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Regarding Lin Hai, whether it's in Zang Qianjian or in the spiritual memories of others, there is always a significant mention.

Because although Lin Yingyun Mountain is the backbone of Qi Guang Sect, the true ruler is Lin Hai.

His will represents the will of Lin Yingyun Mountain, which is equivalent to the will of the entire Qi Guang Sect, even Red Fire Zhenren, the top Golden Core Cultivator in the Middle Stage of the Qi Guang Sect, has to follow his orders.

However, Lin Hai was attacked by a demon cultivator in his early years, resulting in damage to his Golden Core. Despite having a Middle-Grade Golden Core, there is no hope for achieving a higher realm, and the impact of his injury is lifelong. For years, his Golden Core Power has been leaking, so among the Golden Core Middle Stage of Qi Guang Sect, he is considered the weakest.

The weakest, yet the most trusted and valued by Lin Yingyun Mountain. As for the reason, no one knows.

But facts have proven that Lin Yingyun Mountain didn't make a mistake in trusting Lin Hai. After the Life Soul Lamp of Lin Yingyun Mountain went out, the cultivators of various branches have long been disintegrated like a shattered mirror. Some Golden Core cultivators even announced their complete separation from the Qi Guang Sect and established new sects, while Lin Hai still fought side by side with the disciples of Qi Guang Sect, advancing and retreating together, never abandoning them.

It is precisely because of his presence that Qi Guang Sect hasn't completely collapsed and still has the strength to fight. Even without Longteng Liyi's intervention, it still has the capacity to compete with the Longteng Family.

Unfortunately,

The decline is already destined.

For his sudden visit, even Wen Jiu, without much thought, knows his true intention.

Now, if the lineage of Lin Yingyun Mountain wants to escape misfortune, they must either flee the West or find another place to settle. Having just extinguished the Brute Puppet Sect, the Lu Family, which is in the limelight, is their best choice.

What's more, Lu Feng's wife, the matriarch of the Lu Family, is a descendant of Lin Yingyun Mountain. However, Wen Jiu is willing to meet him, not because of the Lu Family, and certainly doesn't want to meddle in the conflict between the Longteng Family and Qi Guang Sect.

It's just that Qi Guang Sect has stood in the Western Xishan Floating Domain for two or three millennia. How deep is its foundation?

He wants to see what is left of Qi Guang Sect.

However, just when Lin Hai found Lu Feng and went with him to Cold Pool Mist Valley, the eyes of the Spirit Suppressing Army immediately informed Deng Lai and Divine General Nangong Huan of this matter.

Deng Lai quickly found Nangong Huan because the attitude of the Domain Lord's Mansion at this time is extremely important. If they ignore it, once Lin Hai aligns with Lu Shi, the West will fall into chaos again.

That Lu Shi is not Lin Yingyun Mountain, not a declining old Dan, but a strong presence even the Divine General doesn't dare to underestimate.

They must handle this cautiously.

"Lin Hai's actions are really fast." Nangong Huan pondered for a few moments, "Fortunately, Lu Shi is not an ambitious person. If the Brute Puppet Sect hadn't provoked him before, he might have continued to hide. No matter how high a price Lin Hai offers, Lu Shi may not necessarily agree."

"Sir, do we need to do anything now? Should we warn Longteng Liyi? We know the true strength of the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor Lu Shi, but Longteng Liyi doesn't. The Longteng Family already has a grudge with the Lu Family. Now that Lin Hai has found the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, if anything happens, it will affect your plans..." Deng Lai expressed some concern.

"No problem. If Longteng Liyi really makes a move, it would just be an opportunity to test Lu Shi's real strength for me. You return to Cold Pool Mist Valley first, and if things really

become uncontrollable, contact me." After saying this, Nangong Huan murmured softly, "The core area of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range is something I must obtain. The stronger the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor Lu Shi is, the more useful he is to me."

"I will go now."

Deng Lai bowed respectfully and, after leaving the room, immediately transformed into a streak of light.

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The Longteng Family is located in Dragon Fall Valley. Three thousand years ago, a dragon fell from the sky here, hence the name Dragon Fall Valley. Initially, the Longteng Family did not bear the Longteng surname, but just the Teng surname. However, after moving to Dragon Fall Valley, the first ancestor of the Longteng Family accidentally discovered that the True Dragon Spirit had not perished, and because he cared for the Dragon Spirit, he was granted the dao, forming a Golden Core and leading the family to rise.

Later, the True Dragon Spirit recovered fully, returned to its dragon body, and soared into the sea of clouds to depart. Thereupon, the first ancestor of the Teng family changed its name to Longteng, hoping that the Teng family would soar like the True Dragon.

At the same time, Longteng Liyi also received the news that Lin Hai entered East Pole Immortal City to meet Lu Feng.

Upon learning of this, Longteng Liyi’s first reaction was calm because the decline of the Qi Guang Sect is already set in stone, and the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is merely a spirit body comparable to the Late Stage of Golden Core.

Still within the Middle Realm.

His Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder restrains heterodox evil techniques, so he doesn’t fear the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor at all. He had not let the Longteng Family strike against the Lu Family only because he didn’t want to make enemies for now.

Moreover, now the Divine Fall Mountain Range is in great chaos, and frequent battles occur at the Heaven-Reaching River. He truly doesn’t wish to engage in a life-and-death struggle. Whether the opponent lives or dies, he is indifferent; he cares more about the Longteng Family.

In the upcoming chaos, it’s crucial for the Longteng Family to pass through safely.

"Lu Family...

I advise you to be sensible and not seek your own doom. The Domain Lord’s Mansion hasn’t allowed me to take further action against the Qi Guang Sect, sparing them a living path, but the Domain Lord’s Mansion never said we can’t take action against you."

Longteng Liyi wore a sullen expression, then issued an order to eradicate any remnants of the Qi Guang Sect. This command left the Longteng Family and was conveyed to Donghua Immortal City with the fastest speed.

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Outside Cold Pool Mist Valley.

Lu Feng and Lin Hai approached Cold Pool Mist Valley, and Lu Feng also received a message from the Lu Family at this moment.

After investigating the message, Lu Feng’s expression subtly changed, and he couldn’t help but sigh, "The Longteng Family’s actions are truly swift. As soon as you came to see me, Longteng Liyi issued an order to wipe out the roots."

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Such an action.

Lu Feng did it intentionally.

Although he could never completely sever ties with the Qi Guang Sect due to his wife, he didn’t want to stand with the Qi Guang Sect.

At his peak, he didn’t want to. Now that the Qi Guang Sect was in decline and the Lu Family was beginning to soar, he naturally didn’t want to.

However, both his wife and Lin Hai began their cultivation under Lin Yingyun Mountain, and his wife had to call Lin Hai "senior brother", so even if he was unwilling, he still brought Lin Hai to the Cold Pool Mist Valley. And intentionally voicing the order to "cut the grass and root it out" was also to extinguish Lin Hai’s unrealistic ideas.

"Alas."

Lin Hai sighed but didn’t say much more.

Because he was mentally prepared before coming.

After taking a deep look in the direction of the Cold Pool Mist Valley, Lin Hai spoke with difficulty, "Lu Feng, my request is not high, and I’m willing to pay any price... I just want to preserve the Dao lineage of the Qi Guang Sect. At least ensure that the name ’Qi Guang Sect’ does not vanish like smoke after my master’s death."

Lu Feng responded indifferently, "No need to say more to me. Since I’ve brought you, I won’t chase you away."

"Thank you!"

Lin Hai raised his hand and saluted.

Then he stopped and said, "Lu Feng, regarding what Qi Guang Sect did to the Lu Family, I solemnly apologize today. I will not make excuses for my master, and I will certainly bear the mistakes. Regardless of whether the Corpse Ancestor helps the Qi Guang Sect, I will bring the three Golden Core Secret Techniques that I’ve kept to the Lu Family."

"The Lu Family has the Corpse Ancestor; there’s no need for any Golden Core Secret Techniques. I just hope that after this, you won’t bother her again," Lu Feng remained indifferent and transformed into a light, flying to the sky above the Cold Pond Array.

Lin Hai followed closely behind, saying no more.

When the Cold Pond was within reach, Lin Hai quickly bowed and attended with a voice like a large bell, "Qi Guang Sect’s Lin Hai pays respects to the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, wishing the Corpse Ancestor to transcend the Upper Realm barrier soon and attain perfection!"

Lin Hai’s voice instantly spread throughout the Cold Pool Mist Valley, causing many Lu Family members within the spirit veins to stop and gaze upwards.

"Lin Hai?"

"This name sounds familiar... Middle Stage of Golden Core, also called Lin Hai. Yes, yes, yes, it’s Qi Guang Sect’s Great Elder Lin Hai! It’s truly him!"

"In the Qi Guang Sect, he is second only to one person and above thousands. Across the entire western part of the West Mountain Floating Domain, let alone our Lu Family Ancestor, even the City Lord of the East Pole Immortal City must treat him with courtesy... I never thought there would be a time when he would be respectful and flattering to our Lu Family."

At this moment.

Many disciples of the Lu Family felt a sense of delight, for the Qi Guang Sect had always been a towering mountain that could only be gazed upon reverentially.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone directly and moved him into the cave mansion, simultaneously enveloping his surroundings with Divine Sense, not allowing his Divine Sense to probe at will. Seeing this, Lu Feng silently stood guard outside the array.

Being suddenly moved into the great array, Lin Hai couldn't help but be startled. Sensing the aura from the East Spring Undying Bone, which was even sharper than the ancestor's, he quickly straightened his clothes and saluted again.

"Junior Lin Hai, pays respect to the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor!"

He didn't even care to think about why the Lu Family suddenly had an ancestor, only one thought in mind.

This trip was right!

"To be frank, I don't want to see you, nor do I want to meddle in your war with the Longteng Family, and I certainly don't want to have anything to do with your Qi Guang Sect," Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone and said coldly.

Lin Hai hurriedly said, "Junior dares not to deceive the ancestor, coming today is to request the ancestor to protect the Qi Guang Sect's Dao lineage. Junior dares not to expect the Qi Guang Sect to regain its former glory, nor dare to hope for revenge against the Longteng Family."

"You should know the order Longteng Liyi just issued to the Longteng Family," Wen Jiu, having Longteng Qianyue as an ear in the Longteng Family, naturally knew about it earlier than anyone else.

When learning about it, Wen Jiu almost burst into laughter.

The world still has many good people, indeed.

"I know." Lin Hai felt a knot in his heart, growing uneasy. After pondering for two breaths, he quickly added, "That's why I carefully considered it before coming, and after much deliberation, I am willing to exchange the Qi Guang Sect's thousand-year-old Hidden Techniques and a Secret Realm Cave Heaven for the ancestor to protect the Qi Guang Sect's Dao lineage."

"Continue,"

Wen Jiu said.

Lin Hai was overjoyed.

"To be precise, it's the heritage of two thousand three hundred years. Over the past two thousand three hundred years, every generation of Qi Guang Sect's Golden Core cultivators has endeavored to fill the treasury, with numerous orthodox and heterodox techniques. The three major Golden Core techniques of Qi Guang Sect are among them, including the Night Bright Windless Heart Technique practiced by the ancestor. Regarding the myriad arts of celestial cultivation, whether it's alchemy masters, talisman masters, spirit array masters, puppet masters, etc., the hidden techniques of the treasury include no less than seven methods of cultivation up to the third rank for each category..."

