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At the eighth level of the mysterious cave, Jiu Shen and Xia Xinyue were surrounded by a little more than a hundred skeletal warriors. Each of them was wearing a set of steel-plated armor and they were also holding a huge broadsword in their ghastly bony hands.

Looking at the more than a hundred 7th-rank Emperor realm skeletal warriors, Xia Xinyue's eyes exhibited a trace of worry, but when she looked at Jiu Shen's calm and indifferent face, she felt a bit relieved. However, she still put on a vigilant look as she held her sword tightly in her hand. 'No matter how strong Lord Sect Master is, he will still succumb under this many 7th-rank Emperor realm skeletal warriors, but if he can break past their encirclement, he might be able to come out alive.'

After thinking about that, she then stared resolutely at Jiu Shen's side profile and muttered with a slightly quivering voice. "Lord Sect Master, you don't need to protect me. Throughout the entire journey, I've only been a hindrance to you, so there is no need for you to waste your energy in protecting me. I just hope that you will help Sulan in bringing our Ice Cloud Sword Sect to eternal glory..."

Actually, she didn't want to die, but facing this kind of circumstance, she would feel guilty even if she managed to survive since she was just a burden to Jiu Shen in this whole exploration.

Jiu Shen lifted his eyebrows in surprise when he heard her determined voice and he could not help but take a clearer look at the beautiful face of this lovely lady. He didn't think much about her during the entire time and merely treated her as a subordinate, but upon sensing her resolve, his impression of this woman changed considerably.

"Do you think that these puny undeads can stop me, Jiu Shen?" Jiu Shen chuckled in an amused tone.

Xia Xinyue sensed the disdain in Jiu Shen's voice, and she could not help but become bewildered in her heart. Just where did he get his confidence? Facing this many undeads at the 7th-rank Emperor realm, even Emperor Elyk wouldn't be able to say such bold words, so how can he still remain calm in this kind of situation?

Roaarr!!

Roaarr!!

The skeletal warriors roared as they pounced towards the pair while lifting their broadswords. Their loud roars shook the entire cave that even the bravest of men would surely be terrified by it.

Xia Xinyue's legs almost buckled at the stifling aura they produced and the hand she used in holding her sword trembled lightly.

Jiu Shen's silver eyes flashed and turned golden in color as a pair of inky black wings sprouted behind his back. His calm and indifferent expression suddenly changed as an incredibly cold smile hung on his devilishly handsome visage.

The dragon tattoo in his right arm suddenly turned into a wisp of black smoke before it turned into an ordinary-looking black sword.

Roaarrrrr!!

An ear-piercing draconic cry reverberated like a clap of thunder, stunning the group of undeads that were about to attack Jiu Shen and Xia Xinyue. Their hollow eyes lack a sense of sentience, but strangely, they exhibited a trace of horror when they heard the dragon's roar of Jiu Shen's Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword.

The appearance of the ordinary-looking black sword in Jiu Shen's hand slowly changed, and in not less than a few seconds, it turned into an incomparably threatening and malicious-looking heavy sword that looked even more imposing due to the ancient patterns on its blade and the life-like dragon engraving that intertwined on its hilt.

The lazy and casual aura of Jiu Shen can no longer be sensed, and only an awe-inspiring and peerless air of a top expert can be felt around him.

Xia Xinyue's eyes widened at this sudden change that she even forgot the situation they were facing. 'Is this his true strength? He looks so cool...'

And without waiting for the undeads to recover, Jiu Shen's figure flickered as he dashed towards them with his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword in hand.

He then flapped his wings and brandished his sword with a set of graceful movements. He didn't look like he was attacking at all, instead, it was as if he was an immortal that painted the scenery with a flawless sword dance.

Bang!

More than a dozen skeletal warriors disintegrated after being hit by Jiu Shen's sword strike and their weapons were not even spared, breaking into pieces as if a block of brittle glass.

Xia Xinyue who had already willed herself to die suddenly felt that her words earlier were somewhat laughable to Jiu Shen.

'To think that there was someone this strong in the Silver Wing Empire. I wonder how strong he is compared to the Alliance Leaders of the Alliance?' She thought in her heart as she looked at how Jiu Shen dismembered more than a hundred 7th-rank Emperor realm skeletal warriors as if they were a bunch of hapless chickens. It was truly shocking that her eyes glittered in admiration at the sight of him effortlessly destroying those creatures.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

On the other hand, Jiu Shen didn't want to waste any more time in this place, so he hurriedly finished off the remaining skeletal warriors. The bunch of them were not even able to get near Jiu Shen before they became a pile of dust under his overwhelming sword strikes.

The Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword in Jiu Shen's hand turned into a wisp of black smoke as it went back into his right arm.

Jiu Shen retracted his pitch-black wings and his pair of golden eyes reverted to its natural silver color. His lazy and apathetic temperament once again returned, making Xia Xinyue almost believe that everything that happened was but a fleeting mirage.

With a slight turn of his head, he glanced at Xia Xinyue's face with a calm but milder look. Seeing Jiu Shen's indifferent gaze fixed on her figure, Xia Xinyue smiled in embarrassment.

"Let's go. There are still two levels before we can reach the end of this mysterious cave." Jiu Shen said with a poker face.

Xia Xinyue nodded her head but she could not help but grumble after not even seeing a single treasure around them. "That Origin God Realm expert is so stingy. After going through eight levels of his abode, we didn't even encounter a single treasure. What a miser!"

Hearing her words, Jiu Shen's lips curved upwards to form a faint smile, but Xia Xinyue was now looking elsewhere so she didn't see this.

"Stop complaining. If I'm not wrong, the treasures he left behind should be on the final level of this place. Just that, don't expect too much since so many years have already passed by. Some of his treasures might have already turned into dust." Jiu Shen

muttered as he walked away, leaving behind the stunned Xia Xinyue who immediately sprinted towards him. She was afraid that there might still be a few skeletal warriors along the way. If she wouldn't stay near Jiu Shen, then she would only be courting death.

After knowing Jiu Shen's strength, she was now sure that she would be protected as long as she was near him. Xia Xinyue also became excited at the thought of him suddenly becoming their Sect Master. Only a few days have passed, but she was now wholeheartedly devoted to serving this man. She was certain that their Ice Cloud Sword Sect would be feared throughout the whole of Nuar just because of him.

"Lord Sect Master, you seem to be proficient in array formations. Could it be you are also a high-level Array Formation Maker?" She stared at Jiu Shen with a curious look on her face. Along the way, they encountered a few array formations, but they were easily cracked by Jiu Shen. Her Ice Cloud Sword Sect also had a few Array Formation Maker, but they were only 7th-level Array Formation Makers, and they surely wouldn't be able to discern the array formation inside this mysterious cave.

Looking at Jiu Shen who was presumably an Alchemy Saint and a top cultivator, she found it hard to believe that he was also a high-level Array Formation Maker. Was there really such an all-around genius? However, the proof was already right in front of her eyes, so she could only ask Jiu Shen to satisfy her curiosity.

Jiu Shen stopped in his tracks and his face became imperceptibly unnatural. High-level Array Formation Maker? Perhaps, only in this world was he qualified to be called as such.

"I merely studied a bit of Array Formation Making, and my attainment in this field is mediocre. I am only a 9th-rank Array Formation Maker..."

Chapter 152 - Golems

Mediocre? 9th-rank Array Formation Maker? Xia Xinyue didn't know whether to laugh or to cry when she heard his answer. And looking at his serious expression, Xia Xinyue could only roll her eyes secretly. 'Since when did a 9th-rank Array Formation Maker become weak?' Xia Xinyue felt a bit agitated in her heart.

She couldn't be blamed since Array Formation Makers are rare in Nuar and they were even rarer than the Alchemists, that's why they were treated with respect anywhere they go. Even in their Ice Cloud Sword Sect, the number of Array Formation Makers could only be counted with one hand. And now, Jiu Shen was actually telling her that a 9th-rank Array Formation Maker was weak... Just who was he?

