a little confused that the other party could find him even after he had hidden so deeply. However, he quickly reacted and glanced at the pregnant ferocious beasts below. He then noticed Xu Qing's expression and took a sharp breath.

"Xu Qing, you're mistaken."

"Sorry to disturb you." Xu Qing cast a deep glance at Wu Jianwu before turning to leave.

He felt that there was a huge problem with Wu Jianwu's brain.

Seeing this, Wu Jianwu panicked. At this moment, he couldn't care less about fear and even forgot to recite poetry. He hurriedly chased after him and shouted.

"Xu Qing, it isn't what you think it is."

Wu Jianwu was extremely anxious and aggrieved. Back then, after he opened the wish box and obtained the bottle, he was depressed for a long time, but he felt it a pity to throw it away.

As such, he searched for information and found out from some clues that the almighty who left the bottle was a nonhuman cultivator who followed the Ancient Sovereign Mystic Nether.

After he lost to Saintly Star on the First Peak, he swore to himself that he would teach Saintly Star a lesson. Hence, he came to the Phoenix Forbidden and began to prepare to create the bloodline of the previous era here.

The reason why he wasn't in the sect was because he cared a lot about his reputation. He was worried that others would misunderstand if they saw him doing this in the sect and he was also worried that there would be too many people watching him. That was why he found such a hidden place. However, no matter what, he didn't expect Xu Qing to see him.

He thought about how if Xu Qing returned to the sect and news of this spread, his reputation would be completely ruined.

In fact, the scenes of everyone in the sect looking at him with strange gazes appeared in his mind. All of this made his scalp feel like it was about to explode. He only felt that his world had darkened and was extremely anxious.

Seeing that he couldn't catch up to Xu Qing, he hurriedly shouted.

"Xu Qing, I'll pay. Don't tell anyone."

"Everyone has their own way of living. It's fine." Xu Qing's voice rang out from afar.

"It's really not like that!!" Wu Jianwu's face turned purple and red as he became increasingly anxious.

"Xu Qing, I'll give you 300,000 spirit stones!"

Xu Qing stepped out of the crack and arrived outside the mountain. When he heard this, he stopped in his tracks and turned his head to look behind him.

Very soon, Wu Jianwu rushed out of the crack with reddened eyes. He quickly took out the spirit tickets and stuffed them into Xu Qing's hands.

"Take it, Xu Qing, you must take it. If you don't take it, I won't be at ease. This matter is really not what you think. I, I, I..." Wu Jianwu's breathing became hurried.

Seeing this, Xu Qing silently kept the spirit tickets and nodded seriously.

"I didn't see anything."

However, Wu Jianwu was clearly still worried.

"Xu Qing, why did you come to the Phoenix Forbidden? If there's anything I can help with, just tell me."

"I'm looking for poison materials." Xu Qing glanced at Wu Jianwu.

"Poison? I know of a place. I'll bring you there!" When Wu Jianwu heard this, he hurriedly spoke.

"There's no need." Xu Qing shook his head and turned to leave.

"Xu Qing, don't leave yet. Wait for me, I'll go get them for you, okay? There's a place under this mountain that definitely has the poison you need!!" As Wu Jianwu spoke, he hurriedly ran toward the crack.

He really wanted to extract poison for Xu Qing. If he didn't do this, he wouldn't feel at ease. Before Xu Qing could reply, he disappeared into the crack and sped into the depths.

In his hurry, he didn't notice that an eye had appeared in his shadow and was looking around sneakily.

Xu Qing fell into deep thought. He lowered his head and looked at the shadow under his feet. The shadow quickly formed a shape on the ground, revealing Wu Jianwu's whereabouts and the surrounding environment as much as possible.

Very soon, the shape of the shadow changed into the shape of Wu Jianwu. After entering the cave, he jumped down into the pool and swam deeper until he passed through a secret tunnel and entered a larger space.

In that space, there seemed to be a lake. However, the lake portrayed by the shadow was shaped like a huge human face. It was moving slowly, as though the lake water was very viscous.

After Wu Jianwu entered the area, he directly dug out some substances from the lake and placed them in a stone bowl before returning.

The shadow wasn't able to portray everything properly. As Xu Qing pondered, Wu Jianwu returned.

"Xu Qing, do you think this meets your needs?" As Wu Jianwu spoke, he handed a stone bowl to Xu Qing.

Xu Qing's gaze swept over and instantly froze.

There were some frozen objects in the stone bowl. They looked like liquid but weren't. They were azure in color and emitted a crystalline glow. They also emitted waves of fragrance.

"Immortal jelly?" Xu Qing's expression changed. He recognized this item.

In Grandmaster Bai's pharmacopeia, there was a mention of such an item. This wasn't poison but an extremely rare catalytic item. According to Grandmaster Bai's research, he felt that there was a high chance that this item was related to the immortal Qi recorded in the ancient books.

"Under this mountain, there's a strange lake that's filled with these things. Back then, after I discovered it, I took out some of them but they dissipated in two hours. No matter how I stored them, it was the same. There wasn't enough time for me to bring them back to the sect. Moreover, this thing is harmless

to the human race. However, when I fed some to a ferocious beast, it immediately rotted and died. I think this should be a type of poison."

Wu Jianwu hurriedly explained.

"Bring me there." Xu Qing fell silent for a while before he slowly spoke.

Wu Jianwu immediately led the way.

At that moment, he would agree to whatever Xu Qing requested. Hence, he didn't hesitate at all to bring Xu Qing all the way to the underground lake.

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#### **Chapter 344: Upheaval in Yinghuang! (1)**

What appeared in front of Xu Qing was a huge blue lake. The water looked clear but upon closer inspection, one could tell that the water here was frozen.

There was also some colorful vegetation growing in the surroundings. Even the top of the cave where the lake was located was covered in moss.

The humidity was strong here.

Xu Qing's gaze swept across the surroundings. Regardless of whether it was the inspection from the shadow eye or his perception at this moment, he didn't sense any danger here. However, Xu Qing was still vigilant and carefully walked toward the lake. After he got close, he looked at the bottom of the lake.

Under the clear frozen lake, the bottom of the lake was clearly visible. After taking a look, Xu Qing fell silent.

The bottom of the lake was covered in countless bones and gravel.

Looking at the structure of the densely packed bones, they belonged to both men and women. It was as though this place had experienced a tragedy many years ago.

"I found this place by accident and have come here many times but I haven't encountered any danger. There are also no strange changes to the bones at the bottom of the lake." Wu Jianwu leaned over and swept his gaze over. He was afraid that Xu Qing would misunderstand his good intentions and hurriedly explained.

Xu Qing nodded. After careful observation, he discovered that the frozen water quality here was still a little different from the immortal jelly recorded in Grandmaster Bai's pharmacopeia.

There was more fragrance from this lake.

This was especially obvious near the lake. The fragrance from the lake enveloped the entire area and when it entered one's mouth and nose, their mouths would be filled with sweetness. It was fine at first but after smelling it for a long time, one would feel extremely disgusted.

This didn't match the description of the immortal jelly.

However, Xu Qing guessed that before this place experienced the drastic changes, there was a high chance that this place was a pool surrounded by immortal Qi.

The lake water here was very likely formed by the immortal Qi mentioned in the pharmacopeia. However, it experienced unfathomable changes, so the thing that formed looked like immortal jelly but was different.

It could be considered a mutated immortal jelly.

Xu Qing didn't know its exact effects but he felt that it should have considerable research value.

He retracted his gaze and was about to take some more.

However, at this moment, Xu Qing suddenly exclaimed softly and looked carefully at the bottom of the lake.

The life fires in his body burned at this moment and his cultivation erupted, forming a sea of fire storm.

At the side, Wu Jianwu's eyes were wide open as he was swept back by Xu Qing's aura.

"What's going on!"

As soon as Wu Jianwu spoke, Xu Qing had already gathered the power of his life fires in his eyes, causing his eyes to surpass the stars at this moment, emitting a resplendent light as he stared at a spot at the bottom of the lake.

There, amidst the bones and a large amount of rubble, there was a large stone that gave Xu Qing a sense of familiarity.

"What are you looking at? Is there anything good inside? It's a pity that this lake water is strange and I don't dare to go down. I also thought of a way to fish out the bones inside but I couldn't..." Wu Jianwu noticed Xu Qing's gaze and hurriedly spoke.

However, before he could finish speaking, the stone that Xu Qing was staring at seemed to have been grabbed by an invisible hand. It suddenly shifted and was pulled out, slowly penetrating the lake until it was dragged out and floated in front of Xu Qing.

This scene caused Wu Jianwu to gasp.

Xu Qing observed the large stone carefully. After a long time, he found the reason for the familiarity.

That was the aura of Extreme Heaven Saber.

This stone contained the divine charm of the Extreme Heaven Saber.

Xu Qing was quite surprised as he stored it.

The shadow also returned silently. It was the one who went over to take out this large stone earlier.

As the large stone was taken out, the location where it was before revealed a broken stone tablet that was originally hidden below.