Lin Hai truthfully stated, giving Wen Jiu some insight. Other Golden Core influences consider themselves fortunate to obtain a complete third-rank alchemy method, yet the Qi Guang Sect possesses seven.

And every single celestial art has at least seven.

The foundation of two thousand years is indeed rich, and if converted into Spirit Stones, its value would be immeasurable. However, perhaps no force can afford it, even the East Splendor Divine Palace might find it challenging.

But instead, Wen Jiu was more impressed by the fact that in over two thousand years, the countless years of legacy by predecessors could only be used today to trade for the continuation of the Dao lineage, exchanging for mere survival, truly lamentable.

Putting aside his thoughts, Wen Jiu spoke again, "The hidden techniques are indeed many and significant, carrying the heritage of over two thousand years of Qi Guang Sect, but I am more curious about the Secret Realm Cave Heaven you mentioned. You dared to compare it with the two-thousand-year-old hidden techniques; it must have a story, right?"

Lin Hai was thrilled again. He wasn't afraid to offer techniques, nor shy away from giving, having reached a dead end with no alternatives. Instead of dying at the hands of the Longteng Family's Golden Core cultivators with these things, it's better to offer them to others.

What he feared was that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor was uninterested.!

"That Secret Realm Cave Heaven was discovered by the ancestor. However, instead of calling it a Secret Realm Cave Heaven, it's more fitting to call it a Spiritless Death Land. The ancestor once said that within that Spiritless Death Land, there is not a shred of Spiritual Qi, every inch of land brimming with abundant Evil Qi. These would devour any Spiritual Qi trying to enter, also consuming any creatures attempting to enter the cave."

The ancestor explored it once, but only dared to stay momentarily, as the Evil Qi within was truly overwhelming. The ancestor estimated that it must have accumulated for at

least three thousand years and had already developed consciousness. With consciousness, the Evil Qi becomes a malevolent spirit. Although they lack the prowess of a Golden Core cultivator, they're insidious, even penetrating the Power of the Body-Protecting Golden Pill, extremely terrifying.

A normal Golden Core entering it would soon become possessed by the malevolent spirits, turning into a mad cultivator, neither human nor ghost. After understanding it, the ancestor sealed the cave, prohibiting anyone from entering.

Hearing this, Wen Jiu was noticeably intrigued; no wonder Lin Hai compared it to the two-three thousand-year-old hidden techniques. That Spiritless Death Land, frightful to the Golden Core, would be a dreamland for powerful heterodox evil cultivators. Those malevolent spirits, as long as they could be subdued, would become resources.

However, they needed to find out what caused the Evil Qi to arise and what the source was, as however much Evil Qi, it remained only Qi, at most a rare place for nourishing corpses and cultivating ghosts.

"Do you know what caused their birth?" Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to ask.

Lin Hai shook his head, "I'm not sure; the ancestor didn't mention it in detail. I only heard that when he tried to delve deeper, the mist grew thicker, the range his Divine Sense could probe diminished, and finally, even an Upper Realm Divine Sense could only reach ten feet ahead.

However, through the mist, the ancestor saw many silhouettes standing in the fog, like statues. Flying a hundred miles, those figures hidden deep within the mist were still nowhere near an end. The ancestor initially wanted to investigate thoroughly, but the deeper he went, the denser the Evil Qi became. The Power of the Body-Protecting Golden Pill seemed like a fragile eggshell, about to shatter at the next breath."

"Did your family's ancestor never go back?" Wen Jiu didn't have time to search, quickly asking again.

Lin Hai shook his head.

"He never went back."

"Is there any other information?"

To be honest, Wen Jiu didn't quite believe that he never went back. Either Lin Hai was deliberately withholding, or Lin Yingyun Mountain encountered something inside; otherwise, why seal it?

Even though the Spiritless Death Land was of little use to the Qi Guang Sect, cultivators are never short on greed.

Would Lin Yingyun Mountain really resist not entering?

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"Yes, the ancestor once said that none but a Heterodox Golden Core should enter, and none but those in the late stage of Golden Core should venture alone. If the Qi Guang Sect produces another Heterodox Golden Core in the future, the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven could be reopened. Although the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven is a Land of Death, where survival is a slim chance, it is indeed a treasure trove comparable to the Tier Four Yin Vein for the Heterodox Sect," Lin Hai stated solemnly.

Comparable to a Tier Four Yin Vein!

The words "Tier Four Yin Vein" were too sensitive for Wen Jiu, as everything he was doing in East Pole Immortal City was essentially to find an opportunity to access a Tier Four Yin Vein.

If it was truly as Lin Hai said, then the Spiritless Death Land being comparable to a Tier Four Yin Vein would indeed be a pleasant surprise?

If that were truly the case.

Qi Guang Sect.

He was covered!

Wen Jiu’s expression involuntarily turned serious, and he quickly asked, "Such important information, and your ancestor didn’t place a Silencing Spell on you, or use some other troublesome method to restrict you from speaking?"

"The ancestor is already dead, and the spells have lost their effect," Lin Hai replied truthfully, with the same sincerity as always.

"Aren’t you afraid of me soul-searching you?" Wen Jiu couldn’t help but ask again, trying to probe.

Lin Hai continued to be honest, "The hidden technique brought out by the Qi Guang Sect juniors is with Red Fire Zhenren. As soon as I fall, the hidden technique artifact will immediately self-immolate, burning all the sect techniques of Qi Guang Sect to ashes.

As for the array order to open the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, the ancestor was already prepared. This array order is not a physical artifact but a Divine Soul Array Order, stored within my soul. As long as my soul receives the slightest impact, this Divine Soul Array Order will also collapse, ending like the hidden technique."

"Your ancestor truly dares," Wen Jiu commented, having seen the Divine Soul Array Order in more than one person’s soul memory. Coexisting with the soul, it was as fragile as a Qi Cultivation Ghost, turning to dust with the slightest impact.

Lin Hai smiled wryly, "Junior has a Spirit Soul Defense Spiritual Artifact; if it truly comes to that, it means the Qi Guang Sect is at its end. Rather than let the array order fall to the enemy, it should be buried with me."

"That seems reasonable," Wen Jiu mused, thinking deeply. The Flawless Soul-Stealing Gaze could not control a mid-stage Golden Core Cultivator without injuring their soul; there would inevitably be some injury, "First, take me to see that Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven. If it’s truly as you say, the Qi Guang Sect, I will protect. But if I’m not satisfied..."

"If it doesn’t satisfy the Corpse Ancestor, Lin Hai’s death will not be regretted," Lin Hai interjected with a smile already touching his lips.

He wasn’t afraid of the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor’s warning.

He only feared the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor’s refusal to go.

Wen Jiu asked again, "Where is the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven?"

"It’s in the western part, but the exact location requires me to carefully search using a Secret Technique," Lin Hai replied honestly.

"How long?"

"Ten days."

"Then stay at the Cold Pool Mist Valley for now," To avoid unforeseen incidents, Wen Jiu decided to keep him at the Mist Valley.

"Thank you, Corpse Ancestor!"

Lin Hai was overjoyed.

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After sending Lin Hai away, Wen Jiu used the Corpse Fate Technique for divination, and the results delighted him.

The Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven was beyond the divination scope of the Corpse Fate Technique, involving Nascent Soul Level celestial secrets. Although it couldn't prove it to be comparable to a Tier Four Yin Vein, the result was enough to show the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven was definitely extraordinary.

Next, Wen Jiu performed another divination, which showed an auspicious sign. Though somewhat dangerous, it was manageable, and as long as he knew when to advance or retreat and didn't become greedy, a bright future lay ahead.

However, to be safe, Wen Jiu decided to perform divination every day in the coming days, especially when heading to the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven with Lin Hai, where he would conduct several readings along the way and upon entering.

Now, with the corpses of Demon Cultivators and Evil Cultivators sent by Nangong Huan, some had entirely lost their lifespan, but others still retained it. With each day, the Blood Demon Undying Bone could consume tens of thousands of years of lifespan.

Using the Cyan Wheat Three Techniques to accelerate the cultivation of more Celestial Yin Demon Blood Medicine or more Blood Corpse Mushrooms was feasible, and longevity was fully abundant. So even though each divination consumed a thousand years of lifespan, it was a mere drop in the ocean,

It must be said, this mask exposure caught the attention of many, and it wouldn't be long before the Domain Lord became aware, yet the benefits were substantial.

Unfortunately, the cultivation of Celestial Yin Demon Blood Medicine and Blood Corpse Mushrooms couldn't be entrusted to outsiders, and the Demonic Evil Qi couldn't be purchased in the thousands or tens of thousands per month, otherwise, the corpse-nourishing speed would make a qualitative leap.

Meanwhile, as Wen Jiu was conducting his daily divinations, the news of Lin Hai residing in Fog Valley had reached Longteng Liyi's ears and spread among the Golden Core Influences in the western part of the West Mountain Floating Domain.

The news was spread deliberately by Lin Hai, and Wen Jiu, upon hearing from Lu Feng and Lu Changyin, didn't mind, for if the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven was reality, it was only a matter of time before news spread.

While the news was creating waves in the western region, Lu Feng came once again to the Cold Pond to meet East Spring Undying Bone.

"Corpse Ancestor, the matter of Lin Hai is now widely known, and while other Golden Core Influences' discussions don't matter much, Longteng Family has repeatedly sent people to question whether Lu Family intends to support Qi Guang Sect, and moreover..."

Lu Feng hesitated on whether to continue speaking.

"And moreover what?"

Wen Jiu inquired.

Lu Feng struggled to speak, "Today Longteng Liyi sent someone to deliver a message, stating that if we cut ties with Qi Guang Sect, the Brute Puppet Sect's matter will be deemed as deserving by the Master of Many Evils, and Lu Family can vie for Qi Guang Sect's territory, freely taking what we conquer. However, if we choose to stand with Qi Guang Sect, then Lu Family would have to withstand the onslaught of Longteng Family and nearly thirty other Golden Core Influences under their command.

Currently, the majority of Golden Core Influences in the western part of the West Mountain Floating Domain are already led by Longteng Family, and even the neutral ones have chosen to distance themselves from Qi Guang Sect. If we truly protect Qi Guang Sect, I'm afraid we'll become the target of many attacks. Even a giant tiger fears a pack of wolves, especially if they use underhanded tactics."

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"Don't worry about them, and there's no need to respond. Whether to provide shelter or not, I'll decide in half a month."

Wen Jiu replied.

Lu Feng nodded.

Although puzzled as to why it would take half a month, he instinctively trusted this whole ordeal was justified because of the East Spring Undying Bone, so he didn't ask for the

reasoning. However, upon leaving Fog Valley and seeing Lin Hai waiting anxiously outside, a tinge of sigh and sentiment filled his heart.

Once upon a time, Lin Hai was high and mighty, holding the life and death of countless cultivators in his hands. But now he could only wait at Fog Valley, hoping for the nod of the Corpse Ancestor. If the Corpse Ancestor shook his head, his fate would be eternal damnation.

Moreover, the fate of the entire Qi Guang Sect rests in the Corpse Ancestor's hands. What Lu Feng once dreamed of achieving under the banner of Qi Guang Sect, the Corpse Ancestor had realized for him.