"Lord Sect Master..." Xia Xinyue's face twitched but she didn't know what to say after seeing Jiu Shen's calm but handsome face. In the end, she could only sigh and shake her head.

Jiu Shen ignored Xia Xinyue and slightly frowned when he felt the situation in the ninth level of the mysterious cave.

Upon seeing the serious look of Jiu Shen, Xia Xinyue suddenly became tense. Throughout the whole journey inside this cave, she had never seen Jiu Shen react that way, so she couldn't help but feel a bit nervous when she saw his expression. She immediately took out her sword as she surveyed their surroundings with a wary gaze.

In front of them was a massive stone door that was about ten meters tall and five meters wide. The surface of the stone door was covered by a layer of dust signifying the number of years it was left unattended.

After looking at this stone door, she didn't realize that anything was amiss, but she was somehow certain that behind this stone door was very dangerous. What else could make Jiu Shen look perturbed?

The reason why Jiu Shen was displaying this kind of expression was because he felt the fluctuation of a few life forces behind the stone door. It means, there were living beings behind this door, but what kind of creatures could survive for tens of thousands of years?

He placed his hands on the stone door and pushed it with all his strength, making the huge stone door emit a sound. Not long after that, as if it could no longer hold against Jiu Shen's strength, the stone door slowly crumbled into pieces. Huge pieces of broken stones crushed the place where the stone door was previously located.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Jiu Shen grabbed Xia Xinyue and lifted her away before they would be buried by those huge stone debris.

Dust and smoke enveloped the place ahead of them, but Jiu Shen could now clearly see the creatures in front by using his spiritual power.

"Golems? Hm, I see." He muttered with a bit of a surprise. Golems were stone creatures with sentience, but their intelligence was only similar to a three year old kid and their procreation level wasn't comparable to humans, making golems very rare even in the Primordial God Realm. However, the golems in the Primordial God Realm were not weak and some even had developed their intellect to a certain extent. Some stronger golems could even speak like normal humans and their strength was also unfathomable...

After the dust and the cloud of smoke subsided, Jiu Shen and Xia Xinyue saw five gigantic creatures made from several stacks of stones. Xia Xinyue's eyes widened when she saw the golems since it was her first time seeing these strange creatures. "What an ugly creature..." She muttered unconsciously as she stared at those golems.

Jiu Shen smirked when he heard her words. He then took a glance at those golems and discovered that their strength was comparable to a body enhancer at the 9th-rank Saint realm. The thought of taming them suddenly came inside his head, but he hurriedly discarded the idea since taming these creatures would be hard and needed quite a long period of time. He didn't want to stay longer in this place just to get his hands on these creatures. Furthermore, he already had a few strong subordinates working under him, so he didn't really need to tame these ugly creatures.

After sensing the arrival of the intruders, the red eyes of the five golems suddenly flickered and their stone-like faces revealed a look of fury. And with a stomp of their foot, they madly charged towards the pair, creating a massive disturbance within the cave.

Rumble. Rumble. Rumble.

The cave shook as if there was a strong earthquake after the five golems initiated their attack. Seeing this, Jiu Shen's figure changed once more as his silver eyes slowly turned golden and a pair of pitch-black wings sprouted behind his back. However, Jiu Shen didn't take out his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword this time since physical attacks were useless on these golems and they would only regenerate themselves. Only elemental attacks were effective on them.

Xia Xinyue didn't wait for Jiu Shen's warning and she hurriedly distanced herself several dozen meters away. She wouldn't be useful in this fight since these creatures were at the 9th-rank Saint realm, so she sensibly backed away to avoid distracting Jiu Shen.

A golem pounced towards Jiu Shen and lifted its huge mountain-like fist, causing the air to produce a violent swooshing sound as its fist struck towards Jiu Shen.

Swoosh!

Jiu Shen flapped his wings and evaded the attack nimbly without a change in his expression, causing the golem to hit the empty ground.

Bang!

A huge crater was formed where the golem's fist struck.

The four other golems were not idle and they hurriedly lifted their gigantic fists to punch Jiu Shen, but he was able to evade their attack with great ease.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

These golems might be strong and had tough bodies, but their speed and mobility was its weakness, making it more vulnerable. Just that, one needs to have a strong elemental prowess if they wanted to kill these creatures.

Jiu Shen waved his arms in midair producing hundreds of black flames that caused the temperature of the entire place to rise higher.

"Too bad I'm in a hurry. If not, I would have chosen to bring you guys with me..." Jiu Shen muttered as he fired those black flames towards the golems.

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Raging black flames enveloped the figures of the five golems and they could only emit devastated roars as they slowly melted from the intense temperature of Jiu Shen's black flames.

Although these creatures were equivalent to 9th-rank Saint realm body enhancers, they seemed like ducks and chickens being mercilessly incinerated under Jiu Shen's violent and brutal black flames!

The golems twisted their stone bodies vigorously, causing violent movements inside the ninth level of the mysterious cave that shook the ground like an earthquake, but in the end, the five golems still powerlessly slumped on the ground before melting into a lava-like substance that emitted a cloud of black smoke. Not long later, not even an ash was left behind from the golems' humongous bodies.

Looking at this scene from afar, Xia Xinyue could not help but gasp in fear and veneration. The eyes she used to look at Jiu Shen were now twinkling like stars as she muttered silently to herself. "Lord Sect Master's power is too strong. Perhaps, he is a Nascent God Realm expert..."

Because she could not sense Jiu Shen's strength and also from the overpowering battle ability that he showed during the fight recently, Xia Xinyue thought that Jiu Shen was a Nascent God Realm expert...

Om!

A two-meter tall portal suddenly appeared in front of Jiu Shen making him a bit surprised, but when he recalled that the owner of this mysterious cave was an Array Formation Maker, he calmed himself down and turned his head to look at the stunned Xia Xinyue.

"Follow closely behind me. If I'm not wrong, behind this portal should be the final stage of this cave. We'll see what that deceased top expert left behind before his death." His indifferent voice rung beside Xia Xinyue's ears, waking her up from her stupor.

She hurriedly dashed towards Jiu Shen who had already stepped inside the portal, and after the figure of the two could no longer be seen, the portal produced a ripple.

Om!

A faint vibrating sound echoed from the portal before it slowly vanished.

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Jiu Shen and Xia Xinyue looked around them and they realized that they were no longer within the cave.

In front of them was a vast expanse of rocky terrain. No trees or even a blade of grass could be seen, and only an ancient stone coffin was hovering just a hundred meters ahead of them.

The stone coffin emitted a sacred light as if a great personage was buried inside of it, but Jiu Shen scoffed disdainfully in his heart when he saw it since he knew that this was merely an effect created by an illusionary array formation, so how could he be impressed by this? 'This guy actually wants other people to believe that he is an almighty figure. Well, he could be considered as a top expert here in Nuar, but still, to think that he wants this kind of vainglory. What an egoistic fellow...'

The two of them didn't get closer to the stone coffin because there was still a conspicuous-looking statue beneath it, and Jiu Shen felt a dangerous vibe coming from this statue. It was the first time that Jiu Shen felt this kind of sensation after he transmigrated here in Nuar. It was a stifling kind of feeling that he only experience every time he faced strong opponents.

Looking at this statue, Jiu Shen's golden eyes revealed a strange glint. He then silently gestured for Xia Xinyue to back away.

Xia Xinyue saw the trace of solemnity in Jiu Shen's eyes and she could not help but take a clearer look at the statue beneath the hovering stone coffin.

It was the statue of a middle-aged man with heroic facial features. His muscular upper body was naked and was riddled with battle scars. The lower part of his body was covered with thick battle armor that seemed to be made from a high-level metal. On the hands of this middle-aged man was a huge stone axe that was at least twice longer than this two-meter tall statue. The blade of the axe looked imposing and threatening with its sickle-like edge.

After seeing that Xia Xinyue had already distanced herself, Jiu Shen summoned his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword.

Roarr!!

Jiu Shen's sword emitted an explosive draconic cry as if it was announcing its arrival to the world. However, the lifeless eyes of the statue suddenly sprung open after the Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword produced its sound. A pair of purple orbs flickered incessantly within the statue's hollow eyes.

