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Chapter 441: Nether Fairy Goes Crazy

Xu Qing's speed completely erupted. With the help of the repulsion force here, his speed was further boosted. The moment the red-clothed woman's voice rang out, he had already retreated by 500 feet and arrived beside the captain.

He looked at the confusion in the woman's eyes and an indescribable uneasiness rose in his heart. At the same time, the captain quickly acted and grabbed Xu Qing's arm.

"Don't move!"

Xu Qing stopped in his tracks. The captain's words made him fall into deep thought. Hence, he lifted his head and looked at the woman in red in front of him.

The woman in red stood on the spot with a confused expression. The blood on her hand was rapidly evaporating, forming a thin blood fog that filled the surroundings.

This fog grew denser and denser and continued to spread out. In the end, it formed streams of blood that flowed around the woman in red.

More and more blood flowed, and in the blink of an eye, there were hundreds of blood streams that emitted terrifying fluctuations and a dense fragrance.

This was very strange!

Moreover, the number was still increasing.

As the confusion in the red-clothed woman's eyes deepened, the blood in the surroundings forked, forming more and circulating faster.

In an instant, the blood streams went from hundreds to a thousand, intertwining in all directions, forming ring after ring.

This scene couldn't help but make one feel shocked.

There was also a cold wind that blew from the direction of the woman in red, landing on Xu Qing's body. The pores on his body stood up and his eyes narrowed as he stood there motionlessly.

Xu Qing's many years of killing and fighting had developed an instinct for danger. Now, this instinct and the captain's reminder clearly told him that he couldn't move.

Once he moved, he would face extreme danger.

This feeling was very strange and irrational. This was because no matter how he looked at it, the red-clothed woman's cultivation was only at the level of three palaces of the Golden Core Realm. However, it gave Xu Qing an intense sense of danger.

The captain's body didn't move either and his expression was even more solemn. He stared at the woman in red and transmitted his voice to Xu Qing.

"Don't move. This woman is too strange. Not only does she have the Litu Sect's holy item and inherited emperor-level cultivation art, but she also has the Blood Domain that is the most difficult to cultivate in the Grand Affairs Immortal Sect."

"Since ancient times, very few people have succeeded in cultivating this Blood Domain. It's said that under this Blood Domain, the other party has the ability to instantly kill people of the same realm. I don't know if it's true or false, but it's best if we don't test it."

"There's a flaw in this domain that might not even be a flaw. That is... the world in the other party's eyes is extremely sensitive to dynamic things!"

Xu Qing could clearly sense the solemnity in the captain's voice transmission.

His eyes stared at the woman in red and gradually narrowed.

At that moment, there was no sound from the surroundings. Only the whimpering sound of the wind rang out and the sound of the space shattering formed by the aura of the Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy's clone.

There was also the sound of corrosion coming from the face of the clone. This sound was like the sound of a large number of bubbles shattering. This started happening after the Dao blood was taken away by Xu Qing.

The nose was the first to melt, followed by the eyes and mouth. All of this caused the face of the clone to become incomparably ugly and monstrous.

At the same time, the skin color of the entire face was already turning black.

Xu Qing and the captain didn't notice the melting scene. Their gazes were all on the woman in red.

At that moment, the woman in red's eyes were still blank, as though she wasn't focused. She seemed to be looking at Xu Qing and the captain but she gave off the feeling that Xu Qing and the captain didn't exist in her eyes.

"Is it you guys?" The woman in red asked softly.

Such a gaze and repeated words caused the vigilance in Xu Qing's heart to intensify again. The Golden Crow tattoo on his body also began to burn and the Infinite Crown on his head emitted a dazzling light.

The Heavenly Palaces in his body shook and the little black bugs filled the surroundings, preparing for the fight.

The captain was the same. His body emitted an astonishing cold air and the face in his pupils also opened its eyes. Moreover, upon closer inspection, there was actually a face flickering in the pupils of the face, as though it was a little unstable.

The instant they faced each other, the woman in red lifted her right foot.

The speed of the blood water in the surroundings suddenly increased, forming a sharp whistling sound. It was as though it could cut through everything as it surged toward Xu Qing and the captain.

However, at this moment, a sharp cry suddenly rang out from the sky.

"What did you guys do!!!"

This sound was so loud that it surpassed the sound of lightning. It was as though countless lightning bolts had exploded. The impact caused Xu Qing and the captain's bodies to tremble and they spat out blood as their bodies retreated.

The blood in the surroundings of the red-clothed woman also trembled and rapidly flowed back, returning to the red-clothed woman's palm. After it turned into blood again, the red-clothed woman's expression distorted. In an instant, the confusion in her eyes dissipated and turned into sharpness from before. Without any hesitation, she suddenly retreated in a direction.

Xu Qing and the captain didn't have the time to care about anything else and fled at full speed.

At the same time that the two of them left, a body of Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy in the sky rushed over with anger in her eyes. Blood flowed from the corner of her mouth and her clothes were tattered.

Previously, when she was fighting a life-and-death battle in the sky, she didn't pay attention to the ground. Just now, she glanced over and saw three human juniors around her clone. There was something wrong with the clone's expression, as though it was blurry.

This caused her heart to skip a beat. She didn't hesitate to break free despite being injured. When she got a closer look, her body trembled and her eyes widened in disbelief.

She saw the pitch-black expression of her clone.

She saw its melting facial features.

She saw the indescribable ugliness.

To a woman who loved beauty, the stimulation formed by this scene was earth-shattering.

Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy's body trembled intensely and her breathing became hurried. A monstrous anger rose in her heart that seemed to be able to burn everything.

"You!"

"You!!!"

"You're courting death!!!" Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy let out a mournful cry and went crazy. She lifted her hand and was about to slap Xu Qing, the captain, and the red-clothed woman.

However, at the next instant, two Sword Holder Elders chased after her from the sky.

They also saw the black face and melted facial features of the clone on the ground, and also the fleeing Xu Qing and the other two. A strange feeling rose in their hearts.

Although the three of them had their appearances covered, their expressions were very clear in their eyes.

After noticing that they were humans, they knew very well that these three should be bold and extraordinary people from the human forces in the Yinghuang Province. In addition, they must be inextricably linked to the Sword Holding Court.

Otherwise, it was impossible for them to know their Sword Holding Court's plan and timing, and take advantage of the situation here.

However, these elders were caught between laughter and tears when they saw that these young disciples had plundered the face of the clone.

However, since they were humans, they had a certain obligation to protect them. As such, they instantly attacked and used powerful divine arts to stop Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy.

Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy let out a sharp cry. Due to the danger, she could only temporarily suppress the anger in her heart and had no choice but to give up on attacking Xu Qing and the other two.

Because her clothes were tattered and had lost their protective barrier, she grabbed at the air, wanting to take out more of her treasured dresses to deal with the enemy.

As she grabbed, her cave abode rumbled. Clothes flew out one after another and headed straight for her.

However, once they got close, Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy's eyes widened again and she was stunned. She looked at the tattered clothes in front of her and couldn't recover from her shock.

The damage to these clothes was too serious.

All the decorative flowers and good things on them were gone.

Their appearances changed drastically. Some of them became curtains, while others were filled with holes.

In reality, it wasn't just Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy who was stunned at this moment. The two Sword Holders were also stunned.

Looking at those tattered clothes, the two of them had strange expressions. They naturally had an extremely deep impression of Xu Qing and the other two and couldn't help but transmit their voices to each other.

"Whose juniors are they? How ruthless!"

As for Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy... She looked at these tattered clothes; her face turned a shade paler and her body trembled. Her heart seemed to be bleeding. Every one of these dresses was something she loved dearly, but at this moment, they had become like this.

The heart-wrenching pain surpassed everything in her heart and transformed into a mournful cry that came out from her mouth.

"I'm going to turn the three of you into ashes and destroy your bodies and souls!!"

This voice was so sharp that it seemed to resound through the nine heavens. It contained resentment and hatred that was extremely intense.

Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy had already lost her rationality. With shocking killing intent, she headed straight for Xu Qing and the captain.

Her other clone in the sky also let out a tragic cry and rushed toward the woman in red without caring about anything.

She wanted to kill these three thieves at all costs!

However, her state and actions were an extremely rare opportunity for the three Sword Holder Elders who were fighting with her.

The more she lost her rationality, the easier they would be able to suppress her. At the next instant, the three of them erupted with their cultivation bases and blocked with all their might.

Under their obstruction, Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy was unable to achieve her wish of killing the culprits. The more this was the case, the crazier she became. This caused the suppression of the three Sword Holder elders to be even smoother.

The three people who were fleeing naturally saw this scene.

The captain and Xu Qing's scalps went numb as they sped up. As for the red-clothed woman, anger filled her heart and she felt even more aggrieved. After all, she wasn't the one who did the matter in the cave abode.

However, it was useless to explain the situation now. The woman in red gritted her teeth and fled rapidly without turning her head.

The three of them unleashed their maximum speed, so very soon, Xu Qing and the captain arrived before Yanyan.

Neither side had the time to speak. Xu Qing grabbed Yanyan and took out the magic warship to board it. The captain followed closely behind.

The magic warship transformed into a rainbow that whistled through the air. With a boom, it headed straight for the sky and directly left the core area of Three Spirits Suppression Mountain.

As for Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy at the back, she was still screaming with hatred and madness.

To her, today was the greatest calamity in her life. Not only did the Sword Holding Court come to suppress her, but her clone was also disfigured and its Dao blood was lost. As for the treasured clothes she had cherished her entire life, they were torn apart.

Even though her cultivation was profound, to her, who loved beauty, this was something she had never experienced in her life.

In fact, comparatively speaking, she didn't feel much hatred toward the Sword Holding Court. What she hated the most were those three lunatic thieves!

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Chapter 442: In This Lifetime, We'll Travel Together

"Worth it, worth it!"

Xu Qing's magic warship had already left the core area of Three Spirits Suppression Mountain and was speeding in the distance, putting an extremely great distance between it and the battlefield behind it.

The captain lay sprawled on the deck, regaining his original appearance. He was panting but his eyes were shining with satisfaction.

He even burped a few times from time to time, looking like he was stuffed.

"Haha, it's still more reliable to do big things with you, Little Qing. I'm actually unscathed this time. This is unprecedented." The more the captain thought about it, the more smug he became. He simply sat up and patted the deck, producing popping sounds.

"You don't know, Little Qing. Previously, when I did big things with Zhang San, I always lost a limb or two!"

"It is even worse when I go do them alone. There were a few times when I almost lost my head. Moreover, that brat Zhang San always took away good things."

The captain sighed with emotion.

Xu Qing sat cross-legged on the deck, still hiding his true appearance. When he heard this, he glanced at the captain. He didn't believe it.

Realizing that Xu Qing was looking at him, the captain blinked. His mind was fully active but his expression didn't reveal it at all as he continued to sigh.

"You know me. I value loyalty and friendship. Zhang San is a good brother. Since he wanted them, I'm embarrassed not to give them to him."

"Hence, every time, I give him a large share while I take a very little share. Sigh, it's not like with you, Junior Brother, where we always split half each. This is what fairness is."

When the captain lied, his face wasn't red and his heart didn't race. He was even more sincere.

Xu Qing instantly became vigilant and vaguely guessed the captain's thoughts.

"Junior Brother, why are you looking at me like that? Oh, oh, oh, I understand. You want me to set an example, right? No problem. We're from the same sect and we're good brothers. Half each is a very good way to distribute."

"As the eldest senior brother, I'll set an example first. I'll erase half of the three million spirit stones you owe me."

The captain patted his chest. However, he had said too much and his mouth was too wide open, so much so that the immortal Qi of the clone he had absorbed earlier drifted out of his mouth.

The captain hurriedly shut up. He didn't want the good stuff he had obtained with great difficulty to dissipate just like that.

Xu Qing glanced at the captain. He knew what the captain meant.

"Captain, I'm preparing to enter closed-door cultivation."

"Little Qing, it's not a good habit to eat alone!" The captain saw that Xu Qing was pretending to be confused and was a little anxious. He hurriedly spoke but as soon as he spoke, immortal Qi drifted out again.