Now.

The Qi Guang Sect must look to them for survival.

"Fellow Daoist Lu Feng, what did the Corpse Ancestor say?" Lin Hai asked nervously, knowing why Lu Feng had come.

Lu Feng looked down at Lin Hai, "The Corpse Ancestor said nothing, and there's nothing you need to ask."

"That's good then."

Lin Hai breathed a sigh of relief.

What was said didn't really matter.

As long as he wasn't driven away, that was the best outcome.

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After a few more days.

Longteng Liyi, having received no response, grew increasingly irritated and called the present Great Elder of the Longteng Family, Longteng Wuxing, to issue an order, "By my command, from today onward, any force can challenge the Qi Guang Sect. Whatever they gain, they can keep for themselves without tribute. Since Lin Hai wants to cling to the lifeline of the Lu Family's Corpse Ancestor, I'll send Qi Guang Sect down a doomed path first... I want to see what decision your Lu Family Corpse Ancestor will make."

"Ancestor, isn't it a bit of a loss to give Qi Guang Sect's territory to others? Perhaps I should personally go to East Pole Immortal City and ask that old guy Lu Feng what he intends to do?"

Longteng Wuxing quickly suggested.

The territory of Qi Guang Sect boasts abundant spirit veins, spirit ores, grotto heaven blessed lands, and so forth. Even without taking it all, if the Longteng Family could secure more than seventy percent, it would allow them to rise much higher.

In less than a hundred years.

No.

In less than fifty years.

The resources from Qi Guang Sect's land could allow the Longteng Family to cultivate more Golden Cores and Foundation Establishments. By then, the Longteng Family's ambitions could extend to the entire West Mountain Floating Domain.

But if they shared with those subordinate forces, and without requiring tribute, who knows how many resources will remain?

"Saying is one thing, doing is another." Longteng Liyi spoke calmly, "I'm using this method to pressure Lin Hai and the Lu Family. I want to see what promise Lin Hai made to the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor. The tighter we squeeze, the more anxious Lin Hai and the Lu Family will become... The foundation of Qi Guang Sect, built over two to three thousand years, surely holds more than we've seen."

"Ancestor, you are indeed wise!"

Longteng Wuxing suddenly understood.

Longteng Liyi continued, "Longteng Qianyue has a stable foundation there, with arrangements laid for over a hundred years. Have him keep an eye on Cold Pool Mist Valley, and if there's any anomaly, report to me immediately."

"Yes!"

Longteng Wuxing nodded.

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The next day.

"Master, Longteng Liyi not only opposes Qi Guang Sect but also sent me to monitor you. He suspects Lin Hai promised you something extraordinary." Longteng Qianyue quietly transmitted to East Spring Undying Bone.

Wen Jiu was indifferent, "Then keep watching, and report anything you see directly to him."

"Yes!"

Longteng Qianyue responded decisively.

Though he didn’t know what the master intended, his loyalty was absolute.

That old bastard Longteng Liyi will eventually die at the master’s hands!

Not long after cutting off the transmission, Lin Hai, who was originally expected to take ten days, suddenly rushed toward Fog Valley on the seventh day, his aura somewhat weak. Clearly, the Longteng Family’s sudden all-out assault placed immense pressure on him.

Facing the Longteng Family one-on-one, he could manage. But against a pack of wolves, they were hopelessly outmatched.

"Corpse Ancestor, the location of the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven has been found." Lin Hai said anxiously.

"Let’s go!"

Wen Jiu, filled with anticipation, was ready to depart immediately.

But Lin Hai didn’t immediately move. "Corpse Ancestor, there are certainly Longteng Family spies watching around Cold Pool Mist Valley. If we act rashly, Longteng Liyi will surely receive news right away."

"If he likes to follow, let him follow, I just fear he doesn’t dare to." Wen Jiu responded indifferently, controlling East Spring Undying Bone to seize Lin Hai and escape from Cold Pool Mist Valley, notifying Lu Feng to guard outside.

Lin Hai didn’t have time to say another word before leaving Cold Pool Valley. He wanted to say more, but considering the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor’s fearlessness, he wondered why he should be afraid. To be safe, Lin Hai still spoke, "Corpse Ancestor, please forgive my impudence, but before we go, you still need..."

"Heart Demon Oath, is it?" Wen Jiu didn’t care, controlling East Spring Undying Bone to swear a Heart Demon Oath. "I am a man of my word, even without swearing a Heart Demon Oath, I would still keep my promises. But let me remind you, if that place fails to satisfy me, and if Longteng Liyi truly comes chasing, you’ll have to escape on your own."

"Understood."

Lin Hai nodded.

He then immediately cast a spell, his previously closed eyes suddenly seeing a direction upon uttering the last word of the spell, transforming swiftly into a startled swan, flying swiftly in that direction.

East Spring Undying Bone followed closely.

"You guide the way."

Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to catch up and envelop Lin Hai in corpse energy, speeding up their flight.

Traveling ten thousand miles south, Lin Hai showed no sign of stopping. But after flying thirty thousand miles, Lin Hai's expression suddenly changed to one of disbelief.

"What's wrong?"

Wen Jiu noticed the anomaly and asked quickly.

After hesitating for a few seconds, Lin Hai spoke, "This direction leads to Qi Guang Sect's territory."

"Already occupied by the Longtan Family?" Wen Jiu inquired.

Lin Hai shook his head, "No, but the direction points to our current place of retreat. It shouldn't be right; if it was within the retreat, why didn't the ancestor just tell me upfront?"

"What do you mean?"

Wen Jiu frowned.

"To not lie to the Corpse Ancestor, the ancestor did say, nobody below the late stage of Golden Core should ever approach the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven. But that retreat spot was the place left by the ancestor before his passing, designated as a refuge for Qi Guang Sect, with instructions not to enter unless it's a matter of life and death for the sect." Lin Hai responded.

Wen Jiu asked further, "You're hiding there now?"

"Yes, and that Grotto Heaven Blessed Land can rapidly heal the injuries of Golden Core cultivators, with Divine Soul and non-Golden Core wounds recoverable in a short time. That's why I let them hide inside upon my departure. This move renders Qi Guang Sect's disciples powerless against Golden Core, but it preserves the Dao lineage of Qi Guang Sect. I had no other choice."

Lin Hai spoke helplessly.

Then his words returned to the earlier curiosity, "Why did the ancestor warn against those below the Heterodox Golden Core or Late Stage never approaching the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, yet arrange our sanctuary in the same location?"

Wen Jiu didn't respond, but a hint of doubt arose, and with this doubt, he controlled East Spring Undying Bone to carry Lin Hai closer. After flying another ten thousand miles, a vast and clear lake appeared on the horizon, prompting Lin Hai to frown and stop.

"Senior, it's beneath the lake."

Wen Jiu asked, "Your refuge, or the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven?"

"Both are down there."

Lin Hai slowly descended and dove headfirst into the lake, constantly descending deeper beneath the waters. After divining mid-level again, Wen Jiu immediately had East Spring Undying Bone follow.

The lake was not more than a hundred zhang deep, yet after Lin Hai entered it, an hour or two passed without reaching the bottom.

Wen Jiu had long noticed this abnormality, for there was an unusual spatial area at the lake's base, similar to the mountain pavilion picture scroll of Nangong Huan. But unlike the notable characteristics of the mountain pavilion picture scroll, this area beneath the lake was merely an abnormal space undetected by Golden Core Divine Sense.

It was after another half-day's descent that the view suddenly opened up, and a verdant scene with extremely rich Spiritual Qi surged forth. However, to Wen Jiu, these energies weren't particularly comfortable; he still preferred the cold, damp, sickening Yin Evil Qi that repulsed normal cultivators.

Yet as Wen Jiu surveyed the surroundings, several Golden Core cultivators suddenly flew over.

Among them were two familiar voices.

The first was Red Fire Zhenren, whom Wen Jiu had arranged for the Lu Family to give the Qi Family's territory to.

The second person's presence indeed surprised Wen Jiu.

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Who is the second person?

It is none other than Pei Wuxing, the City Lord of Wind and Cloud Immortal City.

Wen Jiu still remembers that back then, Vice City Lord Lin of Wind and Cloud Immortal City had his heart set on returning to the Qi Guang Sect, while Pei Wuxing was resolute not to return, leading Vice City Lord Lin to make many calculations.

Now, having changed his mind, the situation within the Divine Fall Mountain Range must have deteriorated to an unimaginable extent.

It’s reasonable to assume, since the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect has already penetrated the Divine Fall Mountain Range, how could they allow the existence of a neutral force?

"Hmm?"

Carefully examining Pei Wuxing, Wen Jiu noticed a pulsing Golden Core Power around him, faint yet incessant. At this moment, Pei Wuxing was like a wine jar with cracks, leaking Golden Core Power through those cracks.

At a glance, the wine jar appeared full, but over time emptiness seemed inevitable, far more severe compared to Lin Hai.

"Was Pei Wuxing’s Golden Core damaged by the Longtan Family’s Golden Core or by Demon Cultivators from the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect?" Wen Jiu was curious, given that Pei Wuxing had once been the premier Golden Core in the Heterodox Dao of the Divine Fall Mountain Range.

For someone who emerged from the Divine Fall Mountain Range, Pei Wuxing was undoubtedly a defining figure in his cultivation journey. However, the former premier Golden Core of the Heterodox Dao seemed to have lost his past sharpness.

Even when escaping, he hides behind others, and his eyes no longer shine with the brilliance they had during the Wind and Cloud Immortal City days.

"Old Hai, why have you just returned, how is the situation?" Red Fire Zhenren arrived first, anxiously asking two questions before his gaze fell on the nearby East Spring Undying Bone body. As his Divine Sense probed and collided with an indestructible mountain, Red Fire Zhenren immediately realized, "This senior must be the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor?"

Lin Hai nodded, "This senior is indeed the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor."

Five or six Golden Core Zhenrens arrived subsequently, overjoyed to learn that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor had arrived in person. They had spent days hiding in this Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven, feeling anxious every day, worried that external circumstances were deteriorating rapidly, and the Longteng Family, like mad dogs, forced Qi Guang Sect onto a dead-end, making them even more anxious. Seeing the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor now was like seeing hope.

"Greetings, Corpse Ancestor!"

"Greetings, Corpse Ancestor!"

"Greetings, Senior!"

The Golden Cores quickly paid their respects.

Pei Wuxing stood behind everyone and wanted to pay his respects too, but as he felt the corpse aura from the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, his dim eyes suddenly tightened, incredulous as he looked at the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor before him.

Because he sensed a corpse aura he was incredibly familiar with, one he could never forget in this lifetime.

Master Du!

Du the Corpse Cultivator!

Back then, at a banquet, Master Du suddenly declared he would go into the Lifeless Abyss Innate Death Land to save his sole direct disciple and then disappeared without a trace, his life and death unknown. Afterward, the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect and West Mountain Floating Domain Lord’s Mansion suddenly intervened in the Divine Fall

Mountain Range, causing chaos, and Pei Wuxing couldn’t worry about Master Du. But unexpectedly, today he sensed a corpse aura similar to Master Du’s.

But Pei Wuxing thought again, the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is an extraordinary figure, allegedly boasting strength comparable to a late-stage Golden Core Body Cultivator, much stronger than Master Du.