"A puppet made from array formations? Interesting." Jiu Shen muttered as he glanced at the statue of the middle-aged man with a rare serious look.

Crack. Crack. Crack.

Cracking sounds echoed as the statue slowly twisted its limbs as if it had awakened from its slumber. It then looked at Jiu Shen with an emotionless look as it slowly walked towards him. Its steps were steady and unhurried as it left deep footprints on the rugged ground.

"Nascent God Realm puppet!" Jiu Shen exclaimed in his heart. If it was in his past life, he wouldn't care about a measly puppet at the Nascent God Realm, but currently, he was only at the late stage of the 9th-rank Saint realm, so he still has to be cautious when facing this statue that had the strength of a Nascent God Realm expert.

Jiu Shen's muscles became tensed as the puppet came nearer to him.

He hasn't encountered an enemy as strong as this puppet since his arrival here in Nuar, so his battles mostly ended after just one attack from him, but this time, it might be different.

"Looks like I'll have to use my sword techniques now... What a nostalgic feeling..." He muttered as he slowly lifted his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword.

As if it had sensed that Jiu Shen was preparing for an attack, the puppet who was just walking casually before suddenly pounced towards Jiu Shen while lifting its huge axe with both its hands. The air rippled as Jiu Shen suddenly felt a strong sense of danger. He quickly tapped his feet on the ground and he also flapped his pitch-black wings to fly in midair.

Baanng!

The rocky surface where Jiu Shen had once been now had a huge and deep hole on it with spiderweb-like cracks all around.

The puppet emitted an enraged roar after seeing that it had only hit the empty air and the pair of purple orbs in its eye sockets flickered wildly.

Roaaarrr!!

Its vicious voice didn't sound human-like and it was correct to say that it sounded more like the cry of a beast.

"Fleeting Sword Heavenly Slash." Jiu Shen silently muttered as he spun in the air before producing a keening sword slash that struck towards the puppet like a blade of wind that ripped the air apart!

Swoosh!

A violent gust of wind abruptly followed behind his slash which seemed like a tornado in stormy weather.

The puppet lifted its incomparably huge axe and violently swung it, meeting Jiu Shen's attack fearlessly.

Boooooomm!!!

The figures of the two were hurtled away because of the strong impact from their attacks, and even the distantly watching Xia Xinyue felt the true essence within her body revolving crazily.

"How strong! This is definitely not the strength of a 9th-rank Saint! Did I guess it right? Lord Sect Master Jiu Shen really is a Nascent God Realm expert? Amazing!" Xia Xinyue's eyes contained a fanatical light as she watched the battle between Jiu Shen and the puppet. Although she could hardly follow the figures of the two, she was still able to see how intense their exchange was.

Violent explosions rang out as the two collided dozens of times, but only several seconds have passed by at this instant.

The place around them was already in a mess with multiple craters and indents on the ground. Only the stone coffin remained hovering ceaselessly in midair while emitting a dense sacred light.

Xia Xinyue's mouth widened and she could not help but cover her tiny mouth with her dainty hands as she stared at the battle with a stupefied look on her face.

It was the first time she had seen a battle at this level and she would never forget this scene even after many years later.

Jiu Shen narrowed his eyes as he looked at the lightly damaged figure of the puppet. He was one realm weaker than his opponent and he could battle evenly with it because of his physique and weapon, but the puppet's strength had also exceeded his expectations. It was actually able to regenerate itself like those golems from the ninth level of the mysterious cave! However, Jiu Shen has yet to use his full strength and stronger sword techniques and he was merely fighting with it casually because it has been long since he had a fight this intense. Even the dragon descendant Long Meili was not as strong as the puppet he was facing right now.

He wanted to prolong this battle as it might take a few more years before he could find another opponent as strong as this puppet.

Jiu Shen golden eyes exhibited a tinge of excitement as he held his sword. "Come on. Don't disappoint me." He muttered with a cold grin.

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The puppet seemed to have felt the excitement and disdain in Jiu Shen's tone, making it emit an ear-piercing roar that shook the surroundings visibly.

Roaaaaarrr!!

After hearing its beast-like shout, Jiu Shen let out a taunting smile as he pointed his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword towards the puppet in a provoking manner as he said with an imperceivable excitement. "Come! Show me your full strength!"

Rooooarrr!!

The puppet cried out once more before it dashed towards Jiu Shen while lifting its axe above its head causing violent ripples in the air. It then furiously struck down aiming to split Jiu Shen in half!

With a faint smile on his face, Jiu Shen's eyes glinted as he held his sword with both hands before brandishing it against the puppet's axe without fear. He actually wanted to meet the puppet's attack head-on!

A keening sword sound echoed as the ancient carvings on the Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword in Jiu Shen hands lit up, illuminating the uneven ground with a bright golden light.

Unaware of the changes in Jiu Shen's sword, the puppet continued its attack.

Booommm!!!

After the two weapons collided, a thunderous explosion rang out, creating layers of huge ripples in the air.

At the epicenter of this explosion were two figures stubbornly holding their weapons while glaring at each other.

There were visible cracks on the arms of the puppet, but it was healing at a discernible speed. On the other hand, Jiu Shen appeared to be spotlessly clean with no noticeable injury. He was still wearing a calm smile as he looked at the puppet with a nostalgic gaze.

"More! Let me experience it once more!" Jiu Shen's eyes contained the lust for battle. He had been confined for millions of years in the God Sealing Tower, with his soul being tortured every day. He missed the days when he could freely roam the Primordial God Realm to battle with top experts and god beasts. Now, he felt as if he was back into his earlier years in the Primordial God Realm, making him crave for a more stimulating fight.

The purple orbs within the puppet's hollow eyes suddenly flickered vigorously as if it was provoked by Jiu Shen's expression. And with a twist of its body, it spun towards Jiu Shen like a tumultuous hurricane, producing strong gusts of wind as it came nearer to Jiu Shen.

Crack. Crack. Crack.

The rocky ground cracked following the puppet's violent movement. Looking at this from afar, Xia Xinyue felt dread in her heart as she glanced at the puppet that now looked like a meat grinder as it continuously spun at a rapid speed.

Jiu Shen's eyes shone when he saw this and he immediately did a casual and natural sword stance as he muttered silently. "Wind Breaking Sword Implosion."

The Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword in Jiu Shen's hands produced dozens of sword lights that streaked towards the spinning puppet as he brandished it in a fluid motion. He looked like a sword immortal that danced through the skies with his set of graceful sword movements.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The sword lights struck the spinning puppet which slowed down its movements considerably.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

More sword light struck it, and not long later, the puppet was flung away like a kite with a broken string.

Thud!

The puppet's broken body collapsed hundreds of meters away, but it was still tightly holding the giant axe in its hands.

The puppet now had countless cracks on its body that it looked as if it would break into pieces anytime by now, but the purple orbs in its eye sockets were still burning intensely.

Jiu Shen looked at the puppet with an interested smile. He realized that the deceased owner of this puppet was a genius in array formation and weapon refining since the puppet he created was actually so strong despite being left here for thousands of years.

The puppet suddenly stood up after it had regenerated a part of its broken body, and it stared at Jiu Shen as if it wanted to eat him whole.

Roaarr!!

It emitted a loud sound but it seemed much weaker than before. The damage done by Jiu Shen's attack can be perceived by this change.

The puppet abruptly leaped towards Jiu Shen, wanting to catch him unprepared, but the latter was already aware of its actions the moment it started moving, so with a flap of his wings, it looked as if Jiu Shen had barely evaded the puppet's strike.

Bang!!

Jiu Shen gracefully landed on the ground before bolting towards the puppet while brandishing his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword forward, creating a massive burning sword light that stretched up to ten meters in length. It looked like a blazing giant blade of a scythe that shot towards the puppet, leaving behind countless flakes of fire in the air.

Swoosh!

The puppet felt the danger and it didn't dare face this sword attack head-on, but it could only move slowly as if it was greatly pressured by the incoming fiery sword light.