Xu Qing blinked and noticed that after the captain's immortal Qi spread out, the shadow on the deck that couldn't be seen by outsiders was rapidly absorbing it. Hence, he expressionlessly took out an apple and threw it to the captain.

The captain instinctively took it and lifted his head to look at Xu Qing with some hesitation.

"Junior Brother, be good."

"Understood." Xu Qing nodded seriously. After that, he closed his eyes and began to materialize the third Heavenly Palace in his body. He was going to add his Poison Restriction Pill next.

Although this process was a little risky, Xu Qing had observed the poison pill before. On one hand, this pill was a semi-finished product. On the other hand, because too much time had passed, its spirituality was withering.

This was even more obvious after coming into contact with the outside world. Once it finally transformed into a dead pill, it would be like sourceless water that couldn't be regenerated and its value would be greatly reduced.

Hence, it would naturally be best if he could do it as soon as possible. At the same time, he was also weighing his gains from this trip.

This time, his harvest was incomparably great. His storage bag was filled with a lot of items and many nourishing treasures inside. There were also those mirrors and bottles. These were very helpful to the shadow and the Diamond Sect's ancestor.

He had gained a lot, so Xu Qing couldn't check them one by one. Hence, what he focused on was the immortal Qi accumulated in his sea of consciousness and his Ghost Emperor Mountain.

At that moment, under Xu Qing's restraint, the Ghost Emperor Mountain didn't continue to devour the immortal Qi in his sea of consciousness. The blurry outline of its face already had 20 to 30% of Xu Qing's appearance.

Xu Qing didn't know what would happen if this continued. He planned to ask his master before deciding.

Other than that, there was also the Dao Blood that he seized.

Xu Qing didn't know what use this blood had but he could sense the tremors emitted by the Ghost Emperor Mountain in his sea of consciousness. Although the vitality emitted by this blood was alright, what it contained more of was Dao charm.

Through his previous observation and analysis, this item should be one of the methods Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy used to control her clone.

While Xu Qing was deep in thought, the captain eagerly looked over. He was very envious of the Dao Blood Xu Qing had obtained.

However, after all, it was Xu Qing who had obtained it, so it wasn't good for him to ask for it directly. Previously, he had laid the groundwork to hint for this blood.

His expression gradually became bitter and there was a hint of bleakness. He lifted his head and took out a flask of wine, taking a big gulp.

"Life is hard."

"This time, I lost more than 20 magic artifacts that resisted pressure and more than 40 concealment magic artifacts. Most importantly, the hidden danger in my body is showing signs of erupting. Junior Brother, you might not have a Eldest Senior Brother one day."

Xu Qing opened his eyes and glanced at the captain. He then took out a small bottle and tossed it over.

That bottle contained 30% of the blood.

"Is it enough?" Xu Qing asked.

The captain quickly took it and all the difficulties on his face disappeared. He was beaming with joy and laughed loudly.

"Enough, enough. Junior Brother, this is too kind of you. If there's anything in the future, Eldest Senior Brother will definitely be on your side!" As he spoke, he drank it in one gulp. His body suddenly trembled and after a long time, he let out a long sigh of relief, revealing excitement.

"I can open another seal!"

"Little Qing, Eldest Senior Brother isn't petty either. This is for you!" In his excitement, the captain took out a box and threw it to Xu Qing.

"This is an item I once discovered in a ruin. Just now, I saw that the woman in red bullied you with her weapon, so I thought of giving this to you. You can forge a handle later and it will be usable."

Xu Qing took it and opened it. Inside was an extremely sharp black dagger-blade prototype that emitted a cold light.

There were also some natural patterns on it that formed the shape of an eye, emitting a sinister feeling.

Xu Qing liked it immediately. He indeed lacked a suitable dagger. Although the soul fire could transform into a dagger, he still felt like he was lacking something when he held it in his hand.

He looked at the captain sincerely.

"Thank you, Senior Brother."

"There's no need to thank me. We'll continue to do great things in the future. I'm planning it now. However, the most important thing for us now is to turn our gains this time into our own strength as soon as possible. After that, we'll go to the Sword Holding Court and compete to become Sword Holders!"

The captain's eyes lit up. Becoming a Sword Holder was already his obsession.

"Believe in me, Junior Brother. Only by becoming a Sword Holder will we have the qualifications to step into the core of the human race in the future! Yinghuang Province is ultimately too small, and this world is extremely vast. Boundless future and beautiful things are waiting for us!"

"I want to enter the Grand Imperial Capital Region. I want to cultivate the emperor-level cultivation arts of the human race. I want to travel through the Wanggu Continent and stir up the wind and clouds. I also want to take a look at that so-called holy land!"

"I want too much, so I'm even crazier. Junior Brother, let's travel together in this life!"

Hearing the captain's words, a deep glint appeared in Xu Qing's eyes. After a long time, he nodded and firmly remembered these words.

Let's travel together in this life.

When Yanyan saw this scene, she blinked and quickly spoke.

"You can bring me along too."

At the same time as Xu Qing and the other two fled in the magic warship, the war on Three Spirits Suppression Mountain also reached its climax. This time, the Sword Holding Court was extremely well-prepared and was determined to win.

Even though Three Spirits Suppression Mountain used a Taboo magic treasure, a huge palace appeared and suppressed everything.

In the direction of the Ghost Emperor Mountain, the seven fiends transformed from the Ghost Emperor's seven spirits sensed this matter and wanted to come to support. However, they were stopped by another group from the Sword Holding Court who were long prepared.

The direction of this war was already determined and couldn't be changed. In the end, the third of the Three Spirits, Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy, was suppressed by the Sword Holding Court. Their target for this time was her.

This was because she was the weakest and most suitable to be suppressed and captured alive.

As long as they controlled one of the three souls, it would be impossible for the Ghost Emperor to revive. This was the best battle result they could hope for. If they continued the battle, even if the Sword Holding Court was powerful, it would still be a headache.

After all, the decree given by the county emphasized stability. If they were too entangled in this matter and the county was alerted, even if they suppressed the Three Spirits, it would show their incompetence.

As such, after capturing Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy alive, the Sword Holding Court chose to leave.

As for the first and second among the Three Spirits, they remained in silence and didn't stop the Sword Holding Court. They were old fellows who had lived for so many years. At the start, they might have been puzzled about this matter, but it was clear now.

The youngest naturally wouldn't die. To a certain extent, it was equivalent to being a hostage.

After the war ended and the Sword Holding Court left, in another direction of Three Spirits Suppression Mountain, on the top of a tall mountain that was some distance away.

Under the red glow of dusk in the sky, as the mountain wind blew, a red robe fluttered in the wind.

The red-clothed woman carried the evil ghost scythe that was as long as a person and stood there, looking in the direction of the Three Spirits.

There was a scar on her neck that had still not healed.

The scar was very large and looked shocking. If it was a little deeper, it would be able to cut open her blood vessels and throat.

A long time later, the woman in red turned her head and looked in the direction Xu Qing's group had left. The sharpness in her eyes gradually intensified.

A soft laugh rang out from under the white mask that was filled with some cracks.

"Memorize two names!"

As the red-clothed woman's voice rang out, the evil ghost on the scythe opened its eyes and transmitted its divine sense.

"Names?"

"One is Mad Dog and the other is Ghost Hand!" The red-clothed woman calmly spoke.

The evil ghost immediately nodded and memorized these two names. As long as the other party appeared in the range of its perception in the future, it would be able to sense them immediately.

"By the way, recite the names of those I didn't kill off. I'm afraid I'll forget them."

"Word Dog, Fossil, Auntie, Six Fingers, Donkey Head..." The evil ghost mentioned one title after another. There were more than a hundred of them, and the red-clothed woman listened as she walked into the distance.

A small stone had appeared in her hand at some point in time. She held it and placed it on the scar on her neck, gently rubbing it.

This small stone was very strange. As she rubbed the wound, the scar gradually faded and disappeared.

"I just need to complete a few more missions and I'll be able to obtain higher authority and be allowed to leave the Yinghuang Province. At that time, I can make a trip to the scavenger campsite."

In the wind, her red dress reflected the setting sun.

She walked further and further away.

Farther away, on the magic ship, Xu Qing took out a bamboo slip.

After some thought, the killing intent in the red-clothed woman's eyes when she looked at him appeared in his mind. As such, he engraved a name on it.

Red woman.

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On the bamboo slip, many names had been crossed out, but there was one name that was very conspicuous.

Its color was purple-red as though blood had dripped on it as it was carved.

'Big Brother.'

Xu Qing looked at the name with a calm expression. He didn't seem to show any fluctuations. However, his hand that was holding the iron stick exerted an imperceptible force.

He retracted his gaze and kept the bamboo slip. He then looked at the red sunset in the sky. After a long time, he spoke softly to the captain and Yanyan.

"I'm going into seclusion for a while."

Yanyan could faintly sense that Xu Qing's mood was a little down. Hence, she hurriedly nodded.

"Go, Little Qing. With Senior Brother around, don't worry and rush to the third palace." The captain sat there and laughed.

"Eldest Senior Brother, some poison might spread out during my seclusion this time. Don't get too close. If... something unexpected happens, you can leave immediately. You don't have to bother with me."

Xu Qing reminded.

When the captain heard this, he was about to brag a little but after some thought, he quickly distanced himself.

He had seen Xu Qing's poison many times and felt that it was getting stranger and stranger.

Yanyan's eyes also widened and she immediately retreated. She thought of the poisoned Night Dove members in the Homicide Department's prison.

Seeing the two of them like this, Xu Qing was relieved. This time, he wanted to put the Poison Restriction Pill into the Heavenly Palace. Although he had planned for a long time and analyzed the risks, there were still some unknown variables after all.

In addition, he didn't know how long he would be in closed-door cultivation this time around. Hence, he handed the control of the magic warship to the captain and turned to walk to the cabin.

Just as he was about to step into the cabin, Xu Qing suddenly thought of something and turned his head to look at the captain.

"Eldest Senior Brother, I don't think I've seen your magic boat before?"

The captain's expression revealed smugness as he spoke proudly.

"I placed it in a mysterious place to nurture it. It's almost done. When it's done, I'll go take it out. I guarantee that the old man will be shocked when he sees it."

Xu Qing was used to the captain's exaggerated words. He nodded and entered the cabin.

After stepping in, he closed the door of the cabin and sat down cross-legged, performing a series of hand seals with both hands. He activated an array formation and completely sealed the cabin, preventing his aura from spreading out.

After that, he took out some magic artifacts and set them up in the surroundings.

After doing this, Xu Qing took a deep breath and opened his storage bag to organize the loot. This was especially so for the bottles and jars he had obtained from Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy's cave abode. He opened them one by one and checked them to find items that contained vitality.

After all, the only thing useful against the Poison Restriction Pill was life force.

After the selection, Xu Qing also inspected the other items in the same way. When everything was ready, he closed his eyes and fell silent for a long time before taking out the wish box.

Xu Qing didn't open it immediately. With a wave of his hand, an ancient jade slip appeared.

This jade slip was the item that had existed in the wish box with the Poison Restriction Pill back then.

At this moment, Xu Qing was holding it in his hand. His poison-resistance could already ignore the remnant poison on it to a certain extent. He also had the purple crystal's power to recover. As such, although his right hand was turning a little black, it didn't rot.

As his divine sense surged in, an ancient voice echoed in Xu Qing's mind like thunder again.

"What is the Great Dao? All 3,000 Great Dao can lead to deification. Is there poison Dao among them?"

"The people of the world disdain evil and poison. Could such unorthodox methods lead one to greatness?"

"I once thought so too. I spurned the evil poison art."

"Until I killed a nonhuman that walked out of a Divine Realm one day. This cultivator's combat strength was astonishing and the Dao he cultivated was incomparably sinister. Before he died, he stared at me with a vicious gaze, causing my cultivation to fall by a realm day by day.

"Ten days later, I turned into a mortal and experienced 60 years of pain and torture in the mortal world. I used countless treasures before I finally got my life back. I also refined this poison from my body and turned it into a pill."

"From then on, I studied this pill until the calamity descended but to no avail. I am leaving this semi-finished item for the later generations."