"Perhaps the damage to the Golden Core has affected my Divine Sense," Pei Wuxing thought silently, and quickly bowed respectfully. However, unbeknownst to him, his unusual behavior was entirely observed by Wen Jiu.

Wen Jiu no longer had any pleasantries for the Qi Guang Sect Golden Core cultivators. Coldly reminding them to avert unrealistic fantasies, "No need for many courtesies. Whether I help you preserve the Qi Guang Sect’s heritage, I have not yet decided. If the gains from this trip are unsatisfactory, even if Longteng Liyi annihilates you all, I won’t blink an eye."

Upon hearing this, a considerable amount of joy in their eyes was instantly wiped away. Red Fire Zhenren felt even more bitter, for the Lu Family had recently made sacrifices to protect him, even offering part of their Tier Three Spiritual Vein, yet now the tables have turned.

"Our Qi Guang Sect’s collection of techniques spanning over two thousand years is sure to satisfy Senior," Red Fire Zhenren immediately took out the artifact of the hidden technique. The Qi Guang Sect was under siege, external disciples suffered numerous casualties, and if they didn’t go out, the Qi Guang Sect’s two-three thousand years of foundation would likely be consumed entirely.

"I do not seek hidden techniques," Wen Jiu declined. He now only wished to see the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

Just as Red Fire Zhenren was puzzled, Lin Hai hurriedly intervened, "Brother Red Fire, you must continue aiding them in their recovery. Our mission was not for this hidden technique but for another item the Ancestor concealed here."

"Enough talk, lead me to see."

"Corpse Ancestor, please follow me."

Lin Hai took no time explaining, immediately heading into the grotto heaven while transmitting information to Red Fire Zhenren, explaining the situation and stressing vigilance against Longteng Liyi.

They hadn’t concealed their actions, and it’s hard to do so. People from the Longteng Family likely know their whereabouts by now.

The Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven is hard to detect, but it will inevitably be found, and the methods of late-stage Golden Core cultivators are never simple.

Upon hearing this, Red Fire Zhenren felt as though facing an immense threat. He understood that this moment truly marked the precipice for the Qi Guang Sect, and though this day was always bound to come, its arrival was still hard to accept.

"Prepare to meet battle, everyone. If any from the Longteng Family dare pursue us, we will fight to the death and slaughter them. I refuse to believe those from Longteng are made of stone and don’t fear pain!"

Red Fire Zhenren shouted angrily, flames swirling around him, and the faces of the Golden Core cultivators alongside him grew increasingly grim.

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Pei Wuxing’s expression remained unchanged, as if he had long expected such a day and already accepted the outcome.

Ever since the journey to the West Mountain Floating Domain via the Heaven-Reaching River, where his junior sister and Daoist Wei, among others, perished at the hands of Demon Cultivators and his own Golden Core was damaged and his lifespan diminished, having learned from Lin Hai and Red Fire Zhenren that there was no other way, he had already prepared for the arrival of death.

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After flying a thousand miles into the Grotto Heaven, Lin Hai stopped beside a lake within the Grotto Heaven. The lake was calm, with only a thin layer of Spiritual Qi, looking no different from the lakes seen along the way.

The Divine Sense of East Spring Undying Bone probed in, yet could not sense anything, but Lin Hai directly pointed to the bottom of the lake.

"A Secret Realm Cave Heaven within a Grotto Heaven again, if naturally formed, is almost impossible; it’s highly likely the handiwork of an existence beyond the Golden Core," Lin Hai exclaimed in awe after a careful examination.

Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone and with a wave of corpse energy protected Lin Hai, "You may begin."

Lin Hai nodded, clasping his hands into a spell, and chanting incantations, at this moment, his Divine Soul clashed within his body, transforming into something tangible.

But unexpectedly, when the Divine Soul plunged into the lakebed, the originally calm lakebed suddenly gushed out a large amount of Yin Evil Qi, polluting the lake, uncontrollably spreading out, corroding everything, causing the Spirit Fish to die instantly, the flowers, birds, insects, and fish decayed in an instant.

Within moments, the area of a thousand feet became a Spiritless Death Land. Because the Yin Evil Qi was still expanding, the Spiritless Death Land continued to extend, even though the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Qi resisted, it couldn't stop its progress.

Lin Hai's face tensed, hurriedly stepped closer to East Spring Undying Bone, only relaxing when he saw that the Yin Evil Qi couldn't advance an inch upon touching the corpse energy.

"Continue."

After reminding, Wen Jiu carefully studied the Yin Evil Qi, which, though pouring out, remained Yin Evil Qi, not transformed into Evil Spirits as Lin Hai suggested.

But this Yin Evil Qi was quite sinister, capable of transforming the world into a Spiritless Death Land like Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi; unfortunately, it was just Spiritless Death Land.

It was not Absolute Spirit.

While it eroded and corroded the world, it relied on its own ceaseless destruction rather than devouring. Destruction has a limit, when the Yin Evil Qi is exhausted, the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Qi would retaliate, causing the Spiritless Death Land to fade into oblivion. However, the Land of Absolute Spirit is different, as it consumes, annihilates, even alters the heavens and earth, making it so that a Land of Absolute Spirit formed by Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi might not recover for millennia. Understanding this, Wen Jiu attempted using Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi for devouring and felt relieved upon finding it effective.

However, to be safe, Wen Jiu still controlled the Three Thousand Blood Inks to perform divination, and seeing that Zhongji remained unchanged, he fully relaxed. Before long, the lakebed gradually dried up, the entrance to the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven gradually emerged, yet Wen Jiu saw no Array or restriction.

Only a cracked, dark, deep rift in the black curtain, under the resonance of that object within Lin Hai's Divine Soul, slowly opened, the entrance to the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven gradually revealed.

It was an unfathomable black hole, dark, without light, yet Divine Sense could probe into it.

But it could only delve a thousand feet.

Notably, after Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone for investigation, joy filled his heart, as the Yin Evil Qi density was overwhelming. Compared to the trickle of Yin Evil Qi seeping from the rift, what gushed out from the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven was like dust to the bright moon, the disparity was terrifying.

At the same time, Wen Jiu understood that the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven was never sealed by Lin Yingyun Mountain, as Lin Yingyun Mountain had neither the capability nor virtue to seal it.

The object in Lin Hai's Divine Soul was merely a token to open the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

In other words,

If a Ghost Cultivator extracted Lin Hai's soul, it would easily obtain the token to open the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven. Maybe Lin Yingyun Mountain lied about this to prevent such a tactic.

But these all were of no importance.

"You go in first."

Despite being Zhongji, Wen Jiu would not let East Spring Undying Bone be the first to enter the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

Lin Hai's face turned pale, "Corpse Ancestor..."

"I will protect you," Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to answer coldly, with an indisputable tone.

Swallowing hard, Lin Hai's palms unknowingly sweated, but ultimately, after exhaling deeply, he took the first step towards the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven entrance.

After Lin Hai fully entered without any abnormality, Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to follow. As they stepped in, Yin Evil Qi enveloped, crashing like waves

against East Spring Undying Bone's surrounding corpse energy, becoming more fierce as they progressed.

Once through the black hole, the Yin Evil Qi indeed transformed into Evil Spirits as Lin Hai described, pervasive and pushing against the corpse energy fiercely.

The Evil Spirits, possessing intelligence, quickly targeted Lin Hai once finding East Spring Undying Bone impervious.

Bang—

The tidal wave of Yin Evil Spirits immediately engulfed Lin Hai, causing his face to turn desperately pale. He could clearly feel that, if not for Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's corpse energy barrier, he would have been swallowed in an instant, unable to escape, eventually engulfed, and eroded by the boundless Yin Evil Spirits.

Lin Hai profoundly understood why the ancestor advised that only Heterodox Golden Cores or Late Stage of Golden Core righteous path cultivators could enter.

"Keep moving forward," Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to convey, advancing amid the wave of Evil Spirits while also controlling the Three Thousand Blood Inks to perform divination with the Corpse Fate Technique.

As expected,

The divination results showed some change.

Minor Auspicious.

Moreover, the Life Plate analysis revealed critical information, a single misstep could lead to continuous mistakes, the auspicious could turn ominous in an instant.

Without hesitation, Wen Jiu immediately halted Lin Hai's progress, choosing to stay put with Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi for protection when unable to sense beyond a thousand feet.

"Corpse Ancestor, what happened?" Lin Hai hesitantly asked.

Wen Jiu responded, "Nothing, just don't move forward."

"Yes!"

Lin Hai quickly nodded, not daring to take another step forward, covertly alarmed seeing the surrounding corpse energy devouring the wave-like Yin Evil Spirits. This Yin Evil Spirits force could not be resisted by Golden Core Power, Exorcism Talismans proved

ineffective; if faced alone, he'd exhaust all his options without lasting long. Yet Lu Family Corpse Ancestor effortlessly fended them off.

What kind of corpse energy is this?

Amidst awe, Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to sit cross-legged, quietly utilizing the Yin Evil Spirits for Corpse Nourishing. Regardless of what lay within, these Yin Evil Spirits at the entrance were far superior to any Corpse Nourishing site Wen Jiu had encountered, at least several times more potent than the Tier Three Yin Veins of Cold Pool Mist Valley or Qi Mountain, perfect for cultivating Blood Corpse Mushrooms or using Ghost-faced Butcher for Ghost Cultivation or Earth Demon Nourishing Law-Devouring Yin Insects.

Unfortunately,

Wen Jiu sensed that these Yin Evil Spirits were not produced by the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, unlike Spirit Veins supplying endless Qi till exhaustion, the Yin Evil Spirits here, once devoured, would likely never regenerate. Thus, despite the possibility of staying here, it was not a place for prolonged residence at present.

As time passed, several hours slipped by, and when East Spring Undying Bone's Divine Sense detected a momentarily disorienting, soul-quaking surge of Yin Evil Spirits far beyond a thousand feet, Wen Jiu quickly used the Corpse Fate Technique to divine the outcome.

Minor Ominous!

The Life Plate interpretation indicated an ominous celestial secret: passing Evil Spirits Remnants, devouring souls, entering Rebirth in the Underworld. Beware! Beware! Beware! They lurk in shadow, sensing human presence.

Seeing this omen, Wen Jiu's expression turned solemn, carefully retracting his Divine Sense, immediately switching from Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi to regular corpse energy, merely shielding against Yin Evil Spirits' assault.

The intention was to minimize attention while preparing to exit the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven at any moment.

Fortunately, as hours ticked on, peace gradually returned.

A divination with the Corpse Fate Technique once again.

The result was Zhongji!

The Life Plate analysis’s celestial secret revealed evasion of danger, transforming calamity into fortune, becoming Zhongji. Avoid responding to the wails within shadows, and you shall encounter safety, gaining great fortune.

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"Great destiny!"

Wen Jiu was overjoyed.

At the same time, he couldn't help but marvel at the wonders of the Corpse Fate Technique once perfected.

However, he was also quite curious about the so-called lurking evil corpse remnants when the Life Plate parsed the Celestial Secrets and Destiny. Just what are these evil corpse remnants, and judging by the results, they've evidently noticed outsiders have entered the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

Are these supposed living beings actually alive, or mere strangers? If they are alive, Lin Hai must leave, but if they are merely strangers, Lin Hai can remain to help probe for hidden traps.