As the surrounding lake water slowly fluctuated, the silt on the stone tablet dissipated to the edge, revealing some words and images.

Xu Qing immediately looked over.

"Purple Green Kingdom's Immortal Cleansing Pool?" Wu Jianwu, who was at the side, also sensed it. When he saw the words clearly, he exclaimed.

Xu Qing was also very surprised. After taking a closer look, he noticed that the image on the stone tablet seemed to be a map of the Nanhuang Continent.

On it was the location of the Purple Green Kingdom's Capital. It was the current Purple Earth. There was the location mark of the Immortal Cleansing Pool, and a mark at the side that said Crown Prince's Residence.

Looking at its location, it was none other than the ruins of the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple that Xu Qing wanted to go to previously.

Xu Qing stared at the lake. The origin of this place was already clear. At the same time, the name Purple Green Kingdom appeared in Xu Qing's memories again.

The first time he heard of Purple Green Kingdom was in Purple Earth when Chen Feiyuan told him about the eight great families.

Only then did he know that long, long ago, there was such a country with mystical bloodlines in the Nanhuang Continent.

"They can form symbiosis with magic treasures..."

Xu Qing recalled the feeling Chen Feiyuan gave him back then. He was clearly very weak but also very strong.

After a long time, Xu Qing retracted his gaze and took out some more of the mutated immortal jelly. He didn't stay any longer and turned to leave the location of the lake.

He returned to the outside world.

Wu Jianwu sent him all the way to outside the entrance of the crack. At that moment, he crossed his hands and looked at Xu Qing eagerly, wanting to say something but hesitated.

"I won't tell anyone else. You can rest assured." Xu Qing cast a meaningful glance at Wu Jianwu. With a sway of his body, he transformed into a rainbow and left.

Wu Jianwu was left alone. He stood there with a melancholic expression, worrying about his gains and losses.

A long time later, Wu Jianwu gritted his teeth fiercely.

"I can't worry too much. Although this Xu Qing is domineering, he should be a person who keeps his promises. At worst... I won't return to the sect for a while until I nurture my precious children!"

## Outside Of Time

### **Chapter 345: Upheaval in Yinghuang! (2)**

Wu Jianwu was clearly agitated by the matter of Saintly Star suppressing the First Peak. He returned to the cave to continue taking care of the pregnant ferocious beasts.

It was already dark and the moon was high in the sky. Under the moonlight, the Phoenix Forbidden seemed to have transformed into a den of ghosts; strange cries and beast roars occasionally echoed in the surroundings.

Xu Qing's figure shuttled through the pitch-black jungle.

He had no intention of telling others about Wu Jianwu.

In this chaotic world, everyone had their own way of living. Although the other party had some strange habits, it didn't affect him and he even got immortal jelly. Hence, Xu Qing couldn't be bothered.

He only felt that the world was vast and there were all kinds of strange things.

"However, it's also possible that Wu Jianwu has another purpose." Xu Qing shook his head and threw the thought to the back of his mind. He found a tree hole and checked the surroundings before setting up protective arrays around the tree and entered it.

Xu Qing then took out the immortal jelly he had obtained.

Some time had passed, so the immortal jelly was clearly reduced by half. This reminded Xu Qing of what Wu Jianwu had said. This item would disappear after two hours.

After some thought, he took out a small bottle. After opening it, he waved his hand; immediately, the little black bugs inside flew out and landed on the immortal jelly, beginning to devour it.

Xu Qing observed carefully. However, even after the little black bugs finished eating these immortal jelly, there were no reactions or changes. After thinking about it, Xu Qing decided to let this batch of little black bugs devour all the immortal jelly he had brought.

Very soon, the immortal jelly disappeared. Xu Qing observed for a long time and finally kept those little black bugs back into the bottle. He then marked the bottle and stored it separately.

He was going to wait for them to finish digesting the immortal jelly to check if there was anything different.

After doing this, Xu Qing took out the stone that contained the divine charm of the Extreme Heaven Saber that he had obtained in the Immortal Cleansing Pool. He studied it, comprehending the divine charm inside. Gradually, he felt as though a saber shadow had flashed past his eyes.

This caused Xu Qing's heart to tremble. He closed his eyes and tried to comprehend it.

Just like that, a night passed.

The next morning, when Xu Qing opened his eyes, the first thing he did was to look at the stone in his hand.

"This stone can allow me to gain a deeper understanding of the Extreme Heaven Saber." Xu Qing felt that he had gained a lot. He then checked on the little black bugs that had devoured the immortal jelly.

Under Xu Qing's careful observation through his blood, he discovered that these little black bugs seemed to be drunk. They didn't move at all and weren't active.

However, their aura seemed to have changed slightly.

This piqued Xu Qing's interest. However, they weren't active now and he couldn't see what had changed exactly, so he didn't disturb them. After putting them away again, he memorized the location of the lake. He then left the tree hole and sped into the distance.

He was heading toward the ruins where the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple was located and see if he could have the opportunity to comprehend another Extreme Heaven saber strike. If he couldn't, he was going to study that stone to comprehend more of the saber strike.

"The edges of this stone are sharp like a blade. It must be related to the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple. It's very likely that it's a part of a certain statue!" Xu Qing analyzed.

Time flowed by and ten days passed.

During these ten days, Xu Qing continued to speed up. Occasionally, he would harvest some poisonous grass and poison from toxic beasts. He also kept on observing the group of little black bugs that had devoured the immortal jelly. However, they were still sleeping.

"Still not awake?" Xu Qing was a little surprised. If it wasn't for the fact that he could sense that they were still alive, he would have thought that they were dead.

"Let's wait and see." Xu Qing looked ahead.

He could see the ruins of an ancient city in the distance that looked like it had been resting for eternity.

It was noon. The sunlight was intense but due to the lush trees, it turned into mottled light as it landed on the ground.

Through the mottled light, Xu Qing looked at the ancient city that gave off the feeling of vicissitudes of time.

He could vaguely see a tall and magnificent temple in the center of the ruined city.

The temple gave off an ancient and mysterious feeling that mixed in with the time witnessed by this city.

"I am here." Xu Qing leaped over and walked closer to the ruins.

About ten minutes after Xu Qing stepped into the ruins...

Far away from here. On the Wanggu Continent, an earth-shattering event happened, causing all the forces in the Yinghuang Province to feel great waves in their hearts.

The taboo magic treasure of the Soaring Cloud Sword Sect in the Seven Sects Alliance was used again after nearly 200 years!

It was as though they wanted to destroy the entire Seven Blood Eyes!

The reason was that seven days ago, the Seven Sects Alliance issued another transfer order and decree to the Seven Blood Eyes, but Xue Lianzi was still stalling.

A day ago, the senate in the Seven Sects Alliance's highest conference made a unified decision and sent an envoy to the Seven Blood Eyes.

The content of the decision was for Xue Lianzi and the seven peak lords to return to the Alliance to apologize within a day. If they didn't come, they would destroy the Seven Blood Eyes along with all the disciples!

They also informed all the nonhuman and foreign forces in the Seven Blood Eyes to leave in three days; otherwise, when the Seven Blood Eyes faced the punishment, they would also have to bear the consequences.

This matter caused a commotion in many areas. A large number of nonhumans who came to visit the Seven Blood Eyes left one after another. A large number of people from the Seven Sects Alliance also left. The entire Seven Blood Eyes was in turmoil and everyone was in a state of panic.

However, Xue Lianzi didn't give an answer even after a day. The Seven Sects Alliance was furious and the taboo magic treasure of the Soaring Cloud Sword Sect was activated.

It transformed into a monstrous blood light and soared into the sky from the Seven Sects Alliance, forming a blood-colored seed in the air that headed straight for... the north!

It wasn't headed toward the Seven Blood Eyes in the south but the north!

In the Yinghuang Province, there was a mountain and a river that crossed each other, connecting the east, west, south, and north of the Yinghuang Province. The mountain was the Grand Affairs Misfortune Passing Mountain and the river was the Immortal Enrichment River.

The Grand Affairs Misfortune Passing Mountain connected the north and south and the Immortal Enrichment River connected the west and east. The place where they intersected was the center of the Yinghuang Province and in there was a sect.

This sect was called the Minor Affairs Sect and wasn't directly related to the Grand Affairs Immortal Sect. However, any large faction knew that this Minor Affairs Sect was a pawn supported by the Grand Affairs Immortal Sect to suppress the Seven Sects Alliance.

A large dam was built at the sect's location, blocking a tributary of the Immortal Enrichment River that should have flowed down the mountain path and reached the Seven Sects Alliance's estuary.

With the tributary blocked, the cleansing degree of the spiritual energy and anomalous substances in the Seven Sects Alliance was greatly affected.

To the Seven Sects Alliance, the Minor Affairs Sect was like a fishbone in their throats. They had sent the request to remove the dam many times, but the Grand Affairs Immortal Sect always intervened and proposed harsh conditions.

If the Seven Sects Alliance wanted to make a move against the Minor Affairs Sect, unless they could instantly conclude the battle, they would definitely be stopped. At the same time, under the checks and balances of the various forces, activating the Taboo for no reason would definitely attract suspicion.