"This pill is poison and also restriction! If a high-level cultivator obtains it, do not use it yourself; otherwise, you will be consigned to eternal damnation and certain death. A low-level Heavenly Palace Golden Core cultivator can use this poison pill as a golden core in their Heavenly Palace to become a poison cultivator who walks a different path from the others."

"Only then can their soul be changed and walk the path of this restriction pill!"

"According to my deduction, on the path of the restriction pill, one can use poison to shake the world and restriction to destroy all ages. It is a terrifying and unpredictable method of the Divine Realm. In the end, the Divine Realm became the great enemy of all races!"

Determination appeared in Xu Qing's eyes.

"Place this Poison Restriction Pill in the Heavenly Palace... From this senior's tone, it seems that he deduced it. However, I don't believe he hasn't tested it."

"However, it's obvious that the tests failed."

"So, no matter what, there's still a huge risk in the end. As for what changes will happen, it's unknown."

Xu Qing mumbled but the determination in his eyes didn't decrease.

"However, I'm already constantly adapting to this poison. While I have a certain level of resistance, I also fused the little black bugs into it and they can stay for a short period of time."

"Although I haven't completely developed immunity to it, I've done it to the extreme. It's difficult for me to obtain more resistance."

"The most important thing is that this Poison Restriction Pill has almost lost its spirituality and is in a withered state. Moreover, it's a semi-finished pill and isn't complete."

"If this continues, its withering state will gradually become worse. If it really completely withers into a dead pill, its value will be greatly reduced. Only by fusing it will there be a possibility of reviving it."

"It's meaningless if I don't integrate and continue to wait. I don't know what the future will be like. However, following the prescribed order is no longer enough to satisfy my goal. If I want to become stronger, I can only take risks."

Xu Qing drew in a deep breath and sensed the third Heavenly Palace in his body. 99% of this palace had materialized. It only needed a golden core before it could completely turn corporeal.

"How can the path of cultivation be smooth-sailing? We'll definitely have to endure huge risks on the way!" Xu Qing opened the wish box.

The instant the iron box was opened, a black-colored poison pill was revealed.

This pill was much shriveled up compared to before and there wasn't much poison left in it. It seemed that after the wish box was opened for the first time and it came into contact with the outside world, its withered state became even more intense.

Xu Qing had discovered this long ago. He also knew that if this continued, this pill would probably eventually become a sourceless pill. After the poison evaporated time and time again, it would completely dissipate from the world.

As the dense poisonous air spread out in the surroundings, Xu Qing was the first to bear the brunt and his body trembled.

Even though he had a certain level of resistance and even had the purple crystal, this Poison Restriction Pill still caused his entire body to rapidly turn black. However, Xu Qing no longer cared about these. His eyes were filled with determination as he picked up the poison pill in the box.

At the next instant, his right hand turned into bizarre nether state and turned transparent, enveloping the poison pill.

This poison pill was astonishing. Even though Xu Qing's right hand had transformed into bizarre nether state, he could still see black threads forming inside. It was as though even in this state, the power of poison was still effective.

Xu Qing ignored these. After he grabbed the poisonous pill with his bizarre nether hand, he quickly probed into his dantian.

Xu Qing had done this many times when he probed his sea of consciousness and touched the Heavenly Palaces of the enemies. However, this was the first time he had used it on himself.

This was also the solution he had thought of.

If he swallowed this pill, Xu Qing felt that his body probably wouldn't be able to withstand it. If he directly sent it to the Heavenly Palace with the bizarre nether hand, in his analysis, the success rate would be even higher.

Hence, he didn't hesitate. After the bizarre nether hand passed through his flesh and blood, under Xu Qing's strength, it stretched into his sea of consciousness and instantly got close, touching his third palace.

This process was extremely painful and there was also the invasion of the poison pill's power.

However, Xu Qing gritted his teeth tightly and didn't stop at all. He was very clear that the faster he completed this matter, the better.

Hence, with great determination, the instant his right hand touched the third palace, it moved in. He released his palm in the third palace and put down the Poison Restriction Pill inside.

He immediately retracted his right hand.

Although his movements were fast, intense pain still gushed out from his body. Xu Qing's body trembled and he spat out a mouthful of blood.

His internal organs were already affected and waves of cramps attacked him. Before he could recover, his third Heavenly Palace erupted with intense fluctuations.

The poison power of the Poison Restriction Pill inside suddenly erupted and spread in all directions from the third palace like an avalanche. It swept through Xu Qing's sea of consciousness, affecting his soul and permeating his entire body.

Xu Qing's body trembled and began to rot. His sea of consciousness withered and his soul dimmed.

The poison contained in this Poison Restriction Pill was too terrifying and its level was extremely high.

At the same time, threads spread out from the bricks and tiles of the third palace and quickly connected to the Poison Restriction Pill that was releasing its power.

This was a kind of fusion and transformation.

The moment any external golden core appeared in the cultivator's Heavenly Palace, the Heavenly Palace would immediately fuse with it. The instant the fusion was completed, the transformation would be completed and the golden core would become an intrinsic treasure.

Originally, the third palace was golden. At this moment, as those threads fused into the Poison Restriction Pill, the entire third palace slowly turned black.

This process was extremely slow.

Xu Qing sensed that the moment his third Heavenly Palace turned completely pitch-black, it would mean it had completely fused with the Poison Restriction Pill.

Only at that time would he be able to indirectly control this Poison Restriction Pill and make it his intrinsic item with his connection to the third Heavenly Palace.

At that time, he would be able to control the Third Heavenly Palace and call back the poison that had spread all over his body.

However, this long fusion time would be a fatal test for Xu Qing.

If he couldn't withstand the poison before the fusion was completed, his body and soul would be destroyed.

Xu Qing's body trembled. The incomparably dense poison from the Poison Restriction Pill filled all the parts in his body.

The indescribable heart-piercing pain caused him to involuntarily let out a sharp cry.

This pain surpassed what he had experienced in the many life and death crises before. Regardless of whether it was the merfolk island temple or the dragon carriage, they were different from now. At that time, the pain spread from the outside to the inside.

Hence, he was able to resist it forcefully.

The pain now spread from the inside out.

However, it wasn't like Xu Qing hadn't experienced this feeling before. On that rainy night, his heart was torn apart and the collapse of the high walls was the deepest pain in his memory.

Compared to that, this was nothing.

Xu Qing didn't like his screams right now.

He gritted his teeth with reddened eyes and forcibly turned this blood-curdling scream into a whimpering sound that came out from between his teeth.

At the same time, the purple crystal in his chest circulated at full force. Purple light filled Xu Qing's entire body, assisting him in resisting the poison.

The Golden Crow manifested and spat out flames at Xu Qing, helping him strengthen his body.

Also, the immortal Qi accumulated in his sea of consciousness was also sharing the burden for him.

The other two Heavenly Palaces formed by the life lanterns revealed canopies and augmented his strength. Finally, the Ghost Emperor Mountain emitted black light and suppressed everything.

Time passed.

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Chapter 444: Golden Light on the Wrist! (1)

Three days passed.

The fusion of the third palace and the Poison Restriction Pill was slowly proceeding.

10%, 20%, 30%...

Xu Qing's body was rotting but he still sat there and resisted with all his might.

Other than the purple crystal, life lanterns, and Ghost Emperor Mountain, Xu Qing also released all the little black bugs in the past three days.

Under his control, these little black bugs entered his body and absorbed the poison from the poison pill in his flesh and blood.

These methods were the first wave of help Xu Qing had prepared for the fusion of the Poison Restriction Pill.

However, the toxicity of the Poison Restriction Pill was too intense and Xu Qing's first wave of preparation wasn't very effective. His body was rotting at a visible speed.

He could only rely on these to make sure the fusion was faster than the footsteps of death.

Time slowly passed. In the blink of an eye, another four days passed. His Third Heavenly Palace's fusion and transformation of the Poison Restriction Pill had finally reached 70%.

However, in these four days, Xu Qing had to endure intense torture and pain. He already didn't have much strength left and could only silently endure it.

The place he was sitting on was covered in black blood.

That was formed from the rotting of his flesh and blood.

His body had caved in and the flesh and skin on his body were about to rot completely. There wasn't much flesh on his hands that were exposed and the black bones were a shocking sight.

The poison from the Poison Restriction Pill was destroying everything in his body. Even his sea of consciousness was riddled with holes and his soul was incomparably dim.

He was about to die.

In reality, it was already a miracle that he could persist until now. This was a result of his deep accumulation.

As for merging the Poison Restriction Pill, even the almighty person who left this pill behind had not succeeded.

After all, if he really succeeded, this unfinished pill wouldn't have been left behind as regret.

As for that almighty, he was definitely extraordinary. Even under his protection, there were no successful cases. One could imagine how difficult it was.

Hence, everything was feasible in theory.

Even though Xu Qing had two life lanterns protecting him, even though he had the Ghost Emperor Mountain suppressing the poison, even though he had resistance and the little black bugs were helping him, he was still at the end of his rope.

Although the purple crystal was still circulating to the limits and emitting vitality to delay Xu Qing's death, there was still a limit.

The shadow no longer revealed any emotions. The Diamond Sect's ancestor was also very careful.

They could sense the aura of death emitted by Xu Qing and felt complicated in their hearts.

However, no matter what, the intimidation and ruthlessness from Xu Qing in the past caused them to not think of rebelling. Even if the thought appeared, they wouldn't dare to act.

After another half a day, Xu Qing's legs were only left with black bones and his hair was gone.

His demonic face was now all bones. The rotting flesh on them turned into black blood that dripped viscously to the ground.

His eyelids also disappeared, revealing eyes with a listless gaze. His life was rapidly dissipating.

The purple crystal was already helpless at this moment. Just as Xu Qing was about to fail, a hint of spirit suddenly appeared in Xu Qing's eyes.

This luster caused the minds of the Diamond Sect's ancestor and the shadow to shake.

Xu Qing silently lowered his head. This action emitted cracking sounds, as though if he exerted a little force, his head would fall off his neck.

After lowering his head, Xu Qing tried his best to lift his right hand that only had a trace of flesh and blood left. He then picked up a small bottle that he had placed in front of him in advance.

After crushing it, the Dao Blood of Nihilism flew out and headed straight for his body.

This was the second wave of help Xu Qing had prepared.

In an instant, this blood fused into Xu Qing's body.

The vitality from the Dao Blood instantly gushed into Xu Qing's entire body. While nourishing his body, it also caused the Ghost Emperor Mountain in his sea of consciousness to shine brightly.

However, compared to the vitality in this drop of blood, the Dao charm contained in it was its crucial point.

Hence, although there was some help in terms of vitality, it was limited.

However, it was of great help to Xu Qing's Ghost Emperor Mountain.

At this moment, the Ghost Emperor Mountain became more and more realistic as it absorbed the Dao charm.

It emitted a dense charm and its face was increasingly similar to Xu Qing's. It gave off the feeling that it had taken a huge step toward complete visualization.

This change was more like a qualitative change. Without that blood, it was almost impossible to achieve such a qualitative change.

The Dao Blood seemed to have given a soul seed or a spirit root!

If it was in the past, Xu Qing would definitely have observed more. However, he didn't have the heart and energy now. Relying on the vitality in this blood, he survived another day.

The black color of the Third Heavenly Palace in his body increased from 70% to 80%.

After 80%, the rotting of Xu Qing's body intensified again. He shakily took out a piece of wood, placing it in front of him.

This was the third wave of help he had prepared.

At the next instant, the black wooden piece shone and transformed into a black door. As it slowly opened, it emitted a white light that sealed the life level.

The appearance of this light instantly transformed into sealing power, wanting to freeze Xu Qing's life state.

However, this light that had sealed his life form during the transformation in the Sea Corpse Race... was actually unable to completely take effect at this moment. It couldn't completely seal his life level and could only delay his death.

The level of poison of the Poison Restriction Pill was too high. It seemed that only vitality could reach a balance against it. Other than that, it was impossible for all the effects of external forces to be perfectly displayed.

Even so, it still had some effect.

Under this delay, the purple crystal in Xu Qing's body and all the other help that were resisting the poison seemed to have a breathing space, allowing him to last longer.

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Chapter 445: Golden Light on the Wrist! (2)

Another day passed.