And what is this mournful cry lurking within the darkness that mustn't be answered? Without understanding this clearly, Wen Jiu felt uneasy. The current Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven surely suits his purpose, but the potential threats are too many, making it unworthy of sheltering Qi Guang Sect.

"Seems Lin Hai can't leave yet, not until we deal with East Spring Undying Bone, at least allow East Spring Undying Bone some time to perform the Blood Corpse Escape. As for Zhongji, it's reliable but not wholly trustworthy." Wen Jiu immediately decided, letting Lin Hai continue forward, but upon reconsideration, realized this is not the solution.

The mournful cry shrouded in darkness is a potential threat; the Life Plate parsing shows not to respond, but Wen Jiu knew well that his Life Plate couldn't fully and accurately parse all Celestial Secrets and Destiny information.

"The acquisition of the Innate Fate Derivation Object might need to be expedited." Wen Jiu glanced at Zhao Ming's dwelling. Of course, using Elixir Pills forcibly to accelerate

growth at the expense of foundation and essence is not something he would do, for Zhao Ming was the first disciple he accepted.

Although there are motives, a disciple is ultimately still a disciple.

Wen Jiu suddenly realized, "Oh, right, there's also the Amber Witch Thought Killing Array available. The Amber Witch Thought Killing Array can detect murderous intent towards East Spring Undying Bone within a range of thousands of miles, which should suffice to cover the entire Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, and even if it can't cover it fully, it should provide complete safety."

Wen Jiu promptly inquired to Lin Hai ahead, although the Amber Witch Thought Killing Array requires items from the wizard lineage, Wen Jiu remembered that Qi Guang Sect's Hidden Technique encompasses wizard lineage spells, he didn't believe Lin Hai didn't empty the sect's treasury upon leaving the ancestral grounds, nor did he believe Qi Guang Sect's years of accumulation wouldn't include materials for a basic Amber Witch Thought Killing Array.

"Do you have items from Qi Guang Sect's treasury on you?" Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to ask, causing Lin Hai's face to change abruptly, glancing at the corpse aura surrounding him in anxiety.

"Corpse Ancestor... this..."

Lin Hai stammered.

Wen Jiu interrupted him, "I need some simple materials and treasures, tier three lower-grade items, or common pseudo-tier three items. If I required your sect's treasury, would I need to coerce you now?"

"I didn't mean that." Lin Hai heaved a sigh of relief, awkwardly smiling, "What does the senior need?"

"One tier three lower-grade Dark Moon Black Stone, ten bottles of tier three lower-grade Witch Power Essence, sixteen pieces of pseudo-tier three Witch Ancestor Celestial Gazing Stone Slab..." Wen Jiu stated the requirements for the Amber Witch Thought Killing Array.

Lin Hai listened attentively and searched his storage pouch, finally speaking after a while, "Everything the Corpse Ancestor requires is from the common items of the wizard lineage, and Qi Guang Sect has very few cultivators of this lineage, resulting in minimal consumption; most are still in the treasury. Although I didn't rescue much from the treasury this time, I have everything the Corpse Ancestor needs."

Wen Jiu didn't expose Lin Hai; that last statement was likely false, considering he even brought out the sect's millennia-old Hidden Techniques, so how could he not have retrieved crucial sect treasury items?

"Hand over everything to me."

Lin Hai nodded, hurriedly taking out items one by one. Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to receive them one by one, starting to arrange the tier three lower-grade Amber Witch Thought Killing Array. Though tier three lower-grade, witch arrays aren't spirit arrays; they lack the intricate and meticulous nature of spirit arrays and Yin arrays due to the wizard lineage's simpler methods, understandable even to mortals, with ancient records even describing common Qi Refining Cultivators constructing tier three witch arrays.

Whether in the correct or heterodox Dao, such occurrences are impossible.

Of course, constructing such an array is one thing, using it another. Whether a Qi Refining Cultivator can use a tier three witch array is uncertain, but death is certainly the inevitable outcome.

The cultivation and use of the wizard lineage spells depend more on bloodline; the more extraordinary the bloodline, the easier to wield witch powers. Without wizard bloodline, the best way to use wizard items is to withstand with Divine Soul, or like Zhong Qi, be corrupted by witch powers.

The concept of witches here is akin to an Evil God, intangible yet seemingly real as it indeed grants power, but once corrupted by it, one slowly becomes a puppet. Neither the correct Dao nor heterodox sect can resist it, but perhaps Demon Dao might.

After all, compared to demons, witches are insignificant.

Witches don't even qualify to touch the realm of evil, how can they be on par with demons, the source of chaos and disorder?

Wen Jiu had tried multiple times before; even his original form could resist the witch powers' corruption using Divine Soul, and East Spring Undying Bone was no exception. Upon the Amber Witch Thought Killing Array's formation, Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to communicate with it, and a formless and ancient power immediately fell upon East Spring Undying Bone's Divine Soul, instantly extending the original divine sense's reach from a thousand feet to over six or seven thousand miles.

However, beyond the thousand-feet reach, East Spring Undying Bone's divine sense perception was no longer comprehensive, sensing only a vague presence, which was killing intent, but for some reason, East Spring Undying Bone sensed more than just killing intent directed at itself.

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As long as there is killing intent, it can be sensed through the Amber Witch Thought Killing Array, much stronger than when I, myself, use the Amber Witch Thought Killing Array.

Wen Jiu was delighted, "Unexpectedly, the East Spring Undying Bone has brought me a bit of a surprise. Could it be that there is some Wizard bloodline in the East Spring Undying Bone's bloodline?"

No.

That should be unlikely.

Otherwise, the daily settlement panel would show it. After all, even the True Spirit Spirit Array, although merely an experience point, still appears in the daily settlement. Ignoring a Wizard bloodline is not possible.

"Could it be related to realm strength?" Wen Jiu didn't speculate further, eliminating all incorrect answers, the final answer, whether incredible or not, might be the truth.

He put away his thoughts.

Wen Jiu controlled the Amber Witch Thought Killing Array through the East Spring Undying Bone, carefully sensing the surrounding killing intent.

It is worth mentioning that there is a lot.

However, they are like dust, but densely packed, wandering around like tides. Clearly, this weak yet surging killing intent originates from the surrounding evil spirits.

This killing intent, centered on the East Spring Undying Bone and Lin Hai, continuously spreads outward.

And it keeps extending!

Extending out to a hundred miles, while beyond a hundred miles, the evil spirits have no killing intent, like silent sheep.

"Corpse Ancestor, is there any problem?" Lin Hai hesitated for a long while before he couldn't help but ask.

Wen Jiu responded briefly, "No."

But as soon as the words fell, the East Spring Undying Bone sensed a hundred miles away, a killing intent as bright as a torch flickering in the dark night, like a vibrant heart. They converged, countless, extending continuously from a hundred miles away...

Ten miles.

A hundred miles.

Five hundred miles.

Then a thousand miles.

This scene indeed made Wen Jiu's heart skip a beat, his heart racing uncontrollably.

A sea of killing intent converging a thousand miles away is truly spectacular, giving Wen Jiu a concern of being devoured if immersed within. However, immediately Wen Jiu also felt an unprecedented pleasure, anticipation, thirst, and intense, exuberant excitement from the East Spring Undying Bone.

This situation has occurred before, but never as intensely as now, so intense that Wen Jiu almost thought the East Spring Undying Bone would gallop away like an unbridled wild horse the next moment.

"For the East Spring Undying Bone to be so extremely excited, it must be the so-called great opportunity."

After hesitating, Wen Jiu decided to continue forward, to explore further, however, Lin Hai was still ahead.

"Keep going."

Lin Hai nodded, compelled to move forward; yet the deeper he went, the more anxious he became, even with the corpse aura protecting him.

Ten miles.

Fifty miles.

Finally reaching a hundred miles.

Along the way, Lin Hai initially trembled with fear, but after reaching a hundred miles without any danger, he grew increasingly assured. The ancestor didn't dare to go beyond a hundred miles back then, but following the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor was like walking through an uninhabited land, leisurely as if strolling in a courtyard.

"If the ancestor hadn't been so harsh on the Lu Family, had not been so ruthless, Lu Feng wouldn't have been desperate to leave Qi Guang Sect... Had Lu Feng not taken the Lu Family away from Qi Guang Sect completely, when Elder Xu hit a dead end, the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor would have intervened to save him."

At this moment, Lin Hai has reason to believe that even if the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's strength is not stronger than Longteng Liyi, it's definitely on par. Had they joined forces, Qi Guang Sect could not be in its current state.

Sigh.

One can only say that everything is destined by heaven.

Suddenly.

In the endless dark fog within sight, figures stand like wooden statues, stretching into the depths of the mist, and upon sensing the terrifying Yin Evil Qi emitted from them, Lin Hai was so frightened that he dared not take another step forward.

"Corpse Ancestor!"

"These are the shadowy figures the ancestor spoke of in the black mist!"

Lin Hai exclaimed in alarm, involuntarily stepping back a few paces.

Wen Jiu did not reply, merely controlling the East Spring Undying Bone to spy on everything, carefully examining each humanoid evil spirit. It can be confirmed that they indeed were human in life.

But now they are corpses.

Also evil spirits.

And the Yin Evil Qi wandering in the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven originates from their bodies. The shadowy figures stretch for a thousand miles, countless in number, continually producing Yin Evil Qi. One doesn't know how many years must pass for the Yin Evil Qi to all become evil spirits.

"Moreover, extending for a thousand miles, with countless numbers, why do so many people stand like wooden statues among them, what exactly happened?" Wen Jiu's heart expanded with infinite doubt.

Furthermore, through the East Spring Undying Bone, he could clearly feel the killing intent they generated, all aimed towards the dark end of a thousand miles away, endlessly mourning. What exactly exists there?

"Corpse Ancestor, there actually exists a soul in their bodies..." Lin Hai exclaimed, suddenly acting as if possessed, rummaging through his storage bag, finally finding an ancient book.

An ancient book with writing faded like white water, named Evil Daoist Record of the West Mountain Floating Domain.

"Corpse Ancestor, I found this ancient book in the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven. It records all heterodox and evil methods of the West Mountain Floating Domain from five thousand years ago. Among them, there is an evil method extremely similar to what we are seeing..." Lin Hai cautiously and quickly flipped through it.

Page after page.

Wen Jiu glanced at it, continuing to use the Corpse Fate Technique for divination, but after a dozen breaths, Lin Hai exclaimed, "It's the Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpse... It's this! Sealing the soul in the body at the moment of death, standing in a Land of Death, in a thousand years it may become an evil corpse, in three thousand years it might become an Extremely Resentful Corpse.

The Extremely Resentful Corpse will continuously emit Yin Evil Qi, turning a land into a Spiritless Death Land, something even more terrifying than a Land of Absolute Spirit, bringing despair to a cultivator equivalent to the legendary Demon Realm.

Corpse Ancestor, according to the book, they are very likely the so-called Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpses! Holding a soul inside, sealed by a method, and they have already accumulated unimaginable resentment, thus emitting the Yin Evil Qi. Based on what I know, for Yin Evil Qi to transform into evil spirits takes at least a thousand years. So these Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpses probably have been hidden in the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven for over four thousand years!"

Lin Hai's expression grew more and more shocked as he spoke.