Baang!!

The right half of the puppet's body melted from the intense and raging fiery sword light. The huge axe it was holding just a few moments ago had now become a pool of lava. It can be seen how devastating the attack Jiu Shen had just thrown to it.

The pair of purple orbs in its hollow eye sockets suddenly dimmed as it knelt on the ground. The right torso of the puppet was now gone, and the remaining part was now covered with melted lava, making it look very miserable.

The awe-inspiring Nascent God Realm puppet was reduced into such a plight with Jiu Shen's sword attack.

"I'm done playing with you." Jiu Shen muttered as he swung his sword towards the kneeling and absent-minded puppet.

Crack!

The puppet's body broke into countless pieces after receiving Jiu Shen's sword slash.

Jiu Shen glanced at the puppet's fragmented pieces before he turned his apathetic gaze towards the stone coffin that hovered ceaselessly in midair.

He then flew closer to the stone coffin with a flap of his pitch-black wings.

Flap. Flap. Flap.

After getting a clearer look at the stone coffin, Jiu Shen saw the array carvings on its surface that protected it from being eroded by time.

He touched the coffin and felt its ice-cold surface. He then circulated his true essence to provide heat for his body. If it was anyone else, they would have turned to ice sculpture if they had touched the stone coffin without thinking, but Jiu Shen had the Seamless Deity Physique making him invulnerable to such low-level coldness.

After seeing that there was no danger from the stone coffin, Jiu Shen recalled his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword. He then destroyed the array carvings on its surface before bringing it to the ground.

"Elder Xia, come here. There's no more danger." Jiu Shen gestured for Xia Xinyue to come near to him to inspect the stone coffin.

Xia Xinyue quickly darted towards Jiu Shen. She was a bit curious about what was inside the stone coffin. Was the body of the deceased expert buried inside?

Chapter 155 - Beauty Doing Hard Labor

After Jiu Shen removed the array carvings on the stone coffin, the bright golden radiance it emitted suddenly died down, making it look like an ordinary stone coffin.

Although Jiu Shen had already deactivated the array formation engraved on this stone coffin, he still didn't lower down his guard since there might be a trap laid inside.

Without looking at Xia Xinyue, he said to her in a calm voice. "Elder Xia, move back a bit. There might be something dangerous inside."

Xia Xinyue nodded her head gravely when she heard Jiu Shen's words. She then took a few steps backward while looking curiously at the stone coffin.

Jiu Shen fixed his gaze on the coffin and muttered to himself. "The main material used in making this stone coffin is the Purple Obsidian Rock which can block the use of spiritual perception. With my current spiritual power, my spiritual perception still can't penetrate this stone coffin made from Purple Obsidian Rock."

Jiu Shen tried using his spiritual perception to get a glimpse of what's inside the coffin, but an invisible power seemed to block his sight. In the end, he could only pry it open to see what is inside this stone coffin.

Jiu Shen slowly pushed open the lid of the stone coffin causing it to emit a sound similar to the grinding stones. He relaxed his guard after seeing that there was nothing wrong with the stone coffin. And when he saw what was inside, Jiu Shen's eyes revealed a pleasantly surprised expression.

Inside the coffin was a partially dried-up corpse dressed in embroidered purple robes. The corpse's hands were resting on its chest where an intact book with glittering silver cover can be seen.

Jiu Shen ignored the book since he had already seen what it was. It was a book about Array Formation, and it was definitely the book that cultivated this deceased expert into a high-level Array Formation Maker. Although it was precious, Jiu Shen had already read countless books that were many times better compared to that one. However, he would still take a look at the book on the corpse's hands later as it might contain a piece of precious information about array formation. Finally, Jiu Shen's gaze rested on the space ring on the corpse's left index finger.

"The God Crystals should be inside this space ring. After getting it, my mission here will be done." Jiu Shen smiled as he reached out his hands on the space ring.

Xia Xinyue was nervously looking at Jiu Shen as he took the space ring from the corpse's hand. After seeing that nothing went wrong, she sighed in relief. "Good thing this expert still had some conscience before he died..."

Jiu Shen inspected the space ring and saw hundreds of God Crystals inside. There were also some miscellaneous items such as Earth Weapons, Divine Weapons, cultivation pills, and etc.

Seeing this Jiu Shen felt a bit excited since the system had already mentioned that the God Crystals could help him in increasing his cultivation level. Although this amount of God Crystals was minuscule in his eyes, it was still a good harvest for the current him as it had many uses. However, he will keep it to himself since he had already planned to break through to the Nascent God Realm.

He then took a casual glance at the book on the corpse's hands and read the contents of the book only to be disappointed. "Book of Array Formation. What a low quality trash! This can be found in every sect of the Primordial God Realm... Hm, I can give this to Sulan so that she can train a few Array Formation Makers for the sect."

Without hesitation, he placed everything inside his space earring, including the contents of the space ring owned by the deceased expert. He then tossed the empty space ring to the curious Xia Xinyue and said calmly. "The contents of the ring are useful to me, so I can only give this to you. Although it looks shabby, it is still much better compared to the common space rings in Nuar."

Xia Xinyue caught the space ring with a surprised look. She became even more stunned when she realized that the space ring could actually increase the circulation speed of her true essence. It must be noted that if one's true essence circulation is fast, the time one needed to cast their techniques will be much lower compared to those with slower true essence circulation speed. With this, she would gain an advantage if she fought against cultivators with similar levels of strength, and even if she encountered cultivators that are much stronger than her, she could still escape from them. Aside from all of this, the space inside this ring was also many times bigger than the one she owned right now. The value of this space ring wasn't small just from the space inside. Not to mention its ability to increase its owner's true essence circulation speed.

Xia Xinyue felt grateful in her heart as she looked at Jiu Shen's expressionless face. She didn't do anything during the entire cave exploration and she was even a burden to Jiu Shen, but he still gave her something with great value.

"Lord Sect Master, thank you for your gift." She said as she bowed her head respectfully. In her heart, she had already vowed to follow Jiu Shen's orders faithfully.

Jiu Shen didn't know that he could gain this beautiful lady's loyalty with just a space ring that he deemed as trash. He nodded his head at her and said in an indifferent tone. "Since we've already completed our mission here, we should leave this place now."

Xia Xinyue bowed her head in obeisance. "Yes, Lord Sect Master, but what about the corpse of this expert?"

Jiu Shen thought for a moment before looking at the corpse inside the stone coffin. "Since we have already taken his possessions, we should give him a proper burial."

Xia Xinyue nodded her head in agreement. "Yes, Lord Sect Master. I will get this done immediately."

After saying those words, she immediately closed the stone coffin before looking for a spot to dig. After finding the perfect spot, she started digging using her sword. Of course, she used her true essence as she dug out the ground, making the digging process fast, but looking at the scene of this beautiful woman doing hard labor, it would surely elicit anyone's sympathy and pity, but Jiu Shen merely glanced at this with a poker face.

He then took out a chair from his space earring and watched Xia Xinyue with a look of interest after taking a seat on his chair. "This woman isn't that bad. She knows what to do..." He muttered with an amused expression.

- Ding!

- Side Mission: Gather God Crystals in the mysterious cave. Completed!

- Loading Rewards!

- Received x2 Fruit of Cultivation!

Jiu Shen heard the system's notification for completing his mission, making him let out a faint smile. "With the help of the two Fruits of Cultivation and the God Crystals, I wonder how strong I would become..."

His cultivation level was now at the late stage of the 9th-rank Saint. Although his strength is comparable to a Nascent God Realm expert with his Seamless Deity Physique and Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword, he would still have to use a bit of effort when fighting against them. He might have defeated the puppet earlier but its strength was only comparable to an early stage Nascent God Realm expert. Not to mention that some of its strength was greatly eroded after the long passing of time.

Just that, what kind of lightning tribulation would he encounter especially because he has the Seamless Deity Physique? Even Jiu Shen had no idea about it.