By now, the third Heavenly Palace in his body was 90% pitch-black. It was the same for fusion and transformation. However, the sealing light of the black door had lost its effect.

"90%..." Xu Qing mumbled. The light in his eyes dimmed and the world in front of him was blurry. However, he didn't panic.

Everything was still under his control.

However, the consumption was indeed beyond his expectations.

As he struggled, Xu Qing glanced at the bottles and jars in front of him. These were all obtained from Nether Fairy.

They contained pills inside. Although they had different effects, Xu Qing had already checked them before. Now, the ones placed in front of him were all pills that more or less contained life force.

These were the fourth wave of help he had prepared for himself to fuse the poison pill.

He crushed the bottles and very soon, colorful medicinal pills flew into his body and rapidly melted, emitting vitality that nourished his entire body.

Although the effect of this nourishment was ordinary, there were many of them. According to Xu Qing's plan, it should be enough.

However, at this moment, Xu Qing's gaze suddenly landed on his right wrist. There was no flesh and blood there, only black bones.

Looking at the bones on his wrist, a hint of confusion appeared in Xu Qing's dim eyes.

That place actually emitted a faint golden light at this moment.

This golden light was extremely weak. If one didn't take a closer look, they wouldn't be able to sense it at all.

In fact, it was undetectable when it was covered by flesh and blood.

Even his divine sense found it difficult to probe, let alone sense it.

It appeared extremely suddenly and disappeared in a flash.

Xu Qing didn't feel anything when it disappeared.

He also didn't notice any changes in his body.

Amidst his doubts, the speed at which the medicinal pills fused into his body and emitted vitality seemed to have sped up slightly. As they permeated Xu Qing's entire body and nourished him, the poison power of the poison pill in the third Heavenly Palace also slightly weakened.

Not only that, but the fusion speed of the third palace and the poison pill also inexplicably sped up a little.

All of this caused the fusion and transformation of the poisonous pill to suddenly rise. Very soon, the last part of the third Heavenly Palace instantly turned pitch-black.

It reached 100%!

As it completely fused, a feeling of connection with his body appeared in Xu Qing's mind.

Xu Qing's body trembled.

At the next instant, all the poison in his body rapidly contracted and returned to the third Heavenly Palace in unison, no longer existing at all.

His weak body began to recover under the power of the purple crystal, and the speed seemed to be faster than usual.

His flesh grew again, his sea of consciousness healed rapidly, and the bright fire of life rose in his soul again.

Under the robe, his body slowly gained muscles. Although he was still skinny, his condition had gotten better.

It was also at this moment that he sensed that the purple crystal's recovery power had returned to normal.

Xu Qing didn't think that all of this was inevitable.

He thought of that fleeting but very weak golden light.

It could even be said that if Xu Qing hadn't noticed the faint golden light on the bone of his wrist earlier, he wouldn't have felt anything strange at this moment. He would naturally ignore this series of almost imperceptible changes and be occupied by the excitement of success.

However, now that he looked at it, one could still be said to be a coincidence. However, there were too many coincidences and that meant there existed an issue.

"That's not right!"

Xu Qing's mind shook. He abruptly stood up and was about to look at his right wrist.

However, at that moment, as his third Heavenly Palace fused with the Poison Restriction Pill and his life force was connected, it caused the poison pill that had lost its spirituality to show signs of recovery just as Xu Qing had expected.

This sign manifested an intense hunger.

Xu Qing's body trembled. The flesh and blood that had just recovered rapidly withered again.

However, it didn't rot like before. Instead, it continued to wither, revealing extreme hunger.

This feeling caused Xu Qing's eyes to turn red.

Just like back then when he cultivated Golden Crow Refines All Life.

Xu Qing's breathing was hurried and his eyes were red. He abruptly turned his head to look at the Diamond Sect's ancestor and shadow.

The shadow and Diamond almost screamed when they saw his gaze. At that moment, they were trembling in intense fear. Xu Qing's gaze became increasingly terrifying.

He seemed to be unable to control himself and his mouth secreted a large amount of saliva.

At the same time, in the boundless Forbidden Sea, in an area very far away from the Yinghuang Province, in the deepest part of the seabed, there was a huge ruin.

To be precise, this was a ruin at the bottom of the sea that was drowned in endless darkness.

If one could see through the darkness, they would be able to see that there were countless ruined ancient buildings here.

The entire ruin was desolate and deathly silent. One could vaguely see some broken statues.

These statues were all women in black armor. Every one of them was extremely beautiful and had a shocking aura. There were white dragon snakes coiling around their bodies.

Underneath these ruins, in the depths of the seabed, there was a huge catacomb.

There was no seawater filled with anomalous substances in the catacomb. There was only a teleportation array and an extremely vast altar.

There was a skeleton in the air above the altar.

Looking at the pelvis, this skeleton was a woman when it was alive.

Her body was very tall and there were dragon and snake bones coiled around her body. She was sitting on the dragon head while the snake head was beside her. The dragon and snake seemed to be protecting her and were willing to live and die with her.

Under the skeleton and on the altar, a young girl with flawless appearance and snow-white skin was sitting cross-legged.

Her eyelashes were very long and they were trembling slightly at this moment until her face turned a little red. A mouthful of blood spurted out of her mouth, dyeing the ground and her white clothes red.

The instant she spat out the blood, a furious roar rang out from afar.

"Damn it, damn it. How many times has it been? What exactly are you trying to do? Do you want to die? You actually wrapped your life thread around that little bastard surnamed Xu behind my back. Ahhh!!!"

As the furious roar echoed, the old man from Panquan Road ran over from afar with disheveled hair. Although he was cursing, his face was filled with heartache. He quickly took out medicinal pills and fed them to the young girl whose body was on the verge of collapse.

"Ling'er, this isn't how your talent is used. That little b*stard was born to seek death and is a short-lived ghost. You cannot enhance his luck every time!"

The young girl's eyelashes fluttered slightly and she opened her eyes. Her eyes were pure and there were no impurities in them. Her expression was a little timid as she spoke softly.

"Brother Xu Qing isn't a short-lived ghost."

The old man from Panquan Road almost spat out blood. Looking at the timid girl, he stomped his feet fiercely and sighed sadly.

"Damn it. I shouldn't have gone to the Seven Blood Eyes to sell the bizarre entity. I shouldn't have stayed still the first time I saw that little bastard. If I had known earlier, I would have killed him when I saw him. I don't understand. You have only seen him a few times and nothing even happened between you two. What do you like about him?!"

When the young girl heard this, confusion appeared in her eyes.

"I don't know what I like either. I just feel close to him. When I see him, I feel very happy and my heart will race. I get nervous thinking if he hates me. If Brother Xu Qing is happy, I am also very happy."

"You're still too young. You don't even know what you like. How can you call it love? When you grow up and become an adult, you'll know what you want!" The old man said earnestly.

The girl's eyes looked even more blank. After a long time, she lifted her head and looked at the old man as she timidly spoke.

"Father, I don't understand the love of you adults. Do you love someone because of a goal? Then does that mean you like yourself or the other party?"

The old man was stunned. He opened his mouth and wanted to say something, but when he saw the pure gaze of the young girl in front of him, he couldn't say anything.

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Chapter 446: I Can Wait

Outside the range of Three Spirits Suppression Mountain, a damaged magic warship was whistling forward. However, it was moving a little unstably, as though it would fall at the next moment.

Regardless of whether it was the outer layer or the deck, it was filled with a large number of cracks and simple repair marks. It looked like it could fall apart at any time.

It gave off the feeling that the owner didn't have the money to repair it and could barely sail.

What was even more exaggerated was that occasionally, some parts would fall from the magic warship and land on the ground.

This was Xu Qing's magic warship.

Yanyan looked at the very busy captain who was flying around outside the magic warship and frowned.

"Brother Xu Qing gave you the control of the magic warship because he trusts you. He will be angry if you do this."

"Yanyan, what is wrong with you? Why are you so impolite and rude?"

The captain held a brush in his hand and drew a crack on the outer layer of the magic warship. When he heard Yanyan, he looked at her unhappily.

Yanyan's eyes instantly turned cold and vicious. Even though the cultivation of the person in front of her could easily suppress her, as long as his cultivation didn't surpass her grandmother's, she wouldn't be afraid.

Since she was young, anyone who dared to scold her like this had been skinned alive by her.

Other than Brother Xu Qing.

"You're still glaring?" The captain's expression was even more displeased. He glared at Yanyan and continued to scold.

"Let me tell you, little girl. You have to be polite, understand? Xu Qing calls me Eldest Senior Brother. Since you follow Xu Qing, you should call me Eldest Senior Brother too. You're the only female cultivator beside Xu Qing who has such an honor. Come, tell me that you're wrong."

"Huh?"

Yanyan was stunned. Her small face turned slightly red and all the hostility instantly disappeared. She obediently spoke.

"Eldest Senior Brother, I was wrong."

"That's more like it." The captain beamed with joy and felt smug. He lifted his right hand and waved it, tossing a brush over.

"Go and smear the other side. Little Qing, this brat, is a blockhead. Why is his ship so clean? It doesn't match our Seventh Peak's tradition at all. I'm helping him."

As the captain spoke, he continued to smear on the outside of the magic warship. As far as the eye could see, he had drawn cracks on all the places he had smeared, and they looked real.

"The magic warship has to look a little tattered like this for it to have miraculous effects."

Yanyan hesitantly took the brush and started smearing as well.

"But Eldest Senior Brother, why did you occasionally throw some parts down and even cast a spell to make them release smoke?" Yanyan couldn't help but ask.

"Fishing. How many spirit stones did we consume to fly all the way? We didn't set off with the sect this time. We have to bear all the expenditure ourselves, so we naturally need to fish and rob."

"Yanyan, I need to remind you. Xu Qing is extravagant. You can't be like him. You have to save money, understand? I'm helping Xu Qing save money!" The captain said solemnly.

When Yanyan heard this, she hurriedly nodded. Her expression was one of comprehension as she committed it to memory.

"Also, on our way to the extreme north snowfield where the Absolute Beginning Separation Pillar is located, we have to pass through the forbidden region of the Yinghuang Province and the mainstream of the Immortal Enrichment River. There are a certain amount of risks on the way. By making the ship look so shabby, those experts might not be too interested in attacking."

The captain continued to smear until he finished drawing the last crack. He then jumped onto the deck and looked at his masterpiece in satisfaction.

"Not bad, not bad. It looks much better now."

Yanyan looked at the tattered magic warship and still felt a little hesitant. Just as she was about to speak, the captain's expression suddenly changed and he abruptly looked at the cabin door.

His expression became solemn. His body turned cold and a face appeared in his eyes. His entire person emitted a terrifying aura.

Almost at the instant the captain looked over, the door of the cabin rumbled and collapsed, turning into countless fragments that shot out. At the same time, a low roar that sounded like that of a wild beast rang out. It was filled with madness and hunger.

What followed was a skinny skeleton-like hand that grabbed the door frame tightly and slowly moved out, revealing a skeleton-like body.

It was Xu Qing. His clothes had turned black and were covered in dried, stinky black blood. His face was also caved in, and he looked like a malicious ghost.

The madness in his eyes caused Yanyan's mind to shake. The captain's expression also changed. He was familiar with this gaze.

He was also like this when he was hungry.

"You're just breaking through to the third Heavenly Palace. Do you have to risk your life like this?!" The captain's body swayed as he headed straight for Xu Qing and grabbed the latter's arm. Yanyan was about to rush over.

"Yanyan, don't get close. His mind is struggling now. He clearly ate something he shouldn't have, causing him to be severely lacking in vitality. He's extremely hungry."

The captain looked very experienced. After supporting Xu Qing, he took out a piece of flesh from his storage bag and stuffed it into Xu Qing's mouth.

Xu Qing swallowed it in one gulp and closed his eyes. A few breaths later, when he opened them again, although his eyes were still red, his rationality had suppressed his madness.

"Eldest Senior Brother, thank you. Do you have more?" Xu Qing's voice was hoarse as he looked at the captain beside him.

"None left. That's the snack I prepared for myself... In your current situation, you need to kill and devour the vitality of all things. How did you fall into this state?" The captain was a little surprised.