Moreover, the other factions were happy to see the human race fighting among themselves and added fuel to the fire, causing the situation of the Seven Sects Alliance to become increasingly unbearable.

At that moment, the target of the blood-colored seed formed by the taboo magic treasure that erupted from the Soaring Cloud Sword Sect... was none other than the Minor Affairs Sect!

Its speed was so fast that the blood-colored seed instantly passed through an endless distance and landed in the Minor Affairs Sect.

This was the Seven Sects Alliance's true plan under the cover of conflict with the Seven Blood Eyes.

They seemed to have a huge conflict with the Seven Blood Eyes and were acting aggressively, but in reality, all of this was smoke. It was to find a reason to activate the Taboo and to pull out the fish bone from their throats!

The blood-colored seed landed and a strange blood tree rose from the ground of the Minor Affairs Sect and towered into the sky.

With a sway of the tree, more than half of the cultivators in the Minor Affairs Sect collapsed and died on the spot. Their blood was swept into the tree, and the remaining cultivators were also heavily injured.

With another sway, the sect rumbled; the ground shattered and buildings collapsed. The large dam even exploded into pieces.

Without the obstruction of the dam, the surging Immortal Enrichment River flowed along the Grand Affairs Misfortune Passing Mountain Path.

When it swayed the third time, the blood tree bloomed and an ancient voice rang out.

"The evidence is conclusive that the Minor Affairs Sect killed our Alliance's disciples. Exterminate the Minor Affairs Sect!"

The blood intent in the sky surged and formed an array formation. A hundred or so figures appeared from inside and every one of them had astonishing auras and violent killing intent!

Everything happened too quickly.

Previously, in order to intimidate the Seven Blood Eyes, a total of three sects had initiated the taboo magic treasures. Although they only activated the Soaring Cloud Sword Sect's Taboo earlier, in the next instant, the other six sects also activated their taboo magic treasures. Immediately, the sky above the entire Seven Sects Alliance changed colors.

The world was shaken!

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#### **Chapter 346: I'll Strike First**

Xu Qing, who was walking in the ruins, had no idea what had happened in the Wanggu Continent.

However, he faintly felt that there seemed to be a hint of red in the afternoon sky.

Other than that, there were no other abnormalities.

Moreover, the additional redness was very light, making it difficult for others to associate it with anything.

Hence, he only swept a glance toward the sky before retracting his gaze. He then continued to check the debris in the ruins.

The style of this ruined city was different from the cities Xu Qing had been to. The roof structures here were made with beams of various sizes that were arranged in vertical and horizontal directions. They looked very orderly and contained some sort of rules.

Although the entire city had experienced the invasion of time, one could still see luxury and exquisiteness.

Every floor tile had patterns and every house carried spirit stones. Every street was paved with white jade and every river channel was pasted with gold foil.

Now, these luxurious items had lost their splendor and value due to the corrosion of anomalous substances and time. Only when the later generations swept their gazes over could they imagine the former glory and wealth of this city.

However, after the imagination ended, what greeted their eyes were the feces of various birds and beasts, mud everywhere, insects that occasionally crawled through the mud on the ground, and sharp weeds that grew all over the city.

All of this caused the withering of this city to be very obvious. Xu Qing soon saw a fragmented stone tablet on which the word 'purple' was carved.

"According to the map in the Immortal Cleansing Pool, this is the residence of the crown prince of the Purple Green Kingdom."

Xu Qing walked on the muddy street and looked at the messy footprints on the ground. He swept his gaze in all directions and noticed the figures of cultivators passing by some buildings.

There weren't many cultivators here but there seemed to be some people around all year round.

Through the information he gathered about the ruins in the sect, Xu Qing knew that there would always be cultivators here.

They came from all over the Nanhuang Continent.

Some were cultivators from sects, and some were rogue cultivators. Because the Phoenix Forbidden was extremely vast and had abundant resources, even though it was dangerous, it still became a place for many cultivators to obtain resources.

After all, everyone had to fight for the resources in this chaotic world, especially the people of the small sects, minor forces, and rogue cultivators.

Their every increase in cultivation base and combat strength was filled with bloodshed and challenging death.

Cultivators from large sects also had such hardships. It was just that the things they fought for were at a different level and the danger they faced were also higher.

This ruin had existed for many years, so it could be considered safe. As such, it became the resting place for cultivators who came to the Phoenix Forbidden to obtain resources.

Xu Qing's arrival attracted the attention of many people. However, they only took a glance before quickly retracting their gazes. Most of the people here had cautious personalities and were especially vigilant against others.

Xu Qing's personality was the same.

As he moved forward, his gaze swept to the sides, vigilant of danger and malice that might arrive. He didn't slow down and continued to speed up toward the center of the ruined city.

Not long later, a familiar-looking temple appeared in his vision.

Unlike the other buildings in the ruined city, the top of the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple was circular.

If one looked down from a high altitude, they would see that there was only one circular building in the entire ruins and it was at the center.

With such an arrangement, one could imagine that when this place was flourishing back then, the status of this temple must have been extremely high.

Xu Qing silently stared at it and moved closer.

From afar, he saw dozens of cultivators in different clothes sitting outside the temple.

Some of these people were in groups of two to three, and some were alone. They were all sitting at spots from where they could see the inside of the temple. They would occasionally lift their heads and look into the temple.

As for their cultivation levels, most of them were at the Perfected Qi Condensation Realm. There were also Foundation Building cultivators who didn't have life fire. Only the two gray-haired and wrinkled old men's cultivation levels had reached the level of one fire.

It could be considered reasonable for these two one-fire Foundation Building old men and three to five Foundation Building cultivators in the crowd who hadn't formed their life fire to be here. After all, it wasn't impossible for them to succeed in comprehending the Extreme Heaven Saber. Once they succeeded in comprehending the Extreme Heaven Saber, it would be equivalent to reaching the heavens in a single step.

However, the existence of other Perfected Qi Condensation cultivators here was strange.

After Xu Qing swept his gaze over, he had an answer in his mind.

This was because the instant he walked over, he sensed hints of greedy malice from the crowd. However, after sensing his aura, these greedy malice quickly retreated like a startled bird.

There were some rotting bones in the surrounding grass that no one cared about.

This was the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple, the place to comprehend the Extreme Heaven Saber.

However, this was also a place where the strong preyed on the weak.

With the reputation of the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple, cultivators would come here from time to time. If they were experts, they would naturally be fine. If their cultivation levels weren't high enough, they would definitely die tragically here and lose everything.

From Xu Qing's judgment, even if they deliberately formed groups of two to three, it couldn't change the fact that they were in the same gang.

Xu Qing fell into deep thought and walked over step by step.

The dozens of people outside the Dao temple exchanged veiled glances. In the end, they didn't dare to attack Xu Qing.

Since they could survive here, they naturally had good judgment. They could faintly tell that Xu Qing wasn't harmless.

As Xu Qing got closer to the temple, he saw the familiar statue with some unfamiliarities in it. He also saw Saintly Star meditating under the statue.

The piercing light emitted by that golden robe was dazzling. The stream of light from the canopy above his head flowed in all directions like water.

Now that his eyes were closed, his entire body emitted a coldness, as though all his emotions were unnecessary to him.

Xu Qing stopped in his tracks and vigilance rose in his mind. He didn't pay much attention to Saintly Star in the sect and didn't expect him to be here.

Although Xu Qing's cultivation was extraordinary now, his preferred way of fighting was to suppress with absolute strength. Unless it was absolutely necessary, he wasn't willing to fight a hard battle.

After some thought, although Xu Qing was tempted by the other party's life lantern, there was no need for him to plunder it and have conflicts for no reason. He didn't step into the temple but planned to find a place outside where he could see the statue and try to comprehend it.

'The tree wants to remain still but the wind wouldn't let it.'

Saintly Star seemed to have sensed something. His slender eyes slowly opened with no emotions in them. His gaze was like sharp blades that directly landed on Xu Qing, who was outside the temple.

The moment he saw Xu Qing, he waved his hand without saying anything.

Immediately, the void in front of him distorted and ripples spread in the air, stirring up the dust on the ground which gathered into a stone sword.

As soon as this sword appeared, it released an astonishing aura and emitted streams of sword qi that created ravines on the ground.

Outside the temple, the expressions of the two one-fire Foundation Building old men changed drastically and they quickly retreated.

They knew that with their strength, even if they were only scratched by this casually formed sword, they would definitely die.

The others were the same and quickly retreated.

The instant they retreated, the tip of the sword in the temple turned and pointed at Xu Qing. It then charged fiercely, whistling as it headed straight for Xu Qing.

It stirred up the sound of air being torn apart, creating a series of ripples. It instantly passed the temple gate and arrived in front of Xu Qing, stabbing between his brows.

Xu Qing's expression sank as he flicked the incoming stone sword.

There was a loud sound of collision.