Chapter 156 - The Eye In The Sky

Jiu Shen and Xia Xinyue were still within the tenth level of the mysterious cave. Although the surroundings looked like a rocky terrain, Jiu Shen knew that it was merely an effect of an array formation that created this sort of false scenery. In fact, they were still at the deepest part of the cave.

Jiu Shen was already eager to consume the two Fruits of Cultivation at this instant, and he pondered deeply for a moment before taking the two Fruits of Cultivation from his space earring. "Since that little girl is still doing something, I should use this idle time to consume both fruits. It won't take too much time to absorb them anyway." Jiu Shen muttered to himself as he gazed at the two fruits in his hands with a hungry look.

After a moment of hesitation, Jiu Shen moved far away from Xia Xinyue before he consumed the first Fruit of Cultivation in just a few big bites. Although he was already familiar with the taste of the fruit, he could still not help but let out a satisfied smile as munched the fruit inside his mouth into pieces. After finishing the first fruit, he then swallowed down the remaining one and closed his eyes to perceive the changes within his body.

A warm current passed through his veins and to every part of his muscles and bones, giving him a pleasant feeling. The true essence in his dantian vigorously circulated as if it was stimulated by the dense energy contained by the two Fruits of Cultivation. Jiu Shen felt every pore in his body violently sucking the true essence within his surroundings which created a tempest of gentle wind around him.

Jiu Shen calmed his breathing and steadied his state of mind. After sensing that his strength was increasing, he knew that his lightning tribulation would soon follow. If it were anyone else, they would have prepared for many days, months, or even years before they would plan to break through to the Nascent God Realm, but to Jiu Shen, he decided it on a whim as if he treated the lightning tribulation as a mere fart.

Late stage 9th-rank Saint

Peak stage 9th-rank Saint

At this instant, Jiu Shen felt his dantian expanding by at least twice as if it was preparing for something. Jiu Shen's eyes remained shut tight as he sat cross-legged on the cold ground.

Outside the mysterious cave, the sky suddenly darkened, enveloping Green Wood City with a stifling atmosphere. Everyone glanced at the dark sky with a look of shock and fear. A few minutes ago, it was still sunny and there were no signs of rain at all, but it suddenly became like this...

Some experts' eyes shone with greed as they gazed at the blackening sky because they thought that a rare heavenly treasure was being birthed. On the other hand, some people felt a sense of trepidation in their hearts when they saw this scene. They haven't seen this kind of phenomenon in Green Wood City, so every one of them was curious to know the reason behind this sudden change in the weather.

Suddenly, the space above the sky parted and a huge eye abruptly sprung open, causing everyone within Green Wood City to be stunned in extreme apprehension. The

huge eye blinked once before it looked towards the mysterious cave. Its gaze was very threatening as if it could see through all deceit and disguise which seemed as if nothing could escape its sight.

Everyone within Green Wood City shivered when they saw the huge eye casting its profound gaze down below. Although they were not the target of this gaze, they still felt apprehensive in their hearts since the aura emitted by this large eye was ancient and mysterious, and even some of them could not help but kneel down in worship and fear, treating the eye above the sky as a god.

"What the hell is that thing?! It's the first time I'm seeing this kind of strange phenomenon..."

"What a scary eye! It must be an eye of a god for it to have that kind of stifling and unfathomable aura!"

"I think it's looking in the direction of the mysterious cave! Just that, what is it looking for in that place?"

Everyone discussed in a lively manner while guessing the reason for the sudden appearance of the eye in the sky.

Just as everyone was discussing animatedly, the pupil of the huge eye suddenly shrunk as if it had seen something dangerous inside the mysterious cave. Its black iris suddenly turned crimson red and the dark sky also turned blood red in color.

Crackle! Crackle! Crackle!

Flashes of red-colored lightning lit up in the sky and violent claps of thunder echoed deafeningly.

As the sky was enveloped in a bloody shade of red, everyone within Green Wood City suddenly realized that things were becoming dangerous. And without hesitation, they fled far away while looking at the crimson sky with shaken hearts.

"Bloody hell! What was that?!"

"Shut the fuck up! We should flee at this instant! That thing looks dangerous and that red flashes of lightning are definitely not normal!"

Everyone desperately ran for their lives after sensing the destructive power of the red streaks of lightning. They knew that they would die if one of those bloody lightning would strike their bodies.

Just then, the blood-red eye suddenly trembled and it hastily closed its eyelid. At that instant, there was a trace of fear in the incomparably huge eye. Not long after that, it

slowly lifted its eyelid and there was a stream of blood at the corner of the eye. Those who were still looking at this strange phenomenon were surprised to see this, but they had no idea what caused it to be injured.

Within the tenth level of the mysterious cave, Jiu Shen's closed eyes suddenly sprung open. A few moments ago, he felt a suffocating gaze piercing through him, but all of sudden, a stream of gentle energy wrapped around his body removing the stifling sensation he felt. "Did the system help me? And what was that cold gaze?" Jiu Shen muttered to himself as he used his spiritual perception to check the situation outside. He was still at the peak stage of the 9th-rank Saint and his lightning tribulation was yet to strike him.

When Jiu Shen's spiritual perception saw the injured bloody eye in the sky, he felt a bit stunned since he knew what it was. In fact, he had seen it more than several dozens of times in his past life. The reason for his surprise was because that blood-red eye would only show itself when top experts are trying to break through to the Celestial God Realm! After billions of years, only Celestial Emperor Lao Gou and the other two celestial emperors managed to survive the onslaught caused by that eye!

"The God Exterminating Divine Eye! How come it's here?!" The usually calm Jiu Shen suddenly stood up and he could help but feel a bit anxious.

Even Celestial Emperor Lao Gou and the other two celestial emperors almost died after being punished by this divine eye, so how could he not be anxious at the sight of this? It would have been fine if he had his former Heavenly God Realm cultivation level, but he was only a pitiful 9th-rank Saint at the moment.

"Could this bloody thing be my tribulation lightning?" Jiu Shen muttered with a wry smile on his face.

Chapter 157 - God Exterminating Divine Eye

The God Exterminating Divine Eye was something that even the three celestial emperors greatly feared. The ferocious blood-red streaks of lightning that it brought along with it upon its arrival was something that was capable of sundering the heavens and overturning the skies!

Jiu Shen's palms suddenly moistened as he stared at the God Exterminating Divine Eye with his spiritual perception. He was worried that it might destroy the whole of Nuar along with him.

"Oh, crap! Is this because of my Seamless Deity Physique? Just what kind of monstrous supreme physique do I have for it to summon this bloody thing here?" Jiu Shen's heart tightened as he looked at the huge eye above the skies of Green Wood City.

Just then, he squinted his eyes when he saw the gushing blood at the corner of its eyelid which made Jiu Shen a bit perplexed.

"How come it's injured?" Jiu Shen muttered in surprise. This God Exterminating Divine Eye was even capable of vanquishing the top experts of the Primordial God Realm, so it was a supreme existence without equal in the hearts of everyone in the Primordial God Realm. However, it was actually injured and it was even showing a trace of fear as it looked at Jiu Shen's figure.

Jiu Shen furrowed his eyebrows, but then, he suddenly recalled the gentle sensation that removed the oppressive feeling that was caused by the God Exterminating Divine Eye's gaze. "It should be the system's doing, but how did it injure that bloody thing? Just what is the origin of the system?" Jiu Shen felt shocked in his heart, but he promptly calmed himself down with the help of his 3rd level heart realm.

The unease that he had felt earlier was now gone, and his face once again recovered its usual indifferent expression.

Jiu Shen's pair of eyes suddenly burned with an intense fighting will. "Since this thing is my tribulation lightning, what is there to fear about?! Come! I, Jiu Shen fear nothing!" He shouted as he destroyed the array formation within the mysterious cave.

After losing the array formation, the restriction on the use of the element of space was removed. After that, Jiu Shen grabbed the stunned Xia Xinyue and teleported with her outside the mysterious cave.

Jiu Shen then calmly said as he looked at the dumbfounded Xia Xinyue who was absentmindedly looking at the surroundings. "Elder Xia, you should stay within Green Wood City first. I still have to face that thing before we can go home."