"I ate a little thing." Xu Qing slowly spoke. The hunger in his body surfaced again, causing his breathing to involuntarily become hurried. He could also sense his current state.

After the third palace in his body fused with the Poison Restriction Pill, as the poison pill that had lost too much spirituality and was almost dead gained nourishment, it showed signs of recovery. It was like a huge black hole that instantly devoured everything.

This was an inevitable process for the recovery of the Poison Restriction Pill. Although Xu Qing had expected it previously and was very well-prepared, the consumption of vitality items during the fusion was unexpected. Moreover, the recovery of the poison pill was too fast, causing his preparations to be lacking.

However, this wasn't all a bad thing. It could even be said that this was Xu Qing's great opportunity.

This was because once he provided enough vitality for the Poison Restriction Pill, it would allow this almost withered pill to truly revive.

After it recovered, it would no longer be sourceless. Instead, it would be endless, allowing Xu Qing's combat strength to soar.

His third palace would be the most extraordinary palace since ancient times.

It was filled with extraordinary might and mysteries.

However, all of this required dense vitality.

Other than that, Xu Qing could also clearly sense that if he wanted this Poison Restriction Pill to truly recover, vitality was only one aspect. He also needed dense anomalous substances.

This discovery shocked him. This meant that... he could absorb anomalous substances!

Although they were actually absorbed by the Poison Restriction Pill in the third palace, to a certain extent, it was equivalent to him absorbing them.

As for absorbing anomalous substances, this was a special right that only those who were heavily affected and newborn races had after the god's fragmented face arrived. It was difficult for cultivators to use them.

This was because the so-called anomalous substances were actually the aura of the god. Some people also called them divine energy.

"Eldest Senior Brother, how far are we from the nearest forbidden zone?"

Xu Qing took a deep breath and let out a hoarse voice. He also saw Yanyan's nervous and concerned expression and nodded slightly to indicate that he was fine.

Xu Qing had never ignored the concerns of others.

"There's about half a month left until we reach the Sword Forbidden Region. If you can't endure it, we can also find a nonhuman sect or a small nonhuman country..." The captain was a little worried but the meaning in his words revealed clear coldness to the nonhuman races.

It was as though in the captain's heart, as long as Xu Qing was fine, it was fine if he ate nonhumans.

"If it's half a month, I should be able to endure it." Xu Qing shook his head. Although the nonhuman races also had life force and there were anomalous substances in their bodies, in the end, these anomalous substances were inferior to the forbidden zones or regions.

He could sense that the amount he needed was extremely large, so the best choice was the forbidden region.

"Then let's go to the Sword Forbidden Region. As the only forbidden region among the many forbidden zones in the Yinghuang Province, it's as famous as the Phoenix Forbidden in the Nanhuang Continent and the Corpse Forbidden on the Forbidden Sea. Moreover, according to the information in the Alliance,

the emperor of this Sword Forbidden has been in a deep sleep for many years and doesn't show any signs of awakening. We just need to be a little careful."

As the captain spoke, he circulated his cultivation base and fused it into the magic warship, causing it to emit cold air. Its speed increased and it transformed into a rainbow in the sky, flashing into the distance like lightning.

The wind in the surroundings blew over and spread out from the magic warship's protective barrier. As it flowed, it formed a whistling sound.

Xu Qing sat cross-legged on the deck and tried his best to suppress the hunger in his body. At the same time, he was also adapting to the reaction after fusing the Poison Restriction Pill with the third palace.

He could sense that although his current state was bad, his combat strength had increased by a large extent. Coupled with his emperor-level cultivation art, he could display the power of at least four palaces.

The vast majority of Golden Cores could only reach six Heavenly Palaces at most.

"Next, after my poison pill recovers, I have to consider the materialization of the fourth Heavenly Palace."

The hunger in Xu Qing's body gradually couldn't be suppressed. His breathing became increasingly hurried and the blood vessels in his eyes increased. He could only think about his cultivation to distract himself.

As for the shadow and the Diamond Sect's ancestor, they had long hidden themselves, afraid that Xu Qing would notice them.

At this moment, Xu Qing was like a man-eating ferocious beast. He gave them an extremely terrifying feeling.

Although Yanyan was shocked by Xu Qing's aura and skeleton-like body at the start, she still couldn't help but walk over after she gradually got used to it.

As she got closer, Xu Qing abruptly lifted his head. His bloodshot eyes stared at Yanyan's neck and he struggled for a moment before retracting his gaze.

"Brother Xu Qing, do you... want to eat it? It's fine, I'm not afraid of pain."

Yanyan looked at Xu Qing and bit her finger, reaching out to Xu Qing with a trembling hand. Her eyes revealed anticipation and confusion.

Xu Qing looked at Yanyan and fell silent, closing his eyes.

Yanyan felt some regret and sadness. She silently retracted her hand and sat at the side.

As the captain controlled the magic warship, he turned his head and looked back. His gaze was blurry when he saw Yanyan giving her finger to Xu Qing. He also saw the regret and sadness on Yanyan's face after Xu Qing ignored her. He couldn't help but feel sour inwardly.

"When I was hungry in the past, why didn't I have a good-looking female cultivator to feed me fingers? How am I lacking? This Little Qing doesn't understand romance. If it was me, I would definitely take a bite."

Just like that, time flowed by. While Xu Qing endured forcefully, they got closer and closer to the Sword Forbidden Region.

Just when Xu Qing's body trembled violently and the feeling of hunger reached its limit and he was about to lose control, the pitch-black Sword Forbidden jungle appeared in front of them.

Even the anomalous substances outside of the jungle were already much denser than other areas. Xu Qing's senses were extremely sharp and his eyes suddenly opened, emitting a red glow.

Outside Of Time

Chapter 447: The Key to God!

The Sword Forbidden Region was the only forbidden region in the Yinghuang Province.

This place was located in the western part of the Yinghuang Province near the central area. At the same time, it also covered a section of the mainstream of the Immortal Enrichment River.

Before the Immortal Enrichment River entered the Sword Forbidden Region, the river was filled with immortal Qi. After it flowed out of the forbidden region, it turned pitch-black.

This place was covered in thick fog all year round and sunlight couldn't enter. Hence, from a high altitude, one could only see the pitch-black river flowing out but they couldn't see what had happened to the river in the forbidden region.

The fog enveloped everything.

One could only faintly see that the Immortal Enrichment River had divided the Sword Forbidden into two areas. However, the lingering fog seemed to have connected them together again.

"According to the records in the Alliance, there was a catastrophe in the Sword Forbidden Region 3,000 years ago. That Sword Emperor woke up and walked out. This matter caused a commotion in the entire Fenghai County. In the end, he was barely suppressed by the alliance of the myriad races of Fenghai County."

"Flame Emperor, Corpse Emperor, and Sword Emperor, these three are the lords of their respective forbidden regions. The strength of each of them is unfathomable." The captain looked at the pitch-black jungle in the distance. The instant his voice rang out, Xu Qing had already rushed out.

His speed was so fast that he transformed into a ray of light that headed straight for the Sword Forbidden Region.

On the magic warship, Yanyan looked at the captain worriedly.

"Eldest Senior Brother..."

The captain looked at Xu Qing's figure and smiled faintly.

"It's fine. With me around, I can guarantee that Xu Qing will be safe. However, Yanyan, I've been a little tight on money recently. You..."

Yanyan instantly threw out a storage bag.

The captain's eyes lit up. After taking it and sweeping his gaze over it, he was immediately pleasantly surprised. He patted his chest and spoke loudly.

"Sister-in-law, don't worry. I'll do everything to make your husband safe!" As he spoke, the captain looked at Yanyan eagerly.

The word 'sister-in-law' instantly caused Yanyan's face to turn red. She happily threw another storage bag.

"Damn, from now on, Yanyan, you're the only sister-in-law I acknowledge!" The captain's body trembled. He took the storage bag and chased after Xu Qing.

Hearing the captain's words, Yanyan was happy and her face blushed.

However, she didn't know that the captain, who was chasing after Xu Qing, was overjoyed as he sped. His eyes were shining as though he had found a new way to get rich.

"I'm stupid. I shouldn't be envious of Little Qing. Every time I go out with him, I should call for a female cultivator and do this. I definitely won't lack money!"

"There's also that rich woman, Ding Xue. She has the most money!"

The captain was excited, especially when he thought about how it would be if the person beside Xu Qing was Purple Mystic Fairy and the other party obediently called him senior brother.

"I'll use Little Qing's name to give each of those people a small gift later to protect their relationship with Little Qing. Little Qing, you must have accumulated good fortune in your previous life to have a senior brother like me!"

The captain was touched and in a good mood.

In reality, this wasn't his first time doing this.

Back then, when he and Xu Qing had done that major event in the Sea Corpse Race and escaped back to the Seven Blood Eyes, he was arranged to be an Image Disciple to welcome the nonhuman races. The reason why Ding Xue and Gu Muqing appeared beside Xu Qing at the same time was because he had secretly manipulated it.

In reality, the sect had decided on Gu Muqing at that time. Hence, the captain secretly informed Ding Xue and sold her a spot...

He was feeling smug and his speed also increased. He chased after Xu Qing and entered the Sword Forbidden Region.

In the Sword Forbidden jungle, Xu Qing moved very fast. After he rushed in, the anomalous substances in the surroundings surged over and rapidly filled Xu Qing's body. He instantly absorbed them and gushed them into the third palace.

He didn't stop. He leaped up in the jungle and grabbed to the side with his right hand. Immediately, a huge snake that was hanging on a large tree and emitting extraordinary fluctuations was grabbed by Xu Qing.

Almost at the instant his hand touched the large snake, the large snake that was as thick as a human let out a painful hiss. Its body withered at a speed visible to the naked eye and it turned into a skeleton in the blink of an eye. All the vitality in its body disappeared.

A hint of spirit appeared in Xu Qing's eyes. He didn't say a word and continued forward. Very soon, a ferocious beast that was red like a qilin appeared in Xu Qing's eyes.

This ferocious beast's aura wasn't ordinary. Its entire body emitted a baleful aura and its body was covered in faces of humans and beasts.

Ahead of the beast was a group of eight-legged wolves. These wolves were monstrous. They had two bodies but only one head.

Moreover, the head was extremely large, comparable to its entire body. Its appearance was strange but at the same time, its ferocity was also very intense. However, under the pursuit of the ferocious beast that was like a qilin, they retracted their ferocity and fled in panic.

Xu Qing directly appeared between the two parties. The qilin-like ferocious beast suddenly stopped in its tracks. As soon as its baleful aura erupted, Xu Qing had already arrived in front of it. He lifted his right hand and pressed down fiercely.

The ferocious beast's body trembled and it didn't even have the qualifications to dodge or block. In an instant, Xu Qing's palm landed on its head. With a bang, the ferocious beast's body directly withered and within a few breaths, it turned into a skeleton.

This scene caused the eight-legged wolf pack to tremble and flee even faster. However, Xu Qing licked his lips and leaped up, turning into an afterimage as he chased after them and began to absorb them.

Very soon, after leaving behind a pile of corpses, Xu Qing's figure disappeared into the distance, disappearing into the jungle.

Tens of breaths later, the captain's figure appeared.

He looked at the corpses all over the ground and felt relieved.

"From the looks of it, there shouldn't be a problem."

The captain mumbled and was about to continue following.

However, at this moment, his expression suddenly changed. He sniffed slightly and suspiciously turned his head to look at the depths of the forbidden region.

That place was in a different direction from where Xu Qing had gone.

After careful observation, the captain's eyes lit up.

"There's actually such a treasure here?" The captain licked his lips, his eyes shining.

"Junior Brother is fine. I might as well go take a look at this treasure first."

At the thought of this, the captain changed his direction and immediately rushed over, disappearing into the jungle.

Just like that, time slowly passed. Soon, half a month had passed.

In this half a month, Xu Qing engaged in crazy slaughter. Wherever he passed, he would absorb the vitality of any ferocious beasts he encountered to nourish his poison pill. It was the same even when he encountered bizarre entities.

He didn't even remember how many ferocious beasts he had killed. With his current combat strength of four palaces, he could basically sweep through everything in the outer area of the forbidden region.