The stone sword collapsed and shattered into pieces. When the pieces landed in front of Xu Qing, they created a storm that swept in all directions. Wherever it passed, the weeds on the ground broke at the roots and soil flew up.

Fortunately, the dozens of cultivators had retreated quickly. Otherwise, if they were in the range of this storm, there would be no chance of survival.

In the dust storm, Xu Qing's expression was ugly. He coldly looked at the temple. His gaze met with Saintly Star's.

"What are you trying to do?" Xu Qing slowly spoke.

Saintly Star's expression was as calm as ever. To him, everything he did was based on his own preferences. If he wanted to attack, he would attack. If he wanted to kill, he would kill. In his heart, the human race of the Nanhuang Continent wasn't worth mentioning.

As for this Xu Qing in front of him, he originally didn't know him. Even though he had paid attention to him because the other party had suppressed Sima Ling, he hadn't seen his appearance. He only planned to nurture him to become nutrients.

It was only during this period of time when he was comprehending here that he heard about Xu Qing from the disciples of the Soaring Cloud Sword Sect. He also saw Xu Qing's image.

Earlier, he had casually attacked but the other party was actually unscathed. This caused a strange glint to appear in his eyes and he had the thought of devouring Xu Qing right away.

However, after some thought, he felt that if he devoured the latter now, the taste would not be satisfactory. Hence, he calmly spoke.

"You're the one who took advantage of my absence to capture my junior brother?"

"After you return, release him with three kowtows immediately. Xu Qing, remember this. If he loses a strand of hair, I'll break one of your fingers without exception."

Saintly Star calmly spoke as though he was giving instructions. After he finished speaking, he ignored Xu Qing and closed his eyes to meditate.

Everyone outside the Dao Temple held their breaths with different expressions. Their gazes sized up Xu Qing and Saintly Star.

During this period of time, they had already checked Saintly Star's identity and experienced his domineeringness. At this moment, they could see how powerful his attacks were.

At the same time, through his words, they knew Xu Qing's identity too.

"Seven Blood Eyes' Xu Qing?"

"This is a heaven's chosen of the Seven Blood Eyes..."

"So what? Facing the people of the Wanggu Continent, he still has to lower his head."

Xu Qing stood before the temple entrance. His gaze swept past Saintly Star's neck and then looked at the life lantern canopy above his head. A cold glint flashed in his eyes as his killing intent surged.

The Diamond Sect's ancestor in the black iron stick gasped repeatedly when he saw this scene. He didn't dare to rashly show himself, afraid that he would be discovered by another true dragon. However, he sighed intensely in his mind.

'In the books I read, the plots are usually the enemy bullying the protagonist. After that, the protagonist is forced into a corner and starts to counterattack. It's satisfying but I'm a little tired of reading such plots.'

'However, Demon Xu is different. With his personality, once the enemy reveals some killing intent, it will make him feel that his life is threatened. He will be filled with killing intent even without the enemy taking action.'

Xu Qing didn't know what the Diamond Sect's ancestor was thinking, but he knew that there was a difference in combat strength between him and Saintly Star. As such, he didn't act rashly at this moment. Instead, he turned around and found a place with good wind. He then began to release poison silently.

He wanted to kill this Saintly Star.

This was because when he suppressed the Soaring Cloud Sword Sect's disciple at Night Dove's headquarters, the latter didn't just lose his hair, his bones were shattered in many areas.

According to Saintly Star, a strand of hair was a finger. Since so many bones had been broken, he would definitely decide to kill Xu Qing.

'Then I'll kill you first!' Xu Qing narrowed his eyes and hid his killing intent, not revealing the slightest hint of it in his eyes. As he continued to release poison, he also observed his surroundings, searching for the other party's Dao Protectors.

Seeing this scene, the Diamond Sect's ancestor thought to himself.

'Demon Xu is releasing poison. He's going to make the first move! This is a battle between two scripts. This is a battle between true dragons!!'

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### **Chapter 347: Blades Clash**

The Diamond Sect's ancestor trembled. He couldn't tell if he was trembling in fear or excitement. He knew that once Xu Qing wanted to kill someone, unless the other party had shocking methods, he would definitely fight to the death.

In the past, Xu Qing's enemies weren't extremely strong but this time was different.

Not only did the Diamond Sect's ancestor sense how powerful that Saintly Star was from afar, but he also occasionally heard the disciples of the Homicide Department talking about him. He knew that this person had peerless talent.

However, he couldn't consider these at this moment. He understood that he only needed to know a little...

With Demon Xu's personality, if he really died here, he would definitely use all his methods before he died. Detonating the iron stick was probably one of them.

'Because of this Saintly Star, Demon Xu wants to kill. Because of this Saintly Star, Demon Xu wants to detonate me. Because of this Saintly Star, my life is in danger. All of this is because of Saintly Star. Saintly Star, you are trying to kill me!!'

When the Diamond Sect's ancestor thought of this, his eyes turned bloodshot. He stared fixedly at Saintly Star through the black iron stick.

The shadow also clearly sensed the subtle fluctuations in Xu Qing and the Diamond Sect's ancestor. Its intelligence had developed a lot now. After some thought, it also tensed up.

Dusk arrived. Xu Qing had been releasing colorless and odorless poison in the surroundings.

In reality, these weren't true poison. Regardless of whether it was individually or mixed together, they were harmless. However, once a catalyst was introduced, they could instantly turn into powerful poison.

However, Xu Qing felt that this wasn't enough to erase the difference between him and Saintly Star. After all, Saintly Star had displayed the combat strength of six fires in the Seven Blood Eyes. This combat strength was terrifying enough to fight against the First Peak's elder.

Most importantly, Xu Qing wasn't sure if the combat strength of six fires was all that Saintly Star had.

In addition, he didn't sense any traces of the other party's Dao Protectors in the vicinity.

"With his personality, Saintly Star wouldn't make the Dao Protectors remain concealed. So, he likely arranged for them to go out and deal with other things in the Phoenix Forbidden?"

Xu Qing pondered for a while. He felt that he still needed to observe more and not act rashly, just in case. At the same time, he was going to release more poison. Only then would his chances of winning increase.

He also opened five bottles that contained the little black bugs and controlled them to spread out.

However, after the little black bugs flew out, the results caused Xu Qing to be even more vigilant.

The canopy above Saintly Star's head actually possessed some kind of protective barrier, causing the little black bugs to be unable to penetrate it immediately. They could only attach themselves to it and wait for an opportunity.

"My life lantern canopy can protect the soul... Does Saintly Star's life lantern protect the body?" Xu Qing fell into deep thought.

Time flowed by. Dusk passed and night arrived. The bright moon appeared in the sky and scattered its light on the ground.

Just as Xu Qing was sensing the poison in the surroundings and wondering which poison to add, his expression suddenly changed.

He saw that the instant night fell, the expressions of the cultivators outside the temple became solemn. Some of them even had faint anticipation in their eyes.

This surprised Xu Qing. He lifted his head and his gaze landed on the one-fire Foundation Building old man in the distance.

Under Xu Qing's gaze, the old man's body trembled. After some hesitation, he hurriedly stood up and bowed to Xu Qing before speaking in a low voice.

"Fellow Daoist Xu, do you know the profundities of this Extreme Heaven Dao Temple?"

When Xu Qing heard this, his expression was as calm as ever. In the information he had obtained from the sect, there was indeed nothing about the profundities the other party had mentioned. Hence, he waited for the old man to continue.

When the old man saw this, he didn't hesitate or hide anything and told him the reason.

"Fellow Daoist Xu, this Extreme Heaven Dao Temple was normal before but there have been some changes in the past four years. Hence, there are many more people here than before."

"This change is that every time night falls and the moonlight sprinkles into the Dao temple, the moment it lands on the statue, some saber shadows will appear."

"Everyone can see them, but until now, no one has been able to successfully comprehend them. Only that lord..." The old man's gaze quickly swept past Saintly Star in the Dao Temple.

"He has gained something every night during these few days. Although we have failed time and time again, we still have some hope in our minds. We don't ask for complete comprehension. Even if we can comprehend a little, it's enough to increase our survival strength."

The old man smiled bitterly.

Xu Qing fell into deep thought and turned to look at the temple.

At that moment, the bright moon's light covered the ground and when it landed on the temple, a few rays passed through the cracks on the top of the temple and landed in the temple, shining on the statue.

Under Xu Qing's gaze, the statue in the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple slowly changed under the moonlight.

Vaguely, the statue gained some liveliness and seemed to be moving. Many saber shadows appeared beside it, faintly discernible.

However, in the blink of an eye, everything returned to normal.

Xu Qing felt strange and continued to stare. Very soon, he sensed the liveliness of the statue again and the saber shadows around it.

In the eyes of outsiders, these saber shadows were a blur. Only at a certain moment would they have the chance to see a clearer saber shadow.

However, in Xu Qing's eyes, because he had already comprehended the Extreme Heaven Saber, each of these saber shadows was very clear.

The instant he saw them clearly, an illusory heavenly saber appeared above his head!