Xia Xinyue was shocked when she realized that they were already outside of the mysterious cave in just a blink of an eye. She wasn't even able to sense the danger in the atmosphere and it was only when Jiu Shen spoke that she realized the dangerous situation they were in. She then lifted her head upwards to take a look above only to be stunned shitless. "What the hell is that?!"

Jiu Shen frowned and gave her a hard look as he said. "Leave immediately! You will die any time from now if you don't leave this place. Just wait for me in Green Wood City."

Xia Xinyue nodded her head like a chicken pecking on rice. She was truly scared at what she had seen. "Yes, Lord Sect Master!"

She hurriedly left the scene with her fastest speed after she spoke those words. The aura emitted by the huge eye above them was so suffocating that she could hardly look at it. She knew that she would only be courting death if she stubbornly stayed behind, so she immediately followed Jiu Shen's orders without complaint. "Just what was that

eye?! Could it be that Lord Sect Master is the reason for its appearance here? But why?"

After seeing that Xia Xinyue had already left the place, Jiu Shen turned his gaze on the God Exterminating Divine Eye, and when it sensed Jiu Shen's staring at it, its pupil suddenly shrunk as if it felt threatened by him.

"Come on! Bring down those bloody lightning!" Jiu Shen shouted tauntingly as a pair of pitch-black wings sprouted behind his back. He also summoned his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword which emitted a loud draconic roar that reverberated thunderously.

Roarrrr!!

The dark blade of the Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword looked rather imposing as it changed into its battle form which was a two-meter tall giant heavy sword. The dark red archaic carvings on the blade suddenly lit up, making it even more threatening to look at. The heads of the two dragons that intertwined on its hilt also lit up as if they wanted to fly and devour the God Exterminating Divine Eye.

Jiu Shen's silver hair fluttered as he flapped his wings vigorously to move closer to the huge eye. Now, the streaks of blood-red lightning flashed continuously as if it was provoked by Jiu Shen's taunting expression.

"Come! Are you afraid?!" Jiu Shen's mocking voice echoed in the skies and even those experts hiding within Green Wood City could sense the disdain in his voice.

"What a madman! He actually dared to provoke that thing!"

"That man must have gone crazy! Is he courting death?!"

"What a lad! Such a crazy person!"

Although these words were said by them, they could still not help but admire Jiu Shen's courage and bravery. They could only see Jiu Shen's tiny figure hovering beneath the huge eye, but his small figure strangely looked broad and mighty in the onlookers' eyes.

The God Exterminating Divine Eye became furious after sensing Jiu Shen's disdain. More streaks of blood-red lightning flashed as it gazed at Jiu Shen with a solemn look.

Crackle! Crackle! Crackle!

Zapp!

A bolt of bloody lightning suddenly shot towards Jiu Shen.

Jiu Shen's eyes narrowed as he glared at the incoming bolt of lightning. He abruptly lifted his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword with both hands as he brandished it with a grave look on his face.

"With my sword in hand, I'm invincible!" Jiu Shen's deep and majestic voice reverberated coldly as a huge sword light manifested and met with the blood-red bolt of lightning!

Baaannggg!!!

Huge and violent layers of ripples in the air burst forth, causing fierce fluctuations in the air that toppled the nearby trees and hills.

Jiu Shen's clothes fluttered as the tumultuous gusts of wind struck his figure. His indifferent eyes were still looking at the God Exterminating Divine Eye with disdain.

"Bring it all down!" Jiu Shen initiated an attack as if he was unsatisfied with the strength of the blood-red lightning.

The huge crimson eye glared at Jiu Shen as three bolts of blood-red lightning struck his figure like three divine spears, leaving behind a crimson trail in the skies.

Jiu Shen smiled widely in contempt. He realized that this God Exterminating Divine Eye was severely injured which made the bolts of blood-red lightning it produced to be thousands of times weaker than the ones he'd seen in his past life.

Although he didn't know how the system managed to injure such a strong existence, he understood that the system must be an even higher existence compared to the God Exterminating Divine Eye. If that was the case, who created it? And why did it choose him as the host? Jiu Shen didn't know the answers to these questions, but he will slowly uncover the truth as he increases his strength!

Chapter 158 - Fury Of The God Exterminating Divine Eye

Facing the three bolts of crimson lightning that looked like three red serpents gliding through the air, Jiu Shen's silver hair danced wildly and his clothes fluttered vigorously as he waited for the three serpent-like bolts to strike him down. He could sense that the strength behind these three streaks of bloody lightning had weakened terribly, and with his Seamless Deity Physique, he should be able to survive even if he was struck by it.

Jiu Shen wasn't doing this out of madness. He just wanted to see whether he could use these bolts of lightning to temper himself. Although his supreme physique was the best he had seen and needed no further enhancement, he wanted to exceed his limits to tap

the full potential of his supreme physique. These actions might be crazy in the eyes of others, but to Jiu Shen, he treated it as a form of tempering.

Zapp!! Zapp!! Zapp!!

The three bolts of blood-red lightning struck his body, making Jiu Shen's senses turn numbed that he almost lost his grip on his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword. His body convulsed under the intense electric current that flowed within his body like a violently coursing river in the midst of a storm. Despite the numbing sensation he felt, Jiu Shen's figure remained hovering above the sky like a deity that refused to bend even under the extreme punishment of the God Exterminating Divine Eye.

His embroidered robes was now a mess with cuts and torn pieces, but the imposing aura that he emitted didn't even diminish. With a grim smile on his handsome face, Jiu Shen lifted his head to look at the God Exterminating Divine Eye with an unyielding expression.

"Hahaha! God Exterminating Divine Eye, your strength truly disappointed this Heavenly God! Come! Show me everything you've got!" Jiu Shen suddenly remembered his adventures during his younger years. Didn't he experience these kinds of dangerous situations before? Even so, he was still able to survive everything and he even managed to increase his strength during those times.

Thinking about that, Jiu Shen's expression bloomed into a splendid smile. He was no longer worried about the might of the God Exterminating Divine Eye.

The huge eye glaring at Jiu Shen suddenly trembled as if it was furious at the latter's arrogance. And as a supreme existence feared by everyone in the Primordial God Realm, how could it bear Jiu Shen's insulting words? After that, it suddenly closed its eyelid as if it was preparing for an even stronger attack.

Jiu Shen could feel an even more dangerous energy fluctuation coming from the God Exterminating Divine Eye, but he remained standing tall and straight like a divine spear!

Numerous streaks of blood-red lightning continuously struck his majestic figure. Each bolt of lightning was capable of turning a 9th-rank Saint realm expert into ashes, but it only made Jiu Shen tremble because of the wild electric currents that circulated within his body. Other than that, he embraced the streaks of bloody lightning that continuously struck his body.

Jiu Shen controlled his true essence and guided the currents of lightning to strengthen his physical body and spiritual power. And to his amazement, it was indeed able to increase his strength by a tiny bit. Although it was only a small increase in power, this still made him pleasantly surprised since he thought that it would be hard to temper his Seamless Deity Physique.

"It seems like I can also temper myself with the help of the tribulation lightning. In that case, give me more!!!" He shouted loudly as his body quivered.

Within Green Wood City, some experts chose to move closer to continue watching the scene. They've heard Jiu Shen's every word as he faced those bolts of blood-red lightning, and they also saw his proud and heroic figure that remained hovering straight and erect amidst the violent lightning that unendingly hit his body.

Seeing this, everyone was visibly moved and they unconsciously clenched their fists as they gaze at Jiu Shen's silhouette with a look of veneration and worship. Who wouldn't admire such an iron-willed man?

Xia Xinyue who was among those people that were looking at the scene felt her maiden heart stirring violently without her knowing it. She gazed at Jiu Shen's figure with unblinking eyes, saving this scene in her memory.

"Lord Sect Master..." Xia Xinyue's voice was filled with unconcealed admiration and there was also a tinge of tenderness. She felt her eyes becoming cloudy and hazy as she looked at this man with complicated emotions.