Hence, very soon, Xu Qing moved slightly closer to the depths. As he moved deeper, he encountered more ferocious beasts. He continued to kill and absorb.

Gradually, his consciousness returned to normal. The light in his eyes was no longer dim and his body had recovered a lot.

Coupled with the effect of the purple crystal, he looked fine now. At most, he was thinner than before.

His hair had grown back and his robe had been changed to a new one. Under such dense vitality and anomalous substances, the Poison Restriction Pill in the third Heavenly Palace in his body was only a trace away from complete recovery.

This trace was also very easy to deal with. At this moment, Xu Qing was attacking for this. His speed was extremely fast as he headed straight for a group of huge jellyfish flying in the sky.

These jellyfish emitted a cold aura. Wherever they passed, the ground would be frozen. Most of the ferocious beasts in this area wouldn't be able to escape death.

There were dozens of these jellyfish of various sizes. One could even see rotting corpses being digested in their translucent bodies.

Xu Qing had seen similar jellyfish in the forbidden zone of the scavenger campsite back then.

It was as though this jellyfish was a common creature in the forbidden zone and region. After seeing it again, the intense pressure that he felt back then had completely disappeared.

Looking at the jellyfish, Xu Qing thought of the countless low-level cultivators killed by this species in the scavenger campsite. This included Old Stone whom Xu Qing had buried.

A sharp glint flashed in Xu Qing's eyes as he rushed out. His speed was so fast that he instantly rushed into the group of jellyfish.

As waves of rumbling sounded, many dried-up jellyfish that had lost their vitality fell from the air.

A moment later, Xu Qing landed on a gigantic tree crown.

His eyes emitted spirit, and a rumbling sound that was like heavenly lightning echoed in his body.

In his third palace, the Poison Restriction Pill that had been fused and transformed into his intrinsic treasure seemed to have the fire of life ignited again at this moment and emitted dense energy fluctuations.

In fact, it was trembling slightly.

This vibration was continuous, just like a heart.

What followed was an extremely intimate connection. This feeling was like the Poison Restriction Pill in the third palace was originally a part of Xu Qing's body.

Xu Qing was excited.

He first took out the little black bugs and inhaled. Immediately, these little black bugs entered Xu Qing's body and entered the third palace, surrounding the Poison Restriction Pill.

Immediately after, Xu Qing looked at the sky far away in the jungle. At that moment, another batch of jellyfish whistled over.

Clearly, the group of jellyfish here was even larger. He had only killed a portion of them earlier and it had attracted the attention of the group of jellyfish here. At that moment, hundreds of jellyfish were rushing over from afar.

Among them, three of them had bodies that were thousands of feet long and emitted astonishing energy that was actually comparable to Golden Cores with two or three Heavenly Palaces.

"As expected of a forbidden region. I haven't even entered the inner regions yet but I'm already able to encounter such a powerful beast."

"Alright, I'll test the might of my Poison Restriction Pill here!"

Xu Qing mumbled as a sharp glint flashed in his eyes. The third Heavenly Palace in his body trembled and the Poison Restriction Pill inside instantly activated.

Endless poison spread out from the poison pill and Xu Qing's body. It was colorless and odorless and rumbled in all directions like an avalanche.

Wherever it passed, countless trees instantly rotted and all vegetation turned to ashes in the blink of an eye. The ferocious beasts didn't have the ability to struggle and were instantly poisoned, turning into blood amidst waves of mournful cries.

The jellyfish that arrived in the sky couldn't escape death either. One after another, they turned pitch-black and melted, turning into black water that splashed on the ground.

They weren't the only ones. The ground was the same.

The ground became a forbidden land. Countless small bugs acted up in unison and the ferocious beasts deep underground couldn't avoid the poison either. They were instantly exterminated.

The fog in the sky rapidly melted at this moment, revealing a large hole, allowing the moonlight from the outside world to cascade in.

It enveloped Xu Qing's body and the surrounding 5,000 feet!

Within this 5000-foot-long area, not a blade of grass was left and everything was dead.

At a glance, the ground... was empty.

Only the pitch-black soil portrayed a shocking horror.

Xu Qing stood in the air and watched all of this. The shadow slowly appeared, forming the shadow of a large pitch-black tree. It bent down behind him and worshiped.

From afar, this large shadow tree seemed to have become Xu Qing's cloak. Under the contrast of this 5,000-foot-long extermination, Xu Qing's tall and straight figure and peerlessly beautiful face looked even more demonic.

The black iron stick appeared in mid-air and was trembling at this moment. The Diamond Sect's ancestor also knelt on the ground and worshiped.

Waves of emotions had already surged in his mind. Everything turned into a mumble.

"God?"

The reason for this was because of the anomalous substances that were slowly growing on the ground!

These anomalous substances weren't from the forbidden region. Instead, they had formed on their own after this place was covered by Xu Qing's poison.

What was even stranger was that these anomalous substances actually gave Xu Qing a feeling that they came from him.

It was as though they were born because of him.

It was different from the anomalous substances that originally permeated this place!

Xu Qing's body trembled in disbelief. This was because this was... the ability of the god!

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Chapter 448: The Ancestor Is Anxious

Xu Qing stood in the air and looked at all of this. A huge commotion was stirring in his mind.

It was only after a long time that he took a deep breath and made a grabbing gesture. Immediately, the anomalous substances produced here headed straight for him. They surrounded his palm and formed airflows that swam around it.

Looking at the fog formed by the black anomalous substances outside his palm, Xu Qing still felt some disbelief.

This was unexpected but after careful thought, it seemed reasonable.

This was because the Poison Restriction Pill was refined by that almighty cultivator after he fought with a mysterious expert from the Divine Realm. The expert inflicted the almighty with Poison Restriction before he died. The almighty cultivator had to go through all kinds of torture to refine the poison.

As such, the source of the Poison Restriction Pill was actually the cultivator from the Divine Realm.

As for the Divine Realm...

Xu Qing looked at the sky.

At that moment, the sky was filled with black clouds. Only the sky within 5000 feet of him melted, forming a large gap.

Through the gap, Xu Qing looked at the bright moon outside. He also saw a corner of the god's fragmented face that was faintly discernible under the moonlight.

"When the god looks at a place once, it will turn into a forbidden zone. If He looks at it twice, it will turn into a forbidden region. Thrice and it becomes a Divine Realm!"

The Wanggu Continent was vast. To be able to make the god open His eyes and look at the same location three times was naturally very rare.

"Does the Divine Realm grasp the power of the god? Also, the god specimen of the Illuminate is also related to exploring the power of the god."

Xu Qing mumbled. At that moment, he clearly understood that the greatest might of his Poison Restriction Pill might not be poison but as a key.

The key to opening the god's gate.

"Did that almighty back then know about this?"

Xu Qing fell silent. In his opinion, there were still some unanswered questions about this matter but he lacked many necessary clues and couldn't analyze it thoroughly.

However, no matter what, the value of this Poison Restriction Pill was astonishing. Xu Qing had already deeply understood this point.

He also understood how tempting an item that possessed a certain amount of god's power was to the outside world. Once this matter was exposed, he probably wouldn't be able to keep it.

Xu Qing didn't want to challenge human nature. Hence, he listed the god's power contained in his Poison Restriction Pill as his deepest secret that was on the same level as the purple crystal.

"I'm good at the Dao of Poison and killing with poison won't arouse suspicion, so using the poison of this Poison Restriction Pill is a good cover."

After Xu Qing fell silent, he sensed his current combat strength. Right now, the three Heavenly Palaces in his sea of consciousness were shining. Coupled with his emperor-level cultivation art, he already possessed the combat strength of four palaces.

If he used poison, Xu Qing was confident that he could fight more powerful experts. As for the god's power born after he displayed the poison to the extreme... Xu Qing thought about it. Unless it was absolutely necessary, he definitely couldn't use this power.

At the thought of this, Xu Qing took out a large number of black pills and quickly threw them in the 5000 feet range.

As the black pills exploded, the anomalous substances from 5,000 feet away were pulled over, permeating this place and scattering the anomalous substances born from Xu Qing.

The black clouds in the sky slowly churned and recovered, as though nothing had happened earlier.

The ground was also filled with anomalous substances again. Only the bare ground bore witness to the terrifying poison.

Xu Qing looked at all of this but was still a little worried. He threw out a few more black pills.

It was only when the anomalous substances here were extremely dense and Xu Qing sensed that the anomalous substances born from him had completely dissipated that he felt at ease. He then turned and left.

On the way back, Xu Qing looked at the shadow under his feet and the black iron stick many times.

His gaze caused the shadow and the Diamond Sect's ancestor to tremble.

The former instinctively felt some danger. As for the latter... with how shrewd he was, how could the Diamond Sect's ancestor not know the reason? Hence, when Xu Qing looked at him for the seventh time, the Diamond Sect's ancestor immediately manifested.

With a plop, he knelt on the ground.

"Master, I implore you to help me."

Xu Qing didn't say anything and looked over coldly.

The Diamond Sect's ancestor had a loyal expression and his eyes revealed fanaticism. He looked at Xu Qing as though he was looking at a god. This was the gaze he had secretly learned after seeing Night Dove back then.

"Master, I'm worried that I'll be captured one day. When they realize that I won't reveal any of Master's secrets even if I die, they might use a special method to search my soul. Although it would not be with my will, even if I expose the slightest bit, I'll feel extreme guilt. It's fine if I die, but I can't expose Master's secrets."

"Therefore, I implore Master to leave an extermination seal in my mind. It doesn't matter how vicious or serious it is. This way, if such an extreme situation really happens in the future, as long as someone searches my soul, my mind will self-destruct and the enemies will gain nothing."

"Even if I die, I'll still have a smile on my way to the netherworld, knowing that I was loyal to Master!"

The Diamond Sect's ancestor patted his chest and spoke fanatically.

This was actually where he was smart. He was very clear about Xu Qing's personality and also knew that it was useless to make guarantees at this moment. It was also useless to make an oath. Even he wouldn't believe it, let alone Demon Xu.

Hence, when he directly pointed it out, it allowed him to express his loyalty as well.

This was his little scheme. He felt that there was a high chance that this would dissipate Demon Xu's doubts.

Moreover, there was a certain chance that Demon Xu didn't know of a seal like this. Otherwise, he would have used it long ago.

He had a faint feeling that everything he saw today might become an opportunity for him to obtain freedom in the future.

This thought was very dangerous, so the moment it appeared, the Diamond Sect's ancestor shuddered.

Xu Qing cast a deep glance at the Diamond Sect's ancestor and calmly spoke.

"There's no need for the seal. I believe in you. At worst, when you're captured alive, I'll send you off to fulfill your loyalty. Also, your current combat strength is only comparable to three fires. It's a little weak."

The Diamond Sect's ancestor's body trembled and he was terrified.

The dangerous thought that had risen earlier instantly dissipated amidst his horror. Xu Qing's gaze made him feel as though the other party had seen through his thoughts. He felt extremely nervous and regretful.

He felt that he hadn't thought things through this time. He shouldn't have asked Demon Xu to seal him.

As an artifact spirit, how could he only ask questions and not give a truly feasible solution?

Such an artifact spirit wasn't a good artifact spirit.

He should take the initiative to seal himself to express his loyalty.

'I was too careless. This Demon Xu is much more wise and farsighted than before. I have to consider everything thoroughly in the future.'

At the thought of this, the Diamond Sect's ancestor tried to salvage the situation.

"Master, I... I think I can break through!"

Xu Qing raised his brows. He didn't see any signs of the Diamond Sect's ancestor being on the verge of breaking through. At the same time, emotions rapidly fluctuated from the shadow.

"I... live... die together... also breakthrough!"

Xu Qing glanced at the shadow and nodded. With a sway of his body, he changed his direction. He no longer sped toward the depths but searched for a suitable place for them to break through.

Not long later, Xu Qing found a canyon.

The interior and exterior of this canyon were filled with strange sawtooth vegetation. The leaves were extremely large; some were drooping, some were bent, and some were squirming. One could see the corpses of small beasts melting inside.

However, with Xu Qing's arrival, all the vegetation inside and outside the canyon instinctively retracted their branches and leaves, not daring to spread out at all.