This heavenly saber was the Extreme Heaven Saber he had comprehended. As he continued to observe the saber shadows, streams of light spread from the illusory heavenly saber as though it was undergoing some changes.

Upon closer inspection, one could see that this change was leaning toward the degree of materialization.

In the past, the heavenly saber was in an illusory form. At this moment, starting from the hilt, the heavenly saber actually showed signs of turning corporeal in the flowing light.

Moreover, this sign of materialization was still spreading. Xu Qing could imagine that once the light spread through the entire saber, the Extreme Heaven Saber would advance by a step from the illusory state in the past, infinitely close to a corporeal existence.

This scene caused the dozens of people in the surroundings to tremble. As shock appeared in their eyes, a heavenly saber similar to Xu Qing's also appeared above the head of Saintly Star, who was meditating in the Dao Temple!

However, his heavenly saber was green while Xu Qing's was purple!

Two heavenly sabers appeared one after another. This scene caused gasps to ring out in the surroundings. Many people's eyes narrowed and their breathing became slightly hurried.

The arrival of Saintly Star had already shown this astonishing scene since many days ago and the others were already used to it, but they were shocked that Xu Qing was also so peerless.

This was because they knew that this scene meant that the two of them had comprehended the Extreme Heaven Saber before. Moreover, their comprehension was astonishing and they had the possibility of successfully comprehending the second saber strike.

"This Xu Qing... is indeed the Seven Blood Eyes' heaven's chosen!"

"The two of them are comprehending. And, from the looks of it, they are both materializing the saber move's illusory form. The moment the saber completely materializes will be the moment they succeed in comprehending."

"It depends on who succeeds first. Once one of them succeeds, no matter how much the other person comprehends, their efforts will instantly be wasted and lose all their comprehension."

These dozens of people who had watched for so many days and understood the Extreme Heaven Dao Temple very well discussed in low voices, but they didn't dare to have any crooked thoughts at this moment.

This was because comprehending the Extreme Heaven Saber didn't mean that the person had lost their vigilance and killing power. If they dared to interfere, they would definitely die tragically on the spot.

In the eyes of everyone outside the Dao Temple, the heavenly sabers above Xu Qing and Saintly Star's heads were emitting a resplendent light. Moreover, it seemed that the degree of materialization of Saintly Star was clearly greater. Now, it was at 50%.

As for Xu Qing, he arrived late and didn't have much time to comprehend. Right now, his saber's materialization was less than 10%.

Xu Qing coldly looked at Saintly Star. Looking at speed of materialization, if this continued, he would definitely be faster than Saintly Star.

However, although the Extreme Heaven Saber was important, there were many Dao temples. Moreover, only by comprehending seven saber moves could it be considered an emperor-level cultivation art. Hence, to Xu Qing, success or failure in comprehending it didn't mean much..

He was considering whether he should make a move while the other party was comprehending.

"Although he has four balls of life fire and has at least six fires battle prowess... 120 magic apertures have a huge weakness!"

During this period of time, Xu Qing had been fighting against the heaven's chosens of the Seven Sects Alliance, and had studied those heaven's chosens with 120 magic apertures.

"I should release more poison. Only then will the poison's might be much greater when it is activated." Xu Qing fell silent and retracted his gaze as he decided to wait a little longer. Moreover, looking at the other party's comprehension speed, it was impossible for him to succeed in a few days.

"Also... although those Dao Protectors of his aren't here, I still have to be on guard."

When Xu Qing thought of this, he temporarily suppressed the killing intent in his mind.

The instant he suppressed his killing intent, Saintly Star turned his head and expressionlessly looked at Xu Qing outside the temple. When he saw the saber shadow above Xu Qing's head, his gaze gradually turned cold, as though he was looking at a dead person.

"Even a chicken dares to compete with a phoenix for glory!"

He didn't plan to nurture it anymore. Since Xu Qing dared to fight with him for opportunities, he would just kill him and not waste so much time. After killing him, he could continue to comprehend.

As for the other party's Seven Blood Eyes' Sequence identity, Saintly Star didn't care. This was because he had sensed the redness in the sky during the day. Coupled with some things he understood, he knew that... the Alliance had attacked the north.

Now, it was the prime time of the Alliance. The Seven Blood Eyes wouldn't dare to make a sound even if he killed a Sequence.

His personality was to follow his thoughts. Now that the killing intent in his mind had risen, he didn't hesitate at all. He suddenly stood up and took a step out of the temple.

The 120 magic apertures in his body burned like a giant stove, and the four balls of life fire in his body soared into the sky. His life lantern canopy emitted a rainbow light. Behind him, the green-bodied and red-tailed Miemeng let out a cry toward the sky.

The combat strength of six fires erupted at this moment. Its power was unstoppable and its aura suppressed the surroundings, causing the weather to change. It was as though countless lightning bolts were suddenly rumbling here.

The people outside the Dao Temple couldn't react at all. They didn't have the qualifications to see the speed of the six fires. Only Xu Qing suddenly lifted his head.

He also couldn't see the speed of six fires.

After all, the difference between the six fires and the five fires was like four fires suppressing three fires. The difference was too great!

However, the surroundings were filled with his poison and the little black bugs filled the barrier around Saintly Star. All of this allowed Xu Qing to instantly sense him.

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### **Chapter 348: Life Fires**

Although Xu Qing had never truly fought against six fires, he was well aware of it and could even imagine it.

This was because he understood that at the Foundation Building realm, the appearance of every ball of fire would cause the cultivator's combat strength to increase drastically.

Many times, he even felt that every additional ball of life fire in Foundation Building was like when he broke through to Foundation Building. It was as though he had crossed a major realm.

Xu Qing didn't know if there were other worlds outside the starry sky of this world. If there were, would the various races in those worlds cultivate like them?

Were they also cultivating life fires at the Foundation Building realm? And, experiencing such a huge change with every additional life fire?

This was because Xu Qing felt that the difference between cultivators in the Foundation Building realm was too great.

For example, four fires could suppress and kill three fires easily unless the other party had an astonishing treasure. Moreover, this difference couldn't be offset by quantity. This was completely different from when the cultivators were at Qi Condensation.

It was the same logic for six fires suppressing five fires.

At that moment, Xu Qing could only sense that Saintly Star had moved. However, he couldn't see the other party's figure at all.

Even though the three balls of life fire in his body rose and the power of the life lantern formed, and there was the physical strength enhancement from the Golden Crow, he could only barely see the blurry afterimage of Saintly Star appearing in front of him at an incomparably astonishing speed.

At the next instant, an extremely terrifying fluctuation that shattered the surroundings erupted in front of him.

A rumbling sound rang out, and Xu Qing's entire body trembled violently. His body was sent flying like a kite with a broken string. His face was pale and blood flowed from his mouth, but he didn't suffer any other injuries.

Outside his body, a light barrier was formed the moment Saintly Star arrived, forming a protective barrier that blocked this terrifying six-fire attack!

"So you're relying on Nascent Soul protection. However, this protection is dim. How long can it last?" Saintly Star calmly spoke. He looked at Xu Qing and retracted his palm.

Xu Qing's body landed on the ground and continued to be pushed back, leaving a long mark. He only stopped when he was hundreds of feet away. When he lifted his head and looked at Saintly Star, his gaze was icy cold.

At this moment, Xu Qing personally experienced how strong Saintly Star was. The feeling the other party gave him was basically no different from when the Starfish Race's patriarch revealed his Golden Core cultivation.

It was the same speed and explosive power.

It was natural for the few highnesses of the First Peak to not be able to resist such combat strength and be defeated in one move.

Clearly, if they were in the outside world and not in the Seven Blood Eyes, they wouldn't just be defeated but killed.

As such, Xu Qing was very clear that even with his current combat strength of five fires, if he didn't have the protection of the jade slip Lord Sixth had given him, he would have died in that instant just now. Even the purple crystal would have no time to heal him.

The terror of the six fires wasn't just these. The little black bugs that Xu Qing released could still only hide outside Saintly Star's body and couldn't break through the invisible defense formed by the power of his life lantern.

"In that case, the six fires... is equivalent to the power of the Golden Core with a heavenly palace?" Xu Qing recalled that when he read the information about Sima Ru from the Bizarre Hunting Sect, it had mentioned the heavenly palace.

Currently, he was no longer unfamiliar with the Golden Core realm. He knew that the Golden Core cultivated the Heavenly Palace and not just one.

For example, Sima Ru was in closed-door cultivation trying to form a second heavenly palace.

"Heavenly Palace Golden Core Realm. One palace is six fires?" Xu Qing fell into deep thought.

If outsiders were to hear what Xu Qing was thinking right now, they would be astonished.

This was because Xu Qing actually didn't have the slightest worry at this moment. He even had the time to consider the power of the Golden Core's heavenly palace.

"Interesting. You're actually in the mood to think? In that case, let's see how many times your protection can last."

Saintly Star calmly took a step forward. One could only see afterimages as he directly arrived in front of Xu Qing and slapped out again.

However, this time around, Xu Qing counterattacked.