And just then, Wen Jiu added, "You have another sentence left unsaid, if Yin Evil Qi enters the body, the cultivator will be cursed by this endless Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpses. The endless curse gathered together, even a Top-Grade Golden Core may struggle to pick the Nascent Soul Dao Fruit... Therefore, this land is truly a cultivation treasure for Heterodox Evil Cultivators, but also a place of absolute severance for the Heterodox Dao, with both advantages and disadvantages."

Lin Hai paused, hurriedly consulting the book, but found no relevant information.

"Corpse Ancestor..."

Wen Jiu responded, "No need to check further, it's not there, but Lin Yingyun Mountain definitely knows, that's why he never entered the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave

Heaven until his death. Because his hope wasn't there, entering would only bring him despair. He didn't mention the crack at the entrance because the crack hadn't appeared when he told you all this.

The crack appeared when he was at the end of his road because the trace of the space barrier shattering is too new, too small. If it shattered decades ago, it wouldn't still only be a foot long.

When the crack appeared, he was probably already at the end of his road, also aware that Qi Guang Sect was about to collapse, so telling you all this was meaningless by then, as you had no other choice but to come to the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven."

Of course, Wen Jiu didn't mention another possibility.

Lin Yingyun Mountain's reckless allegiance to the Demon Dao clearly indicates he completely abandoned Qi Guang Sect.

So not reminding about the crack was quite normal.

"Corpse Ancestor!"

Lin Hai's expression abruptly changed. He didn't know whether what the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor said was true, but the point about the spatial crack was indeed true. If it was shattered decades ago, the space would have continued collapsing and been hundreds, thousands of feet long by now, not merely a foot.

He feared it was true.

If true, with the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven unusable by the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, what would happen to Qi Guang Sect?

Chapter 709 - 344: Evil Source of the Extreme Resentful Corpse, Nascent Soul Arrangement

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"Corpse Ancestor, if the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven cannot be utilized by you, this junior is willing to offer other items. Although some treasures from the Qi Guang Sect have been stolen by those traitors, Red Fire Zhenren and I have safeguarded most of them, and we will not disappoint the Corpse Ancestor."

Lin Hai was anxious.

Very anxious!

"Didn't you say you didn't rescue many items?" Wen Jiu teased, while continually using the Corpse Fate Technique for divination, trying to ascertain whether the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse before him was indeed an opportunity.

With fear in his voice, Lin Hai replied, "Forgive this junior, the current Qi Guang Sect is truly in desperate need of these items. This junior can tighten his belt and live frugally, but those cultivators who fight on the front lines, refusing to abandon the Qi Guang Sect, always need support. Even if these items can exchange for just one more Tier Three Lower-Grade Talisman, fewer people will die, and they can endure a bit longer.

To these people, the Qi Guang Sect is home. As the Great Elder of Qi Guang Sect, this junior cannot bear to watch these disciples sacrifice in vain. This decision to have Elder Red Fire and others hide within the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven was out of sheer helplessness, otherwise, this junior would never abandon those disciples."

Lin Hai's words were sincere, and as he spoke, his eyes reddened with emotion. He then added, "But this junior also knows that without the protection of the Corpse Ancestor, no amount of Tier Three Talismans or treasures will suffice. Under the relentless encroachment of numerous Golden Core influences, the complete demise of Qi Guang Sect is an inevitability, hence this junior is willing to offer everything."

Wen Jiu did not respond; even though Lin Hai spoke from the heart, he would not take it to heart. The Cultivation Realm is rife with tales of woe; casually picking a Qi Cultivation Wanderer from the roadside, they would surely be a thousand times more miserable than Lin Hai, enduring hardships at an exponential level.

Thus, Wen Jiu only considered what was beneficial or detrimental to him.

However, Wen Jiu did not rush to examine Lin Hai's Qi Guang Sect treasure trove, instead, he continuously performed divinations with the Corpse Fate Technique. When the outcome turned auspicious, Wen Jiu hurriedly analyzed it using the Life Plate.

The Life Plate's analysis results no longer mentioned the lamentations in the shadows, perhaps due to the Amber Witch Thought Killing Array. Yet, Wen Jiu was more concerned about opportunity; if the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse could not be utilized, it would be a pity, akin to ignoring the abundant Tier Three Blood Corpse

Mushrooms, or bypassing the True Spirit Demon Tree and True Spirit Divine Tree at hand. Such chances should not be squandered, lest exposure becomes futile.

"Hmm?"

Wen Jiu’s expression hardened.

The information from the Life Plate indicated that the East Spring Undying Bone was already amidst opportunity.

Major fortunes were within reach.

"Within reach..." Wen Jiu could ascertain, the only thing close at hand was the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse, "Could it be that those resentments, curses, are fundamentally unable to affect the East Spring Undying Bone?"

Wen Jiu pondered in confusion, immediately controlling the East Spring Undying Bone to approach one Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpse, enveloped by Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi, and the evil spirits formed by Yin Evil Qi were indeed refined in an instant. However, when attempting to refine the Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpse, Wen Jiu could feel through the East Spring Undying Bone an exceedingly potent Curse Power quickly breaking through the defense of Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi, surging into the corpse body.

The Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi tried desperately to remove them, but they swiftly penetrated the corpse body, even attempting to infiltrate the Undying Bone. Subsequently, the situation that made Wen Jiu’s heart tighten happened again, almost causing him to cease the devouring of the Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpse.

Inside the Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpse was a purer and more intense Yin Evil Energy, lured out by the Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi. Accompanied by the Curse Power, it merged into the curse and resentment of millennia, thus the Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi was also helpless to deal with it. However, the only consolation for Wen Jiu was that the Yin Evil Energy did not infiltrate the Undying Bone, yet the problem of being unable to refine remained.

Forced to retreat, Wen Jiu could only control the East Spring Undying Bone and withdraw, carefully sensing the refined Yin Evil Energy within the corpse body. On closer inspection, Wen Jiu found it akin to liquid, slithering through the corpse body within the East Spring Undying Bone.

"Corpse Ancestor!"

Lin Hai’s expression dramatically changed again; he could now be certain the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor was no false claim.

The accumulated Curse Power and resentment over millennia were indeed overwhelming, the corpse aura capable of resisting evil spirits could not withstand the assault of the two, and the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor was instead corroded by them.

It happened in just a moment, just contact with one Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpse was like this, more contact would be disastrous.

"Corpse Ancestor, I only have part of the treasure left; the other part is with Red Fire Zhenren." With that, Lin Hai decisively took out what was stored, a spatial storage spiritual artifact shaped like a bracelet.

Tier Three Top Grade.

Even if it isn't as valuable or rare as Nangong Huan's Mountain Pavilion Scroll, this spatial storage spiritual artifact is certainly a rare and precious item. Yet Wen Jiu did not spare a glance.

Because he discovered that the Curse Power and resentment over millennia were indeed vicious, they attempted to penetrate the Undying Bone, attaching themselves to it; fortunately, the Top-Grade Golden Core Power repelled them, preventing deep erosion into the bone.

But because the Curse Power and resentment were proactive, upon entering the body with that pure Yin Evil Energy, they began to separate. Once completely detached from that mass of Yin Evil Energy, the Yin Evil Energy was effortlessly refined and absorbed by the Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi.

However, it did not immediately affect the East Spring Undying Bone; it was refined by the Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi and vanished without a trace. To be precise, it did not disappear; it transformed into numerical values in the daily settlement panel.

Just like when the East Spring Undying Bone previously refined blood essence, the portion that couldn't be refined directly turned into an accumulated blood essence point in the daily settlement during daily reckoning, stored within the daily settlement panel.

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"The East Spring Undying Bone cannot absorb, and the Spirit-Extinguishing Ghost Qi cannot be refined, but it can enter the cultivation surplus in the daily settlement panel." At this moment, Wen Jiu's expectations were limitless.

As for the Curse Power and the millennium resentment, as long as they can be blocked by the Top-Grade Golden Core's power, the problem isn't significant. The Undying Bone, or Unmelting Golden Pill, will not be affected. There will be no abnormality in the path of the Nascent Soul external to the East Spring Undying Bone. The most likely consequence is that the corpse will be affected, making it difficult to reach Tier Four, but with the daily settlement panel, it is impossible to not reach Tier Four.

"I see, I see..." Wen Jiu couldn't help but be pleased. No wonder the Life Plate analysis and destiny information indicated that a great opportunity was within reach and not elsewhere in the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

"I wonder what this Yin Sha Energy, which is ten or a hundred times purer than ordinary evil spirits, actually is?"

With curiosity, Wen Jiu once again controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to begin refining the Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpse.

Lin Hai hurriedly reminded, "Corpse Ancestor, be careful!"

Wen Jiu responded calmly, "You need not stay here anymore, this Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, I shall take it."

"Corpse Ancestor, the Curse Power within this Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpse, and the thousand-year accumulated resentment, are extremely sinister and evil. They've already corroded your Spirit Body in such a short time; if it continues for long..."

Lin Hai's words were interrupted by Wen Jiu, "No need to worry, I have my own plans."

"What about the matter of sheltering the Qi Guang Sect?"

Lin Hai tried to inquire.

Wen Jiu replied, "You leave the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, and when I come out, we will decide. The cultivation here indeed has both pros and cons, but it's

unclear whether the cons outweigh the pros, or the pros outweigh the cons. If the pros outweigh the cons, I will protect your Qi Guang Sect."

"And if the cons outweigh the pros?" Lin Hai asked again, not daring to make wild guesses.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to cast a cold glance at Lin Hai, "If the cons outweigh the pros, leave the Qi Guang Sect treasury as your burial goods. I will pretend I never met you."

Lin Hai's face changed slightly.

But he dared not say more.

Little did he know, Wen Jiu's words were intentional, aimed at maximizing benefits. Lin Hai wanted protection for the Qi Guang Sect's orthodoxy, not necessarily a resurgence.

If a resurgence isn't needed,

What's the use of those external objects?

He doesn't believe the Qi Guang Sect only has Hidden Techniques and a treasury; there must be other good things, perhaps needing a bit more pressure. Is it possible that no one in the Qi Guang Sect is interested in the Nascent Soul Dao Fruit?

If there's even the slightest interest, they would surely have collected some items. In this West Mountain Floating Domain, the foundations are very deep, and such "precious lands" like Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven are certainly not just one or two places.

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After Lin Hai was sent out of the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, Wen Jiu continued to control the East Spring Undying Bone to refine countless Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpses, while the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi further expanded its range.

A thousand-zhang area was instantly covered, and the refined Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpses increased by hundreds or thousands. Of course, the resentment and curse power accumulated within the East Spring Undying Corpse Body also became more and more intense. If it were an ordinary Golden Core cultivator, they might have no hope of advancing any further in this lifetime.

Even one of the Upper-Rank Golden Cores that can be counted on one hand in the West Mountain Floating Domain might not be spared.

However, when midnight came, seeing the information in the daily settlement, Wen Jiu felt it was all worth it.

[East Spring Undying Bone refined thirteen thousand one hundred and twenty Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpses in the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, obtaining +1312 strands of Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse, and +3750 Corpse Nurturing Experience.]

[Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse Balance: 1312]

[Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse]

[Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpse, formed after over three thousand years of sealing in the Spiritless Death Land and a millennium of nurturing by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire of the Sixth Abyss, can be used for Ghost Cultivation, nurturing all heterodox evil objects, or for bloodline transformation. However, if there is no method to avoid it, the Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse is a roadblock due to its nature of coexisting with a cursed body and millennia-long resentment.]