Xu Qing frowned. He didn't like this feeling. It was too ostentatious.

Hence, as he pondered, he restrained the poisonous aura of the third Heavenly Palace. When he had restrained it to the limits, the vegetation 100 feet away relaxed. However, it was still the same within 100 feet.

This was caused by the level of the poison pill and also because Xu Qing had just fused it. He still needed some time to get used to it before he could control it better.

Xu Qing's body swayed as he headed straight for the canyon. After checking, he lifted his right hand and waved it. Immediately, the black iron stick flew out and headed straight for the rock wall. It quickly dug a hole there.

This cave was dug very deep and it extended underground.

Xu Qing checked and confirmed that there was nothing wrong before entering the cave.

With a wave of his hand, countless rubble flew over and filled the cave entrance. After that, he headed straight for the depths.

He made arrangements in the surroundings before sitting down. He then took out an oil lantern and lit it.

As the fire that contained spirit qi shone on Xu Qing's face, he calmly spoke.

"Which one of you will go first?"

"I... first..." After the shadow impatiently transmitted the fluctuations, it spread out from Xu Qing's side and arrived on the wall not far away.

Xu Qing looked over.

The shadow on the wall transformed into the appearance of a large tree. The densely-packed hundred eyes on it opened at the same time and looked at Xu Qing.

"Mas... Pill... Eat..."

Xu Qing waved his hand and the bottles and jars he had obtained from Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy's cave abode instantly flew out.

These were all parts that didn't contain vitality after Xu Qing checked and filtered them. However, some of their effects seemed to be very useful to the shadow.

Previously, when he saw it in Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy's cave abode, the shadow had already emitted a clear fluctuation of desire.

As soon as the bottles flew out, the shadow's eyes blinked in unison. Immediately, these bottles and jars exploded along with the pills in them. A dense fog made of various pills headed straight for the shadow on the wall.

The shadow trembled as it absorbed the fog. At the same time, a large amount of anomalous substances seeped in from the surroundings and fused into the shadow.

Under the shadow's absorption, more and more anomalous substances were drawn in.

This place was in the forbidden region and the anomalous substances were extremely dense, so a vortex quickly formed around the shadow.

As the vortex continued to spin, the shadow's body became increasingly blurry. In the end, its figure completely disappeared and fused into the vortex.

Although it had disappeared, a terrifying energy fluctuation spread out from the vortex.

The strength of this fluctuation rapidly surpassed the Foundation Building realm and was advancing to the Golden Core realm.

There was also the sound of thumping heartbeats, causing one to instinctively feel uneasy. There seemed to be a new life form brewing and transforming in the vortex.

Xu Qing stared at it. He thought of the performance after the shadow advanced last time and wondered if there would be a rebellion this time as well. Hence, he was prepared to completely suppress it.

As for the Diamond Sect's ancestor, his heart was palpitating as he watched all of this. He was extremely anxious and an intense sense of danger rose in his mind.

"This aura... Little Shadow, Little Shadow, is there a need to go this far? What am I supposed to do?!"

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Chapter 449: Shadow Fusion Secret Technique

The Diamond Sect's ancestor was very nervous. While he was worried, he discovered that Xu Qing's gaze toward the vortex contained a hint of anticipation.

In the memories of the Diamond Sect's ancestor, Xu Qing had never looked at him like this.

All of this caused the Diamond Sect's ancestor to feel an intense mental struggle.

Finally, lightning appeared in his eyes. After he forced himself to the extreme, he went crazy and wanted to risk it.

Hence, he looked at Xu Qing.

"Master, please give me those mirrors."

Although the Diamond Sect's ancestor's words were transmitted through his divine sense, Xu Qing could clearly sense the determination and madness contained within.

He glanced at the Diamond Sect's ancestor and with a wave of his hand, all the mirrors of various sizes he had obtained from Spirit Venerable Nether Fairy flew out.

The Diamond Sect's ancestor didn't say a word and controlled the black iron stick to fly straight for the mirrors. It instantly pierced through one and with a single breath, a faint blood-curdling scream rang out

from the shattered mirror, as though an artifact spirit had been devoured by the Diamond Sect's ancestor.

Xu Qing had checked the mirrors. The so-called artifact spirits weren't complete and could only be considered some consciousness. They were still far from truly becoming an artifact spirit.

After that, it was the second artifact consciousness, third, fourth... In the blink of an eye, the Diamond Sect's ancestor devoured consciousness of 70% of the mirrors. Lightning appeared around his body and his entire person seemed to be about to assimilate with the lightning. He even let out waves of roars.

This scene surprised Xu Qing. He felt that the Diamond Sect's ancestor was indeed risking his life.

In reality, this was already the limit of the Diamond Sect's ancestor. It was very difficult for him to devour more, and he didn't have any confidence in breaking through either.

However, when he sensed that Xu Qing was paying attention to him, the Diamond Sect's ancestor felt that everything was worth it.

At this moment, the vortex where the shadow was fluctuated intensely. Waves of inhuman cries that could shake the soul rang out from it.

Xu Qing focused his gaze.

The Diamond Sect's ancestor fell silent and looked at the remaining mirrors. His breathing was hurried and his eyes were bloodshot. He roared and rushed over.

Even if he couldn't devour them, he had to.

He thought that if he couldn't advance and the shadow succeeded, he would definitely not be valued. If he wasn't valued, he would be bullied by the shadow and he wouldn't be able to resist.

After being powerless to resist, it was easy to be killed in a scheme. Even if he wasn't killed by a scheme, he would still be thrown out by Demon Xu as cannon fodder. If he didn't become cannon fodder, he would be injured or snatched away by the enemies because he was too weak. He would then be killed by Demon Xu with a thought.

If he didn't succeed, he would die. If he succeeded, he would live.

As these thoughts appeared in his mind, the Diamond Sect's ancestor went completely crazy.

The instant he went crazy, it was the same for Little Shadow. An even more terrifying energy fluctuation spread out from the vortex. As the low roars and cries became increasingly intense, a lump of shadow faintly rose from the vortex.

This shadow was square and pitch-black, like a black square pillar.

It slowly rose from the vortex. With every inch it rose, the cries became more sharp. The anomalous substances that surged in from all directions became violent and denser, as though the shadow was struggling with all its might.

This process lasted for a full eight hours. Under the influx of endless anomalous substances, the vortex emitted an earth-shattering boom before it suddenly dissipated.

As it dissipated, a gigantic shadow appeared on the wall. It was extremely clear!

Xu Qing's expression changed.

It was an erect long shadow with circles of gray cloth wrapped around it.

The cloth was stained with some black blood, emitting an ominous and strange feeling.

The shadow seemed to be reflected on the wall but it gave Xu Qing a three-dimensional feeling, like a black coffin!

This was the first time he had such a feeling from the shadow. Previously, when the shadow advanced to the tree shadow, there was no such change.

If the performance of the shadow earlier could be compared to a painting, then the shadow now seemed to be the object in the painting walking out.

Xu Qing could sense this very clearly.

Not only that, but there were also extraordinary fluctuations emitted from the black coffin shadow, like the Golden Core Realm.

What made Xu Qing's eyes shine even brighter was the eyes that suddenly opened on the black coffin.

Countless eyes with vertical pupils were densely packed on the coffin.

It was impossible to count them in a short period. They filled the whole coffin and even more appeared.

When the eyes opened, they revealed extreme coldness. They were actually somewhat similar to the god's eye Xu Qing had seen before.

It was as though all living beings were low-level existences in its eyes, the difference between their life levels was like heaven and earth.

This was especially so for that lofty and condescending attitude, causing Xu Qing's eyes to emit an even colder chill.

"Are you courting death again?"

Xu Qing calmly spoke.

As soon as he finished speaking, the coffin shadow suddenly trembled, as though the deep memories of the past had surfaced again, causing its proud posture after the breakthrough to collapse. At the next instant, all the eyes on the coffin instinctively emitted a fawning intent.

"Master... I... obedient..."

"Even after advancing, you are still unable to speak complete words. What's the use of having you!" Xu Qing's expression was calm but his eyes became increasingly cold. His body emitted a purple light and the poison pill in the Third Heavenly Palace also throbbed slightly.

The shadow trembled even more intensely. All its eyes revealed horror and it was so nervous that it stuttered.

"I... strong... useful..."

"What use?" Xu Qing asked.

In that instant, the cloth strips on the shadow fell off and flew toward Xu Qing, floating in front of him.

Xu Qing took a look.

"Taboo... absorb..."

Xu Qing frowned and instinctively looked at the Diamond Sect's ancestor. However, the ancestor had devoured all the mirror artifact spirits and was trembling, unable to translate.

Hence, Xu Qing calmly spoke.

"I don't understand."

The shadow became anxious. As it trembled more and more, it simply separated some of its parts and began to draw. The scene depicted Xu Qing's figure giving an item to a sapling that was kowtowing in front of him.

Xu Qing looked at the scene and remembered.

Back then, he had given a Taboo fragment to the shadow. Now that he looked at the cloth strip again, he was a little surprised.

"After you absorbed the anomalous substances inside the fragment, it became like this?"

The coffin formed by the shadow immediately swayed as though it was shaking its head.

Xu Qing frowned and the shadow came to its senses. It quickly blinked and transmitted its emotions.

"Forgot... Damn Diamond... Yes..."

Xu Qing looked at the gray strip of cloth in front of him and saw that many areas on it were stained with black blood. It gave him the feeling that it was a strip torn off a shroud.

However, there was no stench at all. Instead, it emitted waves of immortal Qi.

This made Xu Qing feel a little strange. After he held it in his hand, his eyes narrowed as he released his grip and looked at his palm.

There were a large number of small wounds there, as though the cloth had thorns.

As for the specific usage, Xu Qing still needed to study it. He kept it and looked at the shadow.

"That's it?"

Seeing that Xu Qing wasn't satisfied, the shadow became nervous and hurriedly sent out fluctuations.

"Fusion... Transformation... Extreme..."

As the shadow spoke, the lid of the coffin suddenly opened with ear-piercing creaking sounds, and revealed a pitch-black interior.

"Master... in..." The shadow tried to curry favor.

Xu Qing narrowed his eyes and cast a deep glance at the shadow.

After pondering for a moment, he sneered inwardly. Even if the shadow advanced, he was confident in suppressing it, and this time, he wouldn't ignore its rebellion.

He stood up and took a step into the coffin. As he stepped in, the lid of the coffin slowly closed.

The instant it closed fully, the shadow's body trembled and countless eyes closed in unison. In an instant, its body seemed to have turned into liquid and actually caved in, continuously shrinking inward, revealing Xu Qing's body.

However, this body was covered by shadow and was pitch-black.

Xu Qing suddenly opened his eyes, revealing intense shock.

He looked at his body and tested it. His speed was much faster than before. He punched the majestic wall to the side.

The entire wall instantly turned into dust. The remaining force still continued to move forward until a huge hole that was ten thousand feet long appeared in front of Xu Qing.

Xu Qing's mind churned. This wasn't all his strength but just a casual punch.

However, this was something his body couldn't achieve previously.

Xu Qing's breathing hastened slightly as he checked his body.

He could sense that regardless of whether it was his defense, speed, or strength, they had reached an astonishing level.

His body was completely dark even inside. He couldn't see his Heavenly Palaces, his cultivation base, or his magic power. Everything seemed to have disappeared at this instant.

Their disappearance was exchanged for astonishing physical strength.

As Xu Qing pondered, with a thought, the darkness outside his body instantly contracted until his original skin was revealed. The shadow gathered between his brows.

At that place, a black vertical eye formed. The eyeball inside was moving on its own.

"This should be a secret technique after the shadow advanced. It can now fuse with me."

Xu Qing mumbled and performed a series of hand seals. However, he couldn't cast any spells.

"After the fusion, my spells disappeared and I became a pure body-refining cultivator. However, poison can still be used."

"The strength of my physical body gives me the feeling that it surpasses the combat strength of four palaces. It should have reached the level of five palaces. Moreover, it's a pure physical body with five palaces!"

Xu Qing's thoughts were still fluctuating. He could sense that after he left Three Spirits Suppression Mountain, his strength had undergone an earth-shattering transformation.