The instant the other party's palm landed, the 92 magic apertures in Xu Qing's body instantly rose, forming a piercing fiery light that shone outside. He then performed a series of hand seals with both hands and pressed forward.

With this push, a wisp of remnant soul in his magic aperture was released by Xu Qing.

Immediately, a rumbling sound echoed. Saintly Star's speed was too fast and he directly appeared beside Xu Qing. He lifted his right hand and waved it indifferently. Xu Qing's entire body trembled violently. As the jade slip's protection trembled intensely, his body was sent flying again.

However, the remnant soul he had released earlier seemed to have some instinct. After it appeared, it headed straight for Saintly Star, emitting greed and madness.

"Too weak." Saintly Star shook his head and waved his right hand to the side, wanting to erase the remnant soul.

However, the instant his right hand came into contact with the remnant soul, the greed in the remnant soul increased greatly. It actually ignored Saintly Star's attack and drilled fiercely into his right hand.

This remnant soul was none other than the soul of the Bizarre Fiend Race that hadn't died after Xu Qing captured and tortured it until now.

This race was mysterious and innately possessed a method of possession. Even though Saintly Star had the life lantern to protect him, it protected his body, not his soul.

Hence, the soul of the Bizarre Fiend Race ignored the protective barrier and entered Saintly Star's body, crazily surging toward his soul, wanting to devour it.

"Interesting." Saintly Star's expression didn't change at all, but the eyes of Miemeng bird behind him revealed disdain. It let out a cry before spreading its wings and pecked fiercely at Saintly Star's body!

Its body was illusory and this peck directly passed through Saintly Star's body. With a mournful cry, the remnant soul of the Bizarre Fiend Race, which had been tortured by Xu Qing for a long time and was incomparably fragile, was pecked and swallowed.

There seemed to be a black hole in Miemeng. After the remnant soul of the Bizarre Fiend Race was swallowed, it was suppressed in the black hole, preventing it from escaping. It kept on crying and screaming.

From the start to the end, Saintly Star's expression didn't fluctuate at all. It was as though this remnant soul was insignificant to him. He turned his head and looked at Xu Qing in the distance. He shook his head.

"Do you have any other methods? If not, the moment your protection collapses will be the moment of your death."

"You're very talkative." Xu Qing licked the blood from the corner of his mouth. His eyes were cold as he calmly spoke.

Saintly Star didn't speak. He lifted his right foot and was about to land it.

However, at this moment, his body suddenly trembled and his expression changed for the first time. He lowered his head and saw the last magic aperture out of the 120 magic apertures in his body; at some point in time, a shadow had appeared on it!

This shadow was like a living creature. At this moment, it crazily filled the magic aperture. Its speed was so fast that almost the instant Saintly Star's expression changed and he sensed it, it had already covered the last one of the 120 magic apertures.

It was completely blocked!!

As this magic aperture was blocked, the fourth ball of life fire in Saintly Star's body suddenly dimmed. Even the light on his body dimmed a little.

Moreover, this wasn't over. In just three breaths of time, the fourth ball of life fire in Saintly Star's body was extinguished!!

A ball of life fire was supported by 30 magic apertures. This was an eternal law of the Foundation Building realm.

No one was an exception. 119 magic apertures couldn't support four balls of life fire!

This was the reason why Xu Qing dared to attack previously and even had the time to think about the Golden Core combat strength of the Heavenly Palace when facing Saintly Star who had the combat strength of six fires.

This was the greatest weakness of these heaven's chosens from the Seven Sects Alliance after he studied them!

As long as one of their magic apertures was blocked or destroyed, the other party's combat strength would instantly decrease by a ball of life fire.

The thing that could achieve this was the shadow that could extinguish life fires. No matter how strong Saintly Star's cultivation was, the shadow could suppress one of his magic apertures by going all out!

This was Xu Qing's method!

At that moment, as the shadow crazily adhered to the magic aperture like a plaster and desperately blocked it, the life fires in Saintly Star's body went from four balls to three balls.

His expression turned gloomy. However, regardless of whether it was Miemeng's attack or his life lantern's fire, they couldn't expel the shadow.

He understood how it appeared.

It had hidden in the remnant soul from before and entered his body. The remnant soul was only a cover to attract his attention. As for Miemeng, it only expelled the remnant soul and didn't sense this shadow.

Hence, the shadow got this chance.

"Such a method..." Saintly Star looked at Xu Qing as killing intent flashed in his eyes.

"So what?"

"The weak are ultimately the weak. Even if I lose one life fire, I can still suppress you with the power of the five fires!" The combat strength of five fires erupted as he charged toward Xu Qing.

However, this time around, the killing intent in Xu Qing's eyes was completely released.

This was because he could see all of the other party's movements clearly. The other party's speed was now the same as his. Hence, Xu Qing also moved.

His speed was extremely fast, like lightning. In the blink of an eye, he came into contact with Saintly Star in the mid-air.

Saintly Star's eyes narrowed. Xu Qing's speed surprised him.

He slapped down with his right hand. Xu Qing's expression was calm and his eyes were cold as he punched out. As the two of them crossed paths, Saintly Star let out a cold snort. He performed a series of hand seals and flicked his sleeve; immediately, a huge force spread out and his fingers stabbed toward Xu Qing's eyes.

Xu Qing's left hand formed a seal and a dagger manifested, slashing at Saintly Star's neck.

Saintly Star kicked toward Xu Qing. Xu Qing dodged it and leaped up, heading straight for Saintly Star's chest. At the same time, he waved his hands and fiendish fire erupted in all directions.

A sharp glint appeared in Saintly Star's eyes. He clenched his hands and smashed them down.

A loud sound rang out like a large bell!

A series of rumbling sounds continuously erupted in all directions, causing the weather to change and the world to tremble.

Xu Qing and Saintly Star's figures couldn't be seen clearly by outsiders. They could only hear rumbling sounds and terrifying fluctuations that kept exploding. Countless buildings on the ground kept collapsing, as though an invisible hand was sweeping over them.

It was incomparably intense.

At the next instant, Saintly Star's figure appeared in the air and retreated by more than 100 feet. A hint of surprise appeared in his eyes as he stared fixedly at Xu Qing and suddenly spoke.

"There is something wrong with your body!"

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#### **Chapter 349: Battle of the Divine Sons**

Almost at the instant Saintly Star spoke, Xu Qing moved closer and punched out.

Saintly Star immediately waved his hand to block it. He then retreated and the light in his eyes grew even brighter.

"Let me see what's wrong with your body!"

Xu Qing didn't say a word. The killing intent in his eyes intensified as he immediately closed the distance.

The two of them instantly collided again. It was unknown what method Saintly Star used but his entire body shone with golden light that shot in all directions, forming a sea of light. Xu Qing had no choice but to dodge.

The instant he dodged, the sea of light formed one shining rune after another that chased after Xu Qing.

These runes contained lethality. The moment they got close, they transformed into sealing power as well. For a moment, the sky emitted a halo and the ruins on the ground shook.

When Xu Qing was bombarded and sealed by the sea of light runes, there was a hint of excitement in Saintly Star's eyes. Clearly, he had already guessed it and was only short of confirming it.

He performed a series of hand seals with his left hand and took three steps back. With each step, he performed different hand seals.

At his first step, a chilly wind rose around him and lowered the temperature of the surroundings.

At his second step, wisps of green light formed around him and quickly gathered in front of him into the shape of a sword embryo.

At his third step, the sword embryo rapidly grew from the size of a palm to 100 feet, until it transformed into a 1000-foot-long sword.

This sword was completely green and seemed illusory. It emitted an astonishing aura that was enough to shake one's soul.

The three steps were completed, but the magic power in Saintly Star's body was still dense. His eyes revealed a bright light as he pointed his right hand at Xu Qing. His voice seemed to have fused into the wind.

"Soaring Cloud Soul Severance!"

Flames erupted from Xu Qing's body, forming a sea of fire that shattered the light runes layer by layer. His eyes narrowed when he saw the large green sword.

At the next instant, this large green sword slashed toward Xu Qing.

Xu Qing dodged but the sword seemed to have locked onto his soul, making it impossible for him to dodge.

A sharp glint appeared in Xu Qing's eyes and he decided not to dodge anymore. He performed a series of hand seals with both hands and pressed forward. The flames in his body soared into the sky.

The large sword instantly got close. The moment it came into contact with him, it shrunk greatly as it entered Xu Qing's body.

In the blink of an eye, it completely entered Xu Qing's body, transforming into a soul-severing force that headed straight for his soul.

The instant the soul-severing sword rushed over, the black umbrella formed by the life lantern in Xu Qing's body materialized in front of his sea of consciousness, forming a protective barrier!

A cold glint flashed in Xu Qing's eyes. He couldn't conceal it anymore.

He already knew that his life lantern couldn't be kept hidden when fighting against a strong enemy like Saintly Star. After all, it was impossible for his strength to increase out of thin air. The shadow was already doing its best to suppress Saintly Star's magic aperture.

Since that was the case, hiding was useless. It was better to reveal his cards to find a way to kill him.