"Who is this exalted expert? Is he a 10th-rank God realm cultivator?"

"This man is too strong! He is still alive even after being strike dozens of times by that bloody thing! Just who is he?!"

Because of the great distance between them, everyone couldn't clearly see Jiu Shen's face, and they only knew that he was a man because of his voice. However, they could not help but revere him at the bottom of their hearts.

Jiu Shen's body was now bloodied and had numerous cuts and torn muscles, but even with that being the case, he still tightly held his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword with both his hands while glaring disdainfully at the God Exterminating Divine Eye that had closed its eyelid a few minutes ago.

At this moment, the eyelid of the God Exterminating Divine Eye suddenly sprung open, producing an archaic and ancient aura that made the onlookers' legs turn into jelly with its oppressive might. Purple veins can be seen on the bloodshot God Exterminating Divine Eye.

The blood-red bolts of lightning in the sky suddenly turned into deep purplish red as their figures slowly changed into flashes of dragon-like lightning.

Roarrrr!!

Roaaarrrr!!

Rooarr!!

The sky was filled with draconic roars as the dragon-like lightning bolts surrounded Jiu Shen's lone figure like a pack of hungry wolves staring at their prey.

Facing this scene, Jiu Shen laughed contemptuously, causing his wounds to open up. His whole body was now covered by blood, and only his pair of golden eyes remained untainted by his injuries. "Come! You've made me wait for too long! Is this your final attack?! Hahaha! Bring it on!"

The pupil of the God Exterminating Divine Eye flashed with rage as it instantly controlled the dragon-like lightning bolts to attack Jiu Shen.

Roooarr!!

Roooarr!!

Roooarr!!

Sonorous dragon cries echoed in the air as flashes of dragon-shaped lightning assaulted Jiu Shen's trembling figure which chilled the onlooking crowd's hearts. They believed that Jiu Shen wouldn't be able to survive this onslaught even with his might. Everyone felt that it was such a pity for an expert like him to fall in this kind of situation.

"What a pity! No one can survive in this kind of destructive power. *Sigh*."

"Even so, I will never forget this unyielding man. Alas, even such a strong figure couldn't escape death..."

Baaaannnggg!!!

An earth-shaking explosion rang out and enumerable debris of huge rocks burst into the air after the flashes of dragon-shaped lightning struck Jiu Shen mercilessly.

Everyone inside Green Wood City covered their ears with panicked looks to prevent their eardrums from breaking.

The earth trembled for several minutes before everything settled down, but the shock in everyone's heart didn't recede.

Is he still alive? No one knows...

Chapter 159 - Looking For An Inn

"Lord Sect Master!" Xia Xinyue cried out in alarm after seeing the damage done by those terrifying lightning bolts.

The vast greenery outside of Green Wood City was now a terrible mess. Toppled trees, broken mountains, and large craters can be seen which made her heart jump in shock.

Xia Xinyue wanted to find Jiu Shen, but when she recalled his orders earlier, she chose to believe in him and waited patiently as she stared intently at the place covered by a thick cloud of black smoke. "Lord Sect Master should be fine..." She tried to console herself, but she could not help but feel worried since those flashes of lightning were just too frightening and she could even feel the strength behind them even though she was a great distance away.

Looking at the sky, Xia Xinyue could still see the huge crimson eye that was similarly looking at the cloud of black smoke. Just that, Xia Xinyue had no way of knowing the thoughts of this being, but she could somehow sense that it was stunned. However, she wasn't so sure about this and it was merely her intuition.

The sky and the clouds were still painted with crimson color, but the flashes of lightning could no longer be seen. Only the gigantic God Exterminating Divine Eye remained as it looked unblinkingly at the cloud of black smoke. Suddenly, it squinted its pupil, and this time everyone could sense that it was expressing its surprise.

Not long later, the sky became clear and everyone could see a naked figure hovering in midair like a deity. He was no longer covered in blood and his eyes golden eyes flashed with an unfathomable light.

Jiu Shen smiled at the God Exterminating Divine Eye and said with limitless confidence in his tone. "We will meet again, but I hope you won't disappoint me the next time we meet. Hahaha!"

After saying those words, Jiu Shen's silhouette vanished into thin air and only his unbridled laughter lingered in the air. Everyone could sense his arrogance, but no one thought that it was wrong because he definitely has the qualifications to say those words.

"Woah! He actually managed to survive that?!"

"A scary figure is born in our Silver Wing Empire! Just that, who is that man?"

"Big news! I have to report this to my clan elders!"

"Me too!"

"Me three!"

The God Exterminating Divine Eye didn't move for several seconds before it promptly closed its eyelid and its huge figure slowly turned incorporeal before vanishing like a mirage.

Seeing that the scary eye was already gone, everyone heaved sighs of relief. They then went back to their homes and clans to report what they had seen. Everything was too shocking and this news would definitely stun the whole of Silver Wing Empire. Just that, no one was able to identify the identity of the man who faced off against that mysterious eye.

Xia Xinyue was happy when she saw that Jiu Shen was still alive and she could not help but feel excited at the thought of serving such a man. She had seen his display of strength, and if she could not even tell that he was already a Nascent God Realm cultivator, then she might as well find a piece of tofu and smash her head with it.

Thinking about the future of their Ice Cloud Sword Sect, the excitement in her heart intensified.

Swoosh.

A gust of gentle wind brushed Xia Xinyue's figure, making her a bit surprised. She turned her head sideways and saw Jiu Shen who was now wearing a set of embroidered white robes that made him look even more enchanting. When she looked at his pair of tantalizing golden eyes, Xia Xinyue felt her soul leaving her body. He was so handsome that it made her maiden heart quiver with inexplicable emotions.

"L-Lord Sect Master..." She muttered while looking at him with a dazed look. She didn't even realize that her voice was already trembling as she spoke those words.

Jiu Shen nodded his head at her indifferently and he could also sense the change in her way of speaking to him, but he just ignored it. "Elder Xia, let's stay here for a day before we go back home. I need to consolidate my strength first."

Xia Xinyue felt a bit sad at his distant way of speaking with her, but upon thinking about it, she had just met him for a few days, so they were not that familiar with each other yet.

"Yes, Lord Sect Master. Do you want me to find an inn for us?" Xia Xinyue asked with a smile on her face.

Jiu Shen thought for a moment before he nodded his head. "Mn, you can do that."

Xia Xinyue smiled as she bowed her head lightly before she went to look for someone to ask where they could find an inn to stay.

There were still many people loitering around, so it wasn't long before she found someone she could ask for. It was a middle-aged man dressed in light body armor and there was also a long sword strapped behind his back. He looked rather bedraggled so he should be one of those people that went inside the mysterious cave.

"Mister, where is the nearest inn here?" Xia Xinyue asked in a respectful tone. Although she was much stronger than this middle-aged man, she still gave him a kind smile since she felt that this man's current appearance looked a bit too pitiful.

The middle-aged man was at first irritated after being randomly pulled by someone, and he was also depressed since he had lost all of his buddies inside the mysterious cave, but just as he was about to rain curses, he saw that the person who pulled him was actually a beautiful lady with a curvy figure. He immediately revealed a warm smile as he answered her question. "Just right ahead is Green Wood City's biggest and most luxurious inn, the Green Wood Pavilion, but young miss has to be careful since there are a lot of arrogant nobles in there."

Xia Xinyue thanked the middle-aged man before she walked towards Jiu Shen who was now immersed in his own thoughts.

The middle-aged man glanced at Xia Xinyue's swaying figure with a wide smile, but when he saw her walking towards a man, his smile suddenly turned stiff. Looking at Jiu Shen's devilishly handsome face and comparing it to his own, he looked no different than cow manure compared to that man with long silver hair. The middle-aged man then shook his head dejectedly before leaving the scene with a broken smile.

"Lord Sect Master, there is an inn up ahead and it's also the most luxurious one here in Green Wood City. Should we go there?" Xia Xinyue glanced at Jiu Shen's face with admiration as she asked him.