"It can be used for bloodline transformation!" Wen Jiu couldn’t help but rejoice, this was the third bloodline transformation material he had discovered.

The first is the True Spirit Demon Tree, and the second is the Celestial Yin Demon Blood Medicine. The former is too rare and not the best bloodline transformation material, while the latter works well for both corpse and ghost bloodline transformations, but relies heavily on Celestial Yin Qi and requires time to accumulate.

If not for the Cyan Wheat Three Techniques and the Blood Demon Undying Bone, it would probably be impossible to cultivate enough Celestial Yin Demon Blood Medicine for the East Spring Undying Bone’s bloodline transformation in this lifetime, but this third Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse can be freely acquired.

As for the resentment and curse power, although he cannot resolve them, he can block them, which is a kind of solution. In other words, as long as the capacity to withstand of the Golden Core’s power doesn’t reach its limit, he can infinitely devour the Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse from the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

With this thought, Wen Jiu immediately tried to use the Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse to enhance the bloodline of the Three Corpses and Five Ghosts.

One hundred points of Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse can raise the East Spring Undying Bone’s bloodline enhancement experience by ten points.

The same applies to the other two corpses.

It can be said to be very low.

Because nurturing the Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse is not simple, requiring thousands of years and nurturing by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire of the Sixth Abyss for a thousand years.

The Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, although he doesn't know what it is, he does know the existence of the Sixth Abyss.

That Master of Many Evils in the Third Abyss acquired a Nether Blue Flame, which gave him a crushing advantage in the same realm, let alone the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire of the Sixth Abyss.

Such a great cost, a thousand Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpses can only provide ten points of bloodline enhancement experience.

It can be said to be quite little.

If it were a Golden Core cultivator, they might already have died of old age before the Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpse takes shape.

But fortunately, the Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpse spreads over a thousand li, innumerable.

"Wait!"

Wen Jiu's expression suddenly tensed.

He suddenly realized this issue.

This might not be something set up by a Golden Core cultivator.

If a Golden Core cultivator were responsible for something so grand, it would be meaningless.

It would only serve as someone else's clothes.

If it isn't a Golden Core,

then it can only be a Nascent Soul.

"No way." The True Spirit Divine Tree involves the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch, and now this involves another Nascent Soul cultivator.

Thinking of this, Wen Jiu quickly used the Corpse Fate Technique to divine the Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse.

Without divining, one wouldn't know.

Once divined, it was shocking.

It indeed involves the Celestial Secrets and fate of a Nascent Soul level, which the Three Thousand Blood Inks cannot divine.

However, Wen Jiu divined another Celestial Secrets and destiny information, not involving the Nascent Soul level, but incredibly close. The Three Thousand Blood Inks, Blood Demon Undying Bone, Formless Demon Corpse, and even the Five Ghosts and his true self exhausted their Corpse Qi to divine one result—the Nine Infant Corpse Bloodline.

Regarding it, the Yinzhou Heterodox Record actually has records, because cultivating a Corpse Demon is far more difficult than forming a Top-Grade Golden Core, so many past Heterodox Corpse Cultivators sought the legendary Nascent Soul Corpse Bloodline, yet none succeeded, so the Yinzhou Heterodox Record only mentions it briefly, with little information. But one thing is certain, this Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven is likely a setup by a Nascent Soul True Monarch for cultivating a Nine Infant Corpse.

In the next moment.

Wen Jiu didn’t hesitate, beginning to use the Corpse Qi of East Spring Undying Bone to control the Three Thousand Blood Inks for divination.

Still auspicious.

Only then did Wen Jiu breathe a sigh of relief, but only a sigh, because the Millennium Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse truly has its Celestial Secrets destiny involving a Nascent Soul level.

If it’s a Nascent Soul cultivator, then they must still be alive, just unnoticed for the time being.

"Fortunately, the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is just a pseudonym." Wen Jiu secretly rejoiced and decided to hurry and refine these thousand-li Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpses to rapidly enhance the bloodline of the East Spring Undying Bone.

At the same time, Wen Jiu decided to divine every day thereafter. Just because the Nascent Soul True Monarch hasn’t discovered the anomaly in the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven today doesn’t mean it won’t be discovered tomorrow.

If it’s their setup for cultivating a Nine Infant Corpse, they can’t have forgotten it. Because the Yinzhou Heterodox Record also mentions that the Nine Infant Corpse is like a Top-Grade Golden Core, with the Nascent Soul Dao Fruit readily attainable.

As a Corpse Cultivator, one deeply understands what having a powerful zombie means to a Corpse Cultivator.

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The more he knew, the quicker Wen Jiu understood that once the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse was completely refined, he should leave immediately without lingering. However, Qi Guang Sect and the Lu Family would inevitably be implicated in the future.

But there is no perfect solution in this world. If he wants to avoid implicating Qi Guang Sect and the Lu Family, he can only give up this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to accelerate the transformation of Three Corpses into a Corpse Demon.

Fortunately, he follows the Heterodox Dao, so striving for perfection is not something he should consider.

Future matters.

They can be discussed later.

After closing the daily settlement panel, Wen Jiu continued to try to load the origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse onto the bloodline of the Five Yin Ghosts. But to Wen Jiu’s surprise, when the next day’s settlement arrived, the cultivation effect of using the origin of the Extreme Resentful Corpse on the Five Ghosts was astonishingly good, reaching an unimaginable level.

A thousand Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpses could only provide ten points of bloodline experience for the East Spring Undying Bone, but for the Five Yin Ghosts, the fortuitous opportunity from the thousand Soul-Sealing Corpse could truly bring a hundred-point increase.

"It shouldn’t be that the effect of ghost cultivation is stronger than corpse nourishing, but rather that the Celestial Yin Ghost Fiend bloodline of the Five Yin Ghosts is much inferior to the Undying Corpse Demon; otherwise, this result wouldn’t be possible."

Wen Jiu fell into contemplation. He remembered that Ghost Fiend was mentioned in the Yinzhou Heterodox Record: if an external incarnation is a ghost, then Ghost Fiend is one of the necessary conditions to become an External Nascent Soul.

Although Ghost Fiend and Corpse Demon are on the same level, both are beings capable of bearing the bad karma gained from violating the rules of heaven and earth, the Yinzhou Heterodox Record mentioned that, unlike the East Spring Undying Bone, once a transformation into Celestial Yin Ghost Fiend happens, the Dao Fruit of External Nascent Soul becomes easily attainable.

Of course.

Not all statements in the Yinzhou Heterodox Record are truths, as it merely explores unknown realms.

Nor is there a Nascent Soul Scroll.

"Yet it is very certain that the Celestial Yin Ghost Fiend is weaker than the Undying Corpse Demon. Currently, I don't have any solutions. Seeking a method is likely troublesome, as the path to an External Nascent Soul is a completely new route that no one has walked before... The only solution might rely on the daily settlement panel."

Wen Jiu opened the daily settlement panel, carefully examining the bloodline enhancement information of the Five Yin Ghosts.

[Bloodline: East Spring Ghost King (501/100000) — Evolution Direction: Celestial Yin Ghost Fiend]

"Perhaps enhancing the Five Ghosts' bloodline using the Thousand-Year Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse can change the process, especially when the Celestial Yin Demon Blood Medicine has determined the evolution direction of Celestial Yin Ghost Fiend bloodline."

Wen Jiu harbored expectations that if it couldn't be achieved, then evolution down the path of Celestial Yin Ghost Fiend would be the only option.

Whether or not he can achieve an External Nascent Soul depends solely on fortune.

"Regardless, the effect of the Thousand-Year Origin of Extreme Resentful Corpse on enhancing the Five Ghosts' bloodline is undeniably significant." At this moment, Wen Jiu almost entertained the notion of cultivating the Five Ghosts first, before the East Spring Undying Bone.

But after careful consideration, Wen Jiu decided to hold off for now, as the Five Ghosts were only at the Tier Three Lower Realm.

Even if their bloodline is enhanced, how impactful is it to kill enemies beyond their realm, or even confront Late-stage Golden Core Cultivators?

The limit still does not exceed the current state of the East Spring Undying Bone, so the East Spring Undying Bone must be prioritized for cultivation.

"Once the East Spring Undying Bone’s bloodline transformation is complete, the second position can be given to the Five Ghosts, especially since their Flawless Soul-Stealing Gaze is indeed useful to me, allowing me to fully trust those I employ." Wen Jiu closed the daily settlement panel again but didn’t continue refining the Evil Corpse because a decision had to be made regarding Qi Guang Sect.

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In the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven.

At the entrance of the grotto heaven, multiple Tier Three Arrays had been erected, covering the entrance and surrounding area for more than ten miles. Around the entrance, defensive and killing arrays were laid simultaneously, impenetrable in attack and defense. Hanging above the entrance was a hundred-foot ancient bronze giant sword formed by a Tier Three Middle Grade Killing Array; its sword intent poured down like the blazing sun, while the ancient bronze giant sword seemed ready to fall at any moment, submerging this grotto heaven entirely beneath the lake.

Around the array, Red Fire Zhenren, Pei Wuxing, and five or six Golden Cores stood ready, not daring to be distracted. But at this moment, they were more concerned about the words of the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor.

Yesterday, Lin Hai returned, bringing news that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor was contemplating. Of course, he mentioned nothing about the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven. Neither Red Fire Zhenren nor the others asked further since everyone knew that Lin Hai was the most trusted person of the ancestor and the most loyal to Qi Guang Sect. Precisely due to this trust, they had followed tightly.

Nevertheless, Lin Hai informed everyone about the potential need to offer up the treasury.

Red Fire Zhenren was quite puzzled, "Old Hai, we’ve given the hidden technique, and offered things from the grotto heaven; why still the treasury? The treasury is essential for maintaining Qi Guang Sect fundamentally.

Without Spirit Stones, how can we battle? Surely the disciples can’t use their bodies to bear the enemy’s techniques and talismans? Arrays are indispensable, as are talismans. If we献上the treasury..."

Lin Hai interrupted Red Fire Zhenren, "There’s no alternative; the things from the grotto heaven, you and I entered at the risk of nine deaths and barely survived, even the ancestor was not spared. The curses and accumulated resentment for thousands of years will halt your path if you’re eroded for a moment, so the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is weighing the benefits versus harms. If the harms outweigh the benefits, it would mean abandoning the plan, leading us to offer up the treasury... because Qi Guang Sect’s hidden technique holds value only for the Lu Family but is likely of little use to the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor."

"Great Elder, if offering the treasury gains the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor’s protection, but the Longteng Family refuses to relent, we might struggle to withstand." A Golden Core Elder of the Qi Guang Sect spoke heavily.

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"Yes."

Someone responded.

Pei Wuxing stood silently behind everyone, as he believed Qi Guang Sect had no choice.

The path had come to an end.

Even if they could ask for a way out, it might just be a narrow plank bridge, allowing not too many to pass.

"Red Fire, if it truly comes to that, take Qi Guang Sect and establish a foundation within East Pole Immortal City. With the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor there, Qi Guang Sect’s Dao lineage will persist, and with you, Qi Guang Sect may retain some glory," Lin Hai slowly spoke, causing Red Fire Zhenren’s face to suddenly change.