At that moment, the soul severing sword blasted onto the black umbrella that was covered with black flames.

Like an egg hitting a rock, the soul severing sword shattered into countless green lights. As the black umbrella rose, the green lights were forced out of Xu Qing's body.

From afar, countless green light spots shot out from Xu Qing's body. At this moment, a canopy appeared above his head!

The black canopy emitted a strange aura. There were also black flames falling from the eaves at the edge of the canopy, as though they were flowing. This caused Xu Qing, who was standing in the air, to be incomparably eye-catching!

All the cultivators in the surroundings who were paying attention to this battle were shocked.

Not only did Saintly Star see it, but everyone in the surroundings also saw the canopy.

"Life lantern!!!"

Saintly Star's eyes widened and waves of emotions surged in his mind. His breathing became hurried and his entire body and mind were filled with ecstasy.

He had already seen that something was wrong with Xu Qing earlier. Xu Qing clearly had the combat strength of three fires. Even with the addition of an emperor-level cultivation art, it was absolutely impossible for the latter to fight with him until now. The instant he saw the black umbrella, his doubts were confirmed.

He immediately understood why Xu Qing could suppress Sima Ling and why Xu Qing dared to fight him.

He finally had the answer.

Xu Qing's expression was calm with not even the slightest hint of panic. Although the exposure of the life lantern was very significant, Xu Qing felt that if he could snatch Saintly Star's life lantern, his combat strength would similarly reach six fires with two life lanterns.

'The risk of being exposed will be much lower if I kill this Saintly Star. If the news still spreads, at most, I'll leave the Seven Blood Eyes and fly far away, hiding my identity!'

'Although I will have to abandon the benefits from the main city's port, everything will be worth it if I obtain Saintly Star's life lantern!' Killing intent flashed in Xu Qing's eyes as he readied himself.

However, Saintly Star laughed at the sky and waved his hands. Immediately, a hundred streams of sword qi formed in front of him. As he waved his sleeve, these sword qi suddenly headed straight for the ground below.

Under the horror of the cultivators outside the temple, these sword qi pierced through their bodies.

Miserable cries rang out immediately. These sword qi didn't dissipate and spread out layer by layer, killing everything in its path.

Saintly Star wanted to silence any cultivator who saw Xu Qing's life lantern!

The appearance of the life lantern was a huge matter. He wouldn't allow this news to spread.

This was because he already believed Xu Qing's life lantern to be his. When he thought about how his combat strength would rise to an unimaginable level of seven fires, he felt intense excitement.

He also knew that life lanterns were even more meaningful to the Heavenly Palace Golden Core cultivators. A life lantern could allow the Golden Core to directly open a Heavenly Palace in the life fog!

Two life lanterns meant two palaces!

As such, he didn't recall the Dao Protectors who had gone out.

He was worried that those three people wouldn't be able to control their greed. After all, his life lantern and Xu Qing's life lantern were different!

The reason why he could reveal his life lantern was because there were very few people in the Yinghuang Province who could snatch it away. Moreover, he only had the right to use it and it didn't really belong to him. However, Xu Qing's... was different!

'This is a life lantern that completely belongs to him!! How dare he!'

'The number one heaven's chosen of the Seven Blood Eyes has hidden himself so deeply!'

For the first time, a hint of greed appeared in Saintly Star's eyes as he laughed loudly.

"I didn't expect my opportunity to be here. Xu Qing, my life lantern is with you!"

As he spoke, Saintly Star's entire body emitted a golden light. The Miemeng on his back manifested in the golden light, revealing its entire body.

Its body was a thousand feet long. It had a green body, a red tail, a long beak, and a large stomach. It looked extremely ugly and peculiar.

After it appeared, Miemeng let out a long cry. When it looked at Xu Qing savagely, Xu Qing narrowed his eyes. Black flames erupted from his back and spread in all directions. At the same time, the Golden Crow appeared behind him. Its tail flames swayed and shook the surroundings.

At the next instant, Xu Qing charged forward with vicious killing intent.

Saintly Star also rushed over with a greedy expression.

In the blink of an eye, Xu Qing and Saintly Star came into contact in mid-air. This time, it was even more intense than before.

Previously, the two of them had mainly used their physical strength against each other. They didn't use many spells and didn't use their emperor-level cultivation arts either. They were observing the other party's weak points.

At this moment, the battle had already reached its climax. Both sides no longer probed and attacked with killing moves.

Saintly Star's emperor-level cultivation art, Miemeng Devours the Heaven Art, transformed into the ferocious bird, Miemeng, and tried to devour the Golden Crow.

Xu Qing's Golden Crow formed by Golden Crow Refines All Life revealed endless ferocity as it sucked fiercely at Miemeng.

From afar, Miemeng emitted a golden light and the Golden Crow emitted black flames. One devoured while the other inhaled, one grabbed while the other refined.

Xu Qing and Saintly Star kept intertwining in the air as they exchanged blows after blows. Sometimes, Xu Qing would be blasted to the ground and he would rush out to fight again.

Sometimes, Saintly Star was sent flying far away and collided with the buildings. The buildings collapsed and he also rushed out immediately.

As the two of them fought, the sky distorted and the ground shattered. Seeing that they couldn't do anything to the other party, they used their life lanterns.

The black flames of Xu Qing's black umbrella carried a terrifying might while the rainbow colored canopy of Saintly Star emitted streams of light that formed an unfathomable power. Both suppressed each other, stirring up an even more violent rumbling storm.

A moment later, the power of their respective emperor-level cultivation arts and life lanterns was activated at the same time and ruthlessly blasted into each other.

Both of them spat out blood and were sent back due to the collision. With the Dao Temple as the center, they each retreated 1000 feet and stood in the sky, as though they were splitting the sky into two!

Saintly Star was dressed in a golden Daoist robe. The surrounding golden light formed a sea that illuminated the earth. There was a rainbow-colored canopy on his head that flowed with light. Behind him, Miemeng roared sinisterly as though it wanted to devour the sky. Coupled with Saintly Star's extraordinary appearance, he was like a young ruler who had descended into the world.

It was like he owned the world!

Xu Qing was dressed in a purple Daoist robe. The black sea of fire in his surroundings burned the sky, and the black canopy on his head was sinister and flowed with flames. The Golden Crow spread out its wings on his back and its eyes revealed cruelty as though it wanted to refine the world. Its tail flames flowed through Xu Qing's entire body, making it look like he was wearing the emperor's robe!

Coupled with Xu Qing's peerless appearance, he was like a young ancient sovereign walking into the human world.

Peerless throughout all ages!

Saintly Star stared at Xu Qing with an intense gaze. While he was filled with killing intent, he had to admit that Xu Qing was indeed very strong. He had qualifications to be an ancient sovereign.

In fact, if he were to be placed in the small worlds outside the world of Wanggu Continent, such combat strength would allow him to fight a Nascent Soul cultivator.

The level of the Wanggu World was extremely high. According to the ancient records he had read, there were countless small worlds outside the Wanggu Continent before the fragmented face of the god arrived.

The cultivators in those small worlds were extremely weak. Those at the Perfected Foundation Building realm only had the combat strength of one life fire.

Compared to the Wanggu Continent, the difference was too great.

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### **Chapter 350: The Sun and Moon Fight for Glory**

Xu Qing stared at Saintly Star.

He admitted that the other party was very strong and was the strongest enemy he had encountered since he stepped onto the path of cultivation.

This was even after he used his shadow to cover the other party's magic aperture, causing his combat strength to be reduced by one fire.

Otherwise, Xu Qing knew that he wasn't a match.

Even with one less fire, the other party's methods were still abundant. His emperor-level cultivation art was astonishing and he had countless divine arts. His life lantern's defense even blocked Xu Qing's poison.

'If I obtain his life lantern, my body will also be protected and my defense will be even more perfect!'

Xu Qing's killing intent grew even stronger as he stared at Saintly Star's neck and the life lantern canopy above his head.

When Xu Qing looked at Saintly Star, Saintly Star was also staring at Xu Qing. Among the cultivators of the same realm he had fought in the Yinghuang Province, Xu Qing could basically be ranked among the top three.

He had not expected to meet such a person in a small place like the Nanhuang Continent.

"It seems that the ancestor is right. A great era has arrived and it contains great opportunities. Heaven's chosen appear frequently and demons rise everywhere. Once I fuse Xu Qing's life lantern into my body, not only will I be able to instantly increase my combat strength by another life fire, but the more important part is the Heavenly Palace."

"The value of the life lantern is not only reflected in the Foundation Building realm but also the Heavenly Palace Golden Core Realm! Once I fuse with his life lantern, the moment I break through to the Golden Core realm, with the two life lanterns, I can first project two palaces in the life fog."

"One palace means the power of six fires. As soon as I step into the Golden Core Realm, I will possess the power of at least 12 fires. After nurturing my cultivation for a period of time and opening the true first Heavenly Palace, I will be able to obtain the power of 18 fires!"

"There's also his emperor-level cultivation art. If I kill him and devour his Golden Crow Refines All Life, my Miemeng's chances of entering the second level will be even greater!"