Jiu Shen nodded his head half-heartedly. He really didn't think too much about the luxuriousness of the inns in the Profound Dragon Continent since everything in here was just a shabby place in his eyes. Only his store was giving him a more pleasant and peaceful feeling.

Seeing his agreement, Xia Xinyue immediately led the way with a beautiful smile on her face.

Chapter 160 - Crown Prince?

The Green Wood Pavilion was indeed well-known in Green Wood City, and it was even famous among the noble families. Aside from that, the owner of the Green Wood Pavilion was also a very mysterious person with unfathomable strength, and because of the owner's great reputation, no one dared to cause trouble in this establishment.

Under the glaring heat of the sun, two individuals can be seen walking conspicuously along the road. They were a pair of a man and woman, and both of them were endowed with attractive looks, causing surprised exclamations from the people that saw them. Of course, they are none other than Xia Xinyue and Jiu Shen.

Xia Xinyue was a beautiful woman with long black hair that cascaded down to her hips. With her mature air and curvy figure, she managed to capture the crowd's attention as she led Jiu Shen to the Green Wood Pavilion. Xia Xinyue's seductively swaying hips and demure appearance blended perfectly to create an enchanting image that captivated the eyes of the onlooking men.

On the other hand, Jiu Shen who was wearing an embroidered white robes trailed behind Xia Xinyue with an indifferent and cold expression on his face. He occasionally glanced at the crowd with a calm look and those women, young or old that caught a glimpse of his peerless visage felt their hearts leaping out of their chests in infatuation, and even the young misses of the noble families that acted cold and icy displayed mesmerized looks as they gazed at Jiu Shen's striking figure.

"What a perfect couple! They look like immortals with their graceful bearing and attractive looks!"

"Look at that man, he's so handsome! I want to make babies with him! Ah~"

"What a pity! If only that man smiles at me, how beautiful would it be?"

Jiu Shen and Xia Xinyue ignored the murmuring crowd, but the latter could not help but blush at the attention they were getting. Xia Xinyue always stayed inside the ice castle of the Ice Cloud Sword Sect almost everyday and she rarely comes out, so she wasn't used to this kind of feeling. On the other hand, Jiu Shen remained unperturbed since he was already used to this kind of scene even in his past life.

Seeing the enchanted looks of the women around them, Xia Xinyue could not help but sigh in her heart. Jiu Shen was just too handsome that even some of the married noblewomen were throwing flirtatious glances at him. She couldn't really blame them since Jiu Shen was really too attractive that even she found it too difficult to calm her maiden heart every time she looked at his face. Even then, Xia Xinyue knew that she didn't deserve to be Jiu Shen's woman, but it was alright as long as she could see him every day. Thinking about that, her face burned in embarrassment as she hurriedly discarded those thoughts.

After walking unhurriedly for a little more than ten minutes, the pair arrived in front of a ten-story building with classical architecture and design. The entrance of the building was heavily guarded by more than ten warriors, with each of them dressed in extravagant-looking knight armor. They looked rather imposing and fearsome, and their cultivation level at the 5th-rank Spirit realm deterred those with malicious intentions.

A constant stream of people came in and out of the building, signifying its well-deserved reputation.

Seeing this, Xia Xinyue nodded her head in satisfaction before she turned to look at Jiu Shen with a gentle smile. "Lord Sect Master, we've arrived in Green Wood Pavilion."

"Not bad. Let's go." Jiu Shen said perfunctorily as he walked towards the entrance of the building with a calm look.

Xia Xinyue smiled as she looked at his back figure before following behind him obediently.

Looking at Jiu Shen and Xia Xinyue who were walking towards them, the ten or so warriors guarding the entrance of the building could not help but feel astonished in their hearts, but they hurriedly concealed their shock.

Just as the two were about to go inside the building, a gentle voice filled with confidence and respect suddenly echoed behind them. "This young lady, would you be kind enough to allow this young master to have the opportunity to see your beautiful face?"

Jiu Shen stopped in his tracks and looked at the newcomer with interest, while Xia Xinyue furrowed her eyebrows before turning her head to glance at that person with a cold look.

He was a young man in his early twenties, and he looked quite handsome and elegant with his stylish blue robes. There was also a short sword hanging on his left hip, giving him a more appealing vibe. His short black hair was messy, but this gave him a wild kind of appeal.

After seeing Xia Xinyue's pretty face, this young man suddenly revealed a flabbergasted look, but it instantly bloomed into a charismatic smile. He then stepped forward and cupped his fists respectfully at Xia Xinyue as he spoke. "Greetings, young lady. This one's name is Reinhardt Silveria. My apologies for suddenly interrupting you. I just couldn't help but call out for young lady when I saw your graceful silhouette."

After hearing his respectful and kind words, Xia Xinyue's face eased up, but when she heard the man's name, she couldn't help but ponder in her heart. 'The only ones with the surname Silveria in Silver Wing Empire is the imperial family. Is he perhaps someone from the Silveria Imperial Family?'

Looking at Xia Xinyue's pondering expression, the smile on Reinhardt's face became even more vibrant. "Young lady, this is not a good place to talk. How about we come inside first?" He asked as he stared at her with a charming smile.

Xia Xinyue was stunned at Reinhardt's bluntness, but she could not find any reason to refuse him since he didn't look like someone who harbored malicious intentions.

However, Jiu Shen was right behind her and it wouldn't be appropriate to go with another man no matter how friendly he was, so with an apologetic look, Xia Xinyue shook her head lightly. "I'm sorry Prince Reinhardt, but I am accompanying his Lordship Jiu Shen today."

When Reinhardt heard Xia Xinyue refer to him as 'prince', he was a bit surprised since the latter might have already realized his identity. He then took a glance at the man behind her that he chose to ignore earlier, and when Reinhardt saw the man's face, he gasped in shock and gave Jiu Shen a meaningful smile before he turned his attention back to Xia Xinyue. "It appears that young miss has already guessed who I am, but I on the other hand don't even know young miss' name." He said while flashing a dejected smile.

Xia Xinyue still didn't know Reinhardt's true intentions, but upon seeing his expression, she sighed and said. "Your highness, you can call me Xia Xinyue."

Reinhardt's broken smile suddenly blossomed when he heard her reply. "Oh, so it's Young Miss Xia! Since Young Miss Xia is busy right now, I won't take much of your time. I'll come back another day to look for you. Farewell."

After cupping his fists at Xia Xinyue, Reinhardt glanced at Jiu Shen with an imperceptible competitive look before he elegantly turned around and left the scene.

Xia Xinyue frowned as she looked at his receding figure. She was certain that Reinhardt was one of the empire's princes, and after interacting with him, he should be the famously known romantic crown prince of the Silver Wing Empire.

Jiu Shen who was silent throughout the whole scene suddenly called out. "Elder Xia, do you who know that person is?"

Xia Xinyue glanced at Jiu Shen and nodded her head. "Lord Sect Master, that man seems to be the crown prince of Silver Wing Empire. And if he is indeed the crown prince, then the rumors about him should be true..."

Jiu Shen's expression didn't change, but he felt a bit curious since he felt that the cultivation level of Reinhardt was at the early stage of the 7th-rank Emperor realm. Just that, Reinhardt had a treasure that concealed his strength and everyone else could only see that he was a 5th-rank Spirit realm cultivator. As for why he was hiding his strength, no one knows.

Among Emperor Elyk's children, the crown prince was the oldest, but everyone thought that he was merely an affectionate man with little strength. And Jiu Shen who was running a wine store in the capital has already heard so many rumors about this romantic crown prince. However, it seemed like everyone else was wrong about him. How could a 7th-rank Emperor realm cultivator be an ordinary man?

"Crown Prince Reinhardt... It looks like all of Elyk's children can be considered as peak geniuses in this world. A tiger would never have a dog of a child..." Jiu Shen muttered to himself.

The situation in the Silver Wing Empire was already becoming more complicated with all the hidden characters suddenly showing up. If only the Silver Wing Empire didn't have an internal conflict, it could have been one of the most peak existences feared in the Profound Dragon Continent.