This was the eruption of all his accumulations.

After sensing his current state again, with a thought from Xu Qing, the black eye between his brows spread throughout his body. After that, it continued to spread out and transformed into a black coffin again.

The lid of the coffin opened and Xu Qing walked out.

With a wave of his hand, dark soul fire appeared and everything was restored. This made Xu Qing even more certain that the technique he obtained after the shadow advanced was a fusion secret technique.

"Not bad!" Xu Qing nodded, his eyes revealing admiration.

Seeing that Xu Qing was satisfied, the shadow became excited.

"Master... I... obedient..."

The shadow hurriedly expressed its stance. This was the knowledge it had learned from the Diamond Sect's ancestor. At this moment, it was very happy and completely relieved. Hence, it looked at the Diamond Sect's ancestor who was still trembling and suffering with disdain.

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Chapter 450: Heavenly Tribulation Attracts Niu

Xu Qing was very satisfied with the shadow's advancement.

The fusion secret technique shocked him even more.

This could basically be considered a trump card. It was similar to the secret art the woman in red had used.

However, the woman in red summoned a battle soul into her body while Xu Qing transformed his body into an extreme body-refining cultivator.

"Now that the life lanterns and my poison are no longer a secret, my first secret is the existence of the shadow. The woman in red's weapon gave me a foundation for this."

"If the shadow is exposed in the future, I have to use this method to hide it. This way, it won't attract too much attention."

"The second secret is Under the Nine Springs and the shadow's secret technique. The former is fine, but I have to think of a mnemonic chant for the latter. I can use the chant as a disguise to catch the enemy off guard."

"The third secret is being able to produce anomalous substances."

"The fourth secret is still the purple crystal."

Xu Qing sorted out his thoughts. After his heart calmed down, his gaze swept past the shadow that was in the shape of a coffin.

"I wonder what shape the shadow will transform into during the next advancement?"

In Xu Qing's opinion, there must be more mysteries about the shape of the shadow this time. However, now wasn't the time to ask. After all, the shadow couldn't explain properly.

At this moment, Xu Qing thought of the Diamond Sect's ancestor and looked over.

The current Diamond Sect's ancestor was in a very miserable state.

His body trembled and his entire body was filled with countless bolts of lightning. As the lightning continued to swim, they would enter his body from time to time, causing the Diamond Sect's ancestor to occasionally let out a blood-curdling scream.

However, the ancestor was a person who valued his dignity if he could help it.

Amidst the intense pain, he saw the shadow's provocative gaze and Xu Qing's expectant look. This instantly caused madness to appear in his eyes.

Right now, he was a lightning spirit. Originally, he still needed some time to nurture himself before he could gather the heavenly tribulation to evolve into a soul and withstand its baptism.

However, he couldn't care less about these now. With the help of the energy he gained by devouring the mirrors' artifact spirits, he advanced by leaps and bounds. He mobilized all his lightning power and let out a loud roar at the sky. He then performed a series of hand seals with both hands and pointed upward.

"Tribulation!"

At the next instant, countless bolts of lightning erupted from the Diamond Sect's ancestor's body, forming a dazzling light that directly rushed into the soil above.

Lightning drilled out of the soil, forming countless arcs of lightning in the canyon outside. Finally, they gathered into a thick lightning river that headed straight for the sky.

The black clouds in the sky rumbled and were actually penetrated by the long river formed by lightning. As they churned intensely, an earth-shattering muffled thunder suddenly exploded in the clouds.

As the thunder rumbled and echoed, traces of red lightning swam in the clouds and quickly gathered into a red bolt of lightning.

It seemed to contain some extreme intent as it descended.

It headed straight for the ground, the canyon, and the cave deep underground.

At the same time, in the jungle some distance away from where Xu Qing was at, the captain was fleeing crazily. His speed was astonishing. Wherever he passed, a cold aura would spread out, causing everything behind him to be frozen.

His face was flushed and there was a glint in his eyes. He let out a nervous laugh as he held a red fruit in his hand and even took a big bite.

"Good stuff, good stuff. A holy fruit born in extreme anomalous substances and evil. This thing was born in adversity and must be extraordinary. I smelled it from afar just now, hahaha... F*ck!"

Amidst his laughter, an eerie light suddenly flew out from behind him. It swept out like a sharp blade and instantly cut the trees that came into contact with it.

At that moment, it got close and was about to slash at the captain. However, the captain's body twisted in a strange manner and he dodged the light. However, a portion of his hair was still cut off.

It could be considered as brushing past his scalp.

The captain took a deep breath and swallowed the fruit. As he sped up his escape without turning his head, he suddenly saw lightning in the sky far away and heard the faint thunder. His eyes lit up again.

"Another treasure? Should I go or not? It's a little dangerous in the previous location, especially since their patriarch seems to be on the verge of waking up from my provocation. They are too petty."

The captain hesitated. In the end, he gritted his teeth and changed directions to rush over.

He felt that if he let it go like this, he would definitely regret it in the future.

Since that was the case, he would go and take a look. As long as he was fast, he might be able to kill two birds with one stone.

As for the patriarch of that race, he had sensed earlier that the other party clearly had old injuries on his body. It wouldn't be so easy for it to wake up.

Moreover, there were also some restrictions set up by the myriad races there. It seemed to be to prevent the other party from escaping.

"Is it one of the subordinates who went out with the emperor of the forbidden region? All of them were suppressed by the myriad of races of Fenghai County. Although they escaped and returned, they were still chased by the myriad races and the whole forbidden region was surrounded with restrictions."

"The Sword Forbidden Region, the place of imprisonment?"

The captain fell into deep thought. He thought of another name of this forbidden region. As he ran, he took out another red fruit and took a bite.

Behind him, the ground trembled and the trees collapsed. A group of six-armed giants was chasing after him furiously.

These giants were about 100 feet tall. Their skin was green and their ears were huge. The most eye-catching thing was their earlobes.

A large number of bells were tied there, emitting crisp sounds.

It was as though the bells had grown together with them. The eerie light from before was emitted by the bells.

These giants were the special race born in the forbidden region.

At that moment, all of their eyes were filled with madness and killing intent as they continued to pursue. Among them, there were more than ten with Golden Core cultivation bases.

What was even more astonishing was that their clan's territory behind them faintly emitted an aura of awakening.

It was as though an almighty was awakening.

While there was a mad chase going on in the outside world, in the canyon, Xu Qing was completely focused on the Diamond Sect's ancestor.

He saw countless red lightning bolts with extreme intent suddenly appear from the soil and head straight for the Diamond Sect's ancestor.

The ancestor's body trembled and he let out a mournful cry. Countless red lightning enveloped him and continuously destroyed his body. At the same time, it also stimulated the Diamond Sect's ancestor's spirit body, causing it to rapidly produce a large amount of red light.

His body was transforming from an artifact spirit to an artifact soul.

This light permeated the Diamond Sect's ancestor's riddled body, causing him to look extremely disheveled and on the verge of death.

However, this red lightning actually caused all the eyes of Little Shadow to narrow slightly, revealing a solemn expression.

However, it quickly reacted and felt that its expression wasn't good, so it showed disdain again.

Xu Qing could also tell that this red lightning was extraordinary. The lightning dissipated faintly. The screams from the Diamond Sect's ancestor turned into a low roar and the madness in his eyes became even more intense.

He had successfully survived the first wave of heavenly tribulation. At this moment, he quickly sat cross-legged and kept circulating the red light in his body to prepare for the next wave of heavenly tribulation.

However, his current body was extremely weak and on the verge of collapse. It would be very difficult for him to survive the second wave of heavenly tribulation.

While Xu Qing remained silent, the sky rumbled again, as though something was roaring furiously. After that, more blood threads filled the clouds and the second heavenly tribulation descended.

Countless red lightning formed blood-colored lightning that descended again, piercing through the ground and about to bombard the Diamond Sect's ancestor.

The Diamond Sect's ancestor opened his eyes. Just as despair appeared in his eyes, Xu Qing moved.

He took a step forward and instantly arrived above the Diamond Sect's ancestor. He lifted his right hand and pressed upward.

Immediately, his two canopies appeared and the Heavenly Palaces manifested outside as he blocked the lightning.

Xu Qing's body trembled.

He could sense the extreme intent contained in this red lightning, as well as his canopies resisting it and offsetting each other.

He tried to absorb it but he couldn't. There was no way to contain it.

"This red lightning of the heavenly tribulation destroys souls and bodies."

"You Lingzi's advancement is interesting."

Xu Qing mumbled. Xu Qing had only seen such a method of advancement for artifact spirits from the Diamond Sect's ancestor.

Seeing that the Diamond Sect's ancestor had recovered a little, Xu Qing looked at him.

"Do you want to continue?"

"Master, I..."

The Diamond Sect's ancestor was about to say that he couldn't take it anymore, but after noticing the disdain and hostility in Little Shadow's countless eyes, he gritted his teeth fiercely and roared.

"I can do it!"

Xu Qing nodded and retreated, no longer blocking the red lightning that he had neutralized by more than half.

At the next instant, the lightning headed straight for the Diamond Sect's ancestor.

The Diamond Sect's ancestor let out a low roar and gritted his teeth.

As the lightning blasted in, his body trembled even more. His body dimmed again and his body was dissipating. Even like this, he couldn't withstand the lightning.

The feeling of death surfaced in his mind.

The Diamond Sect's ancestor laughed bitterly. He had lived a stable life and was careful in everything he did. If he provoked an enemy, he would attack with all his might and destroy them at all costs. If he couldn't, he would rather relocate the sect to avoid them.

When he encountered Xu Qing again and faced life and death, he gritted his teeth and destroyed himself, becoming his slave for the sake of surviving.

But now, he was in despair.

Amidst this despair, the lightning spread and his body was dissipating. The Diamond Sect's ancestor let out a deranged and miserable laugh.

He wasn't willing to accept this. He suddenly felt intense regret.

What he regretted wasn't trying to break through.

What he regretted was why he didn't take risks when he was young.

In order to survive in his early years, he didn't dare to risk his life to snatch resources and couldn't quickly form his life fire.

He could only fantasize about becoming the main character in those books, fantasize about starting from ordinary and reaching the peak of the heavens.

"I, You Lingzi, am also a person with aptitude!"

The Diamond Sect's ancestor lifted his head and looked at Xu Qing as he spoke miserably.

"Demon Xu, I, You Lingzi, am also a person with opportunities!"

"Demon Xu, I, You Lingzi, wasn't born a slave!"

"How did it... end up like this?"

As he recalled his past, he felt indignant. His emotions also fluctuated intensely, filled with despair, madness, and regret. This was especially so when he felt that he was about to die. He didn't care about what he said anymore.

This despair had turned extreme because of the arrival of death.

This madness was the same, and regret was even more so.

Xu Qing looked at the Diamond Sect's ancestor and sighed inwardly. He was about to make a move to neutralize the lightning.

However, at this moment, the instant the Diamond Sect's ancestor's emotions reached an extreme, before he died, the red lightning in his body actually paused.

After this pause, they seemed to have resonated with the Diamond Sect's ancestor to a certain extent, as though he met the conditions for acceptance.

In an instant, these lightning bolts directly gathered in the Diamond Sect's ancestor's body. After circling around, all the places where the Diamond Sect's ancestor's body dissipated grew back.

However, the body was red!

At that moment, 70% of the Diamond Sect's ancestor's body turned blood-red. The remaining 30% was normal. This meant that he had completed 70% of his advancement.

30% was spirit and 70% was soul.

The heavenly tribulation dispersed.

The advancement was a failure and a success.

The Diamond Sect's ancestor was stunned. He looked at his body with confusion.

After that, it turned into ecstasy. However, at the next instant, he thought of his roars earlier and his face turned pale. He trembled in nervousness. He lifted his head and looked at Xu Qing, revealing an expression that was uglier than crying.

"Um... Master, just now, it was actually all based on the cultivation art's requirements. It was the most critical step in breaking through. I had to say that..."

"In reality, the period of time I followed Master was the happiest time in my life."

"Master... don't take it seriously."

The shadow at the side revealed a sinister smile. Its body swayed back and forth as though it was shaking its head.