"Advancing an emperor-level cultivation art is extremely difficult. Even the descendants of those ancient sovereigns and rulers were unable to advance their emperor-level cultivation arts to the second level at the Foundation Building realm. In fact, it was very difficult for them to advance their cultivation arts even when they reached the Golden Core realm. If they succeed, the enhancement from an emperor-level cultivation art will no longer be the power of one life fire but six fires like the Heavenly Palace!"

"If I succeed, the moment I step into the Golden Core Realm, I will possess the power of 18 fires. Moreover, I'll be able to reach 24 fires very soon. With such combat strength, I'll be the undisputed number one heaven's chosen of the Yinghuang Province. I'll then use this identity to join the Sword Holder. My path will soar and I'll be able to reach Fenghai County!"

Saintly Star and Xu Qing occupied two sides of the sky. On Saintly Star's side, rainbow light filled the air, causing the ground to turn colorful.

At Xu Qing's side, the surroundings were pitch-black. Black flames burned the sky, emitting rumbling sounds. The two of them stared at each other from afar and could see the rising killing intent in each other.

At the next instant, they moved at the same time.

From afar, it looked like two different skies were colliding.

It was Miemeng and the Golden Crow, these two legendary divine birds, emitting cries as they tried to devour the other.

It was two canopies erupting with their respective divine lights.

It was a life-and-death battle between the young ruler and the young ancient sovereign.

The sounds spread in all directions, and the sky changed colors!

As the sky seemed to be about to explode, Xu Qing and Saintly Star each attacked with all their might. Their bodies trembled violently and they had no choice but to retreat.

"Damn it, if my six-fire combat strength was still here!" Saintly Star's expression was gloomy. The life fires in his body burned as he tried his best to expel the black shadow on the 120th magic aperture.

However, no matter how intense his flames were, the shadow persisted. It was desperately blocking the magic aperture that was like a volcano mouth, preventing the magic power in it from spreading out at all, causing Saintly Star's fourth ball of life fire to be unable to form.

The killing intent in Saintly Star's eyes intensified. As he retreated, he saw Xu Qing's body sway in the distance and approach him with sharp killing intent.

A hint of determination appeared in his eyes. He bit the tip of his tongue and spat out blood.

"Ghost Cloth, seal the body and soul!"

As he chanted, the mouthful of blood instantly grew to a thousand feet in the blink of an eye and formed a blood-colored robe that swept toward Xu Qing.

Xu Qing's eyes narrowed. The Golden Crow behind him let out a cry and the black flames spread out. However, the blood robe actually didn't care about the damage and spared no expense to forcefully arrive and wrap around Xu Qing.

A sealing power erupted from it, causing Xu Qing's body to involuntarily stop in mid-air.

A cold glint flashed in Xu Qing's eyes. The Golden Crow behind him cried and the life lantern canopy above his head burned, wanting to disperse the power of the seal.

At this moment, Saintly Star lifted his right hand and formed a seal.

"Heavenly Blood Sword!"

In an instant, his right hand turned red and the qi and blood in his entire body churned. A blood light erupted from the top of his head and headed straight for the sky.

Upon closer inspection, there was a flying sword in the blood light!

The sky trembled as though dragons were swimming in it. Amidst the majestic rumbling, the entire sky turned blood red as though it was enveloped by a blood-colored curtain.

In the blood-colored sky, a huge sword tip appeared. The range of this sword tip was a thousand feet. After it appeared, it suddenly sank, revealing an even more majestic sword body.

There were a large number of marks on the sword and countless broken limbs.

As soon as this sword appeared, the sky seemed to shatter. At the same time, the blood light around the sword transformed into a sea of blood that formed a huge vortex.

A terrifying force erupted from within, gathering at the tip of the large sword. Amidst the shocking sight, the blood-colored large sword descended vertically upon Xu Qing!

It was extremely fast and arrived before Xu Qing in an instant. Xu Qing wanted to dodge, but the blood robe used all its strength to restrain him even though it was burning!

A sense of danger stirred in Xu Qing's mind. He looked at the large sword and used the protection jade given by Lord Sixth without any hesitation.

The large sword landed and pierced into the protective barrier.

Rumbling sounds rang out like thunder, resounding through the clouds.

The protective power rapidly weakened and Xu Qing's body trembled intensely as he was pushed down by the astonishing force from the large sword.

A cold glint flashed in Saintly Star's eyes. He waved his hand at Xu Qing.

"Soul Shaking Demon Suppression Sword!"

A second blood light rose from the top of his head. It also had a flying sword that started growing rapidly, forming a second blood-colored sword in front of him!

This sword was the same length and shape as the falling sword from the sky. The marks on it were the same as well. However, it didn't descend from the sky but transformed in front of Saintly Star. It slashed toward Xu Qing like the autumn wind sweeping away leaves!

The second large sword swept through everything in its path like it was cutting butter. Wherever it passed, all the buildings instantly collapsed and the ground caved in as though it was being pressed.

A force that could overturn mountains and seas exploded at this moment. Xu Qing's expression darkened. The second sword arrived before him and slashed at his barrier.

When the large sword in front of him collided with his barrier, both swords erupted with terrifying power, causing Xu Qing to suffer injuries even though he was inside the barrier.

However, the killing move from Saintly Star wasn't over. Almost at the same time that the Heavenly Blood Sword and Soul Shaking Demon Suppression Sword were displayed, he put his palms together and pointed at Xu Qing.

"Northern Ghost Inquires the Heaven Sword!"

As soon as he finished speaking, ghosts appeared in the blood-colored vortex in the sky above Xu Qing. These ghosts were strange in that they didn't have faces and were all carrying swords on their backs.

They gave off cold presence and even emitted sharp sword qi. After they appeared, they immediately descended from the vortex and surrounded Xu Qing.

A total of eight ghosts had their backs facing Xu Qing. As Saintly Star let out a low shout, the eight sword ghosts moved in unison. They grabbed the swords on their backs and turned around, slashing at Xu Qing!

The sword qi churned like the sea and slashed out eight times at Xu Qing!

The speed of these eight swords was too fast. They were sudden like the rainstorm and also like bolts of lightning that instantly landed on Xu Qing's barrier.

At this moment, a total of ten swords were attacking the barrier. After the consumption in the Starfish Island and persisting for so long, Lord Sixth's defensive jade was finally exhausted and the barrier collapsed.

As it dissipated, more than half of the ten swords dissipated. However, some sword qi still entered Xu Qing's body and headed straight for his life fires.

Xu Qing's expression was gloomy. Although he finally burned the blood robe outside his body completely with the help of this collapsing force, the sword qi inside his body still caused him to cough out a mouthful of blood.

Seeing Saintly Star approaching, the aura in Xu Qing's body became unstable. He didn't hesitate and quickly retreated. The life fires in his body flickered as he used all his strength to suppress the sword qi.

All of this took a long time to describe but in reality, everything happened in the blink of an eye. As Xu Qing retreated, Saintly Star caught up to him in the blink of an eye and was ready to attack.

However, Xu Qing suppressed the sword qi in his body at this moment and turned around, his eyes revealing ruthlessness.

He ruthlessly swung his right hand at the approaching Saintly Star. Immediately, the mosasaur manifested behind him in all its majesty. The moment it appeared, it pierced through Xu Qing's body and devoured the approaching Saintly Star.

Saintly Star's expression darkened. He spread out the protective barrier of his life lantern and resisted with all his might.

The mosasaur collapsed but it still caused Saintly Star to take a few steps back. Ripples spread on the life lantern's defense like water. However, Xu Qing's counterattack wasn't over. Almost at the instant the mosasaur was destroyed, the magic ship appeared.

He didn't use its divine attack. If he did that, the power would be scattered which wasn't suitable for this situation.

As soon as the magic ship appeared, Xu Qing controlled it to collide with Saintly Star. There was also the power of self-destruction.

Saintly Star had just destroyed the mosasaur when the magic ship appeared before him. He didn't have time to dodge as Xu Qing's magic boat directly self-destructed. A deafening boom rang out in all directions and the divinity contained in the magic boat and its own power transformed into terrifying energy fluctuations that spread out.

Saintly Star trembled and his expression was sinister. However, he was still sent back by the impact and his life lantern's defense fluctuated intensely.

As he was sent back, Xu Qing performed a series of hand seals with both hands. A purple heavenly saber suddenly formed in the sky above his head and slashed down.

It wasn't over. Xu Qing finally activated the poison he had set up in the surroundings. It instantly enveloped the surroundings and targeted the life lantern's defense, forming a corrosive power that rapidly weakened it!

The reason why he was willing to exhaust Lord Sixth's protection jade earlier and waited until now was all to stall for time as he thought of ways to shatter the life lantern's defense!

Otherwise, with the life lantern's protective barrier still around, this battle wouldn't be easy.

Hence, he needed time to add more poison and adjust its effects, allowing the poison that permeated this place to be more effective in corrosion. Only then could he unleash its strength the instant it was stimulated!

As the heavenly saber slashed down, the poison intent erupted.