Red Fire Zhenren hurriedly replied, "No, you must be there; Qi Guang Sect needs you to lead. I only know how to fight and retreat into seclusion; if Qi Guang Sect is left for me to lead, it will only become worse."

He knew what Lin Hai wanted to do.

If they truly reached that point, all of them leaving at once, how could they account for those disciples of Qi Guang Sect who fought bravely and died? Perhaps others could leave with peace of mind, but Lin Hai wouldn’t, so it’s likely that he would grandly choose to die in battle for the continuation of Qi Guang Sect’s Dao lineage, giving everyone an explanation.

At the same time, only this way could keep the disciples of Qi Guang Sect with firm hearts, willing to give their lives for the sect, without allowing Qi Guang Sect to completely shatter like a mirror, becoming irreparable.

"From the moment the Old Ancestor's Life Soul Lamp extinguished, we had no other choice. Longteng Liyi and those Golden Core influences all want us dead, wishing to tear us apart and feast on us. The only way to preserve Qi Guang Sect's Dao lineage is like this."

Lin Hai raised his hand, stopping Red Fire Zhenren from speaking further, then glanced behind at Pei Wuxing.

"Wuxing, you're one of the few direct bloodlines of the Old Ancestor. Now that you're back, can you do something for this master, even if not for Qi Guang Sect? You just need to raise the banner of the Old Ancestor and rally the people's hearts. After all, Suqiu worked tirelessly to bring you back to Qi Guang Sect."

Suqiu, that is Lin Suqiu, the Vice City Lord of Wind and Cloud Immortal City.

"For the sake of the junior sister, whatever you say goes." Pei Wuxing nodded, no longer refusing decisively as before. Now, even if he has to sacrifice his life for Qi Guang Sect, he would do so willingly.

Consider it repaying the junior sister's kindness.

Lin Hai said nothing more, only nodded in satisfaction, turning his gaze back to the entrance of the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven.

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After exiting the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, Wen Jiu used Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi to devour the leaking Yin Evil Qi in the cracks, then enveloped the entrance to prevent the Yin Evil Qi from escaping, affecting the Cultivation Blessed Land of the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven, also to avoid drawing attention.

As for Qi Guang Sect, he has already decided to protect them, but he won't send Lin Hai and the others back to Qi Guang Sect's ancestral land. If Qi Guang Sect wishes to preserve their Dao lineage, they must rebuild in the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven.

Why not outside the lake? Because there isn't a large spiritual vein to support the rebuilding of a Golden Core influence.

This Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven can, though it can't be compared to Qi Guang Sect's original Tier Three top-tier large vein, yet it is stronger than most Tier Three spiritual veins, suitable for rebuilding a sect.

Of course.

The most important reason is that he wants convenience, not wanting to run around for Qi Guang Sect.

As for future connections, Wen Jiu made a decision not to ask Lin Hai for anything else. This is already his greatest concession, and letting go of the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven is impossible.

Moreover, whether or not he lets go, Qi Guang Sect will face disaster. Without a Nascent Soul Cultivator, even the Longteng Family would bring downfall.

Destruction destiny.

Seems already destined.

No matter who, can only make Qi Guang Sect linger on for a while.

Of course.

If Qi Guang Sect's fortune is good, when that Nascent Soul Cultivator discovers and returns, if East Spring Undying Bone becomes an External Nascent Soul and has the strength to defeat that Nascent Soul, he wouldn't mind helping protect Qi Guang Sect once more. But this only relies on Qi Guang Sect's luck.

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After finding Lin Hai and the others, Wen Jiu spoke, "Your Qi Guang Sect, from today on, the old man will protect."

Upon hearing this.

Lin Hai rejoiced, immediately wanting to offer up the treasury and hidden techniques, but Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to raise his hand in refusal.

"Corpse Ancestor, what is this?"

Lin Hai was puzzled.

"The other things of your Qi Guang Sect, the old man won't accept any." Wen Jiu did not say much more to avoid extra complications, but thinking of the Lu Family, Wen Jiu still said, "You only need to replicate all the hidden techniques of Qi Guang Sect and hand them over to the Lu Family."

Compensation for the Lu Family could only be this.

Whether or not the Lu Family won't be affected or suffer disaster depends on their own fate. If they can't handle the Nascent Soul Cultivator, all he could do is take away some of the Lu Family people in the future.

"Corpse Ancestor, why is this?" Lin Hai was somewhat surprised, and Red Fire Zhenren and the others couldn't believe it.

However, they were more frightened.

Not afraid of asking too much.

Just afraid of asking for nothing.

When nothing is requested, what is desired might be bigger than they can bear.

Wen Jiu casually responded, "The old man can't protect you forever. For the sake of advancing his cultivation, he will eventually leave West Mountain Floating Domain. By that time, whether you live or die depends on yourselves."

Hearing this, Red Fire Zhenren instead breathed a sigh of relief. Lin Hai hurriedly asked, "May we know how long Corpse Ancestor will stay in West Mountain Floating Domain? If Corpse Ancestor has any needs, we can try our best to find!"

"Maybe ten years, maybe a few years, maybe even less," Wen Jiu replied. If the corpse fate technique's fortune calculation changes tomorrow, he would abandon the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor disguise without hesitation.

Lin Hai and Red Fire Zhenren exchanged glances, saying no more, immediately saluting in unison.

"Thank you, Corpse Ancestor!"

"Thank you, Corpse Ancestor!"

"Thank you, Corpse Ancestor!"

After their words fell, Wen Jiu sensed a Middle Stage of Golden Core aura through the Corpse Qi Mark left outside the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven. Divine Sense immediately surged out of the array, exploring outside the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven.

"Afterwards, you'll rebuild your mountain gate here. The old man will often come to this grotto heaven to cultivate," Wen Jiu said once more, while controlling East Spring Undying Bone to head towards the entrance of the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven.

After Lin Hai, Red Fire Zhenren, and the others nodded, they saw "Lu Family Corpse Ancestor" suddenly move, immediately realizing something, quickly following, also preparing for a death battle.

"Open the array."

Wen Jiu spoke.

Lin Hai and the others were stunned.

Wen Jiu continued, "There's a fly outside messing around... you needn't worry about it. Just focus on connecting with former Qi Guang Sect members."

"Yes..."

Lin Hai nervously opened the array.

The next moment.

East Spring Undying Bone flew out of the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven, yet Lin Hai and the others followed.

Daring not to truly ignore everything.

As East Spring Undying Bone burst through the lake's surface, before them was a Tier Three Middle Grade Trapping Array about to form. Outside of the array stood a decrepit Middle Stage of Golden Core elder, standing with hands behind.

When he saw East Spring Undying Bone, he quickly raised his hand in greeting, "Dao friend must be Lu Family Corpse Ancestor?"

Wen Jiu didn't respond.

That person continued, tone indifferent, "Dao friend is at the Middle Stage of Golden Core, possessing power comparable to Late Stage of Golden Core's Spirit Body after defeating Master of Many Evils, truly extraordinary. My family's Old Ancestor asked me to tell you, Qi Guang Sect's destruction is inevitable, best not to go against the trend."

Soon after the words fell, Lin Hai and the others emerged from the grotto heaven, seeing the array, their expressions changed.

"Longteng Qianqiu!"

Lin Hai exclaimed.

Red Fire Zhenren glanced around, somewhat angry, "You dare come alone?"

Longteng Qianqiu chuckled lightly, "Red Fire, the old man indeed can't defeat you brute, but in the whole West Mountain Floating Domain, few can match my escape technique. Let alone this, I've been to your ancestral land, Lin Yingyun Mountain couldn't hold me, nor can you!"

After speaking.

Longteng Qianqiu’s gaze returned to East Spring Undying Bone, the indifference in his eyes fading slightly.

Then he asked again, cupping his fists, "Dao friend, my family’s Old Ancestor also said, if you leave now, we can pretend nothing happened, and the Lu Family remains the Lu Family.

How about it?"

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"Not much." Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to respond, "From today onward, the Qi Guang Sect is under my protection. I don’t care about past feuds, nor the future, but as long as I’m in the West Mountain Floating Domain, anyone who makes a move against the Qi Guang Sect is making a move against me. Go back and tell Longteng Liyi, let it end here."

Longteng Liyi didn’t come personally, instead he sent a Mid-stage Golden Core Cultivator to follow, which shows he isn’t a fool. However, Longteng Qianqiu’s tone carries a certain threat, and daring to set up a Tier Three Trapping Array outside the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven clearly indicates Longteng Liyi is unaware of his true situation, as Nangong Huan hasn’t disclosed the External Golden Core.

If he knew about the External Golden Core, Longteng Liyi would surely change his tune, just like Nangong Huan.

After all, these Late-stage Golden Core Cultivators are all old hands, adept at changing attitudes unless there’s an unending blood feud; otherwise, there’s not much they can’t let go.

Thus, while Wen Jiu senses some threat in Longteng Liyi’s words, he still doesn’t wish for Longteng Qianqiu to make a move, nor does he harbor any intention of an endless fight to death with Longteng Liyi.

Revealing the identity of the East Spring Undying Bone was out of necessity, for the protection of the Lu Family, not for mindless fighting and killing. Even though he has confidence in killing Longteng Liyi, he doesn't wish to do so unless absolutely necessary. After all, the trump cards of a Late-stage Golden Core are immeasurable.

"Are you joking, Daoist?" Longteng Qianqiu sneered, "The various Golden Core influences in the West Mountain Floating Domain have long suffered from the Qi Guang Sect. Now that they've finally found an opportunity, will they give up? My Longteng Family has been at odds with the Qi Guang Sect for over a thousand years, it has long been a blood feud; do you think a couple of sentences from you can make us give up? Daoist, self-awareness and arrogance are not virtues.

The Master of Many Evils and that Dark Evil, Night Evil, though their methods aren't simple, they are still only Mid-stage Golden Core, incomparable to my family's ancestor. My family's ancestor entered the Late Stage of Golden Core over five hundred years ago, once traversing the Third Abyss and wielding the power of Divine Thunder. As you are now, observing my family's ancestor is like watching the moon from a well. If you were to take a step further or enter the Late Stage of Golden Core, you would realize your view of my family's ancestor is as an ephemeral creature glimpsing the sky."

"I advise you to reconsider your words, don't bring harm to the entire Lu Family! Nor should you waste your cultivation in vain!"

Upon hearing Wen Jiu's response to shelter the Qi Guang Sect, Longteng Qianqiu's tone became increasingly rude, and the last two sentences were filled with threatening undertones, his eyes gradually turning cold.

"Ephemeral creature glimpsing the sky?" Wen Jiu sneered, one might think he was a Great Nascent Soul Cultivator.

The next moment.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to initiate a Blood Corpse Escape, disappearing on the spot, and reappearing behind Longteng Qianqiu, a corpse hand suddenly raised, and then fell like a sledgehammer.

Ding!

A Tier Three Middle Grade Body-Protecting Talisman activated in response, shielding Longteng Liyi.

"Daoist, you are bringing ruin upon yourself!" Longteng Qianqiu was somewhat alarmed, not expecting the opponent to also excel in Escape Techniques. Fortunately, he never underestimated the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor from the start, so he was prepared.

In an instant.

Longteng Qianyue’s eyes narrowed, Golden Core Power whistling out, protecting his body, but he was already like a kite with a broken string, crashing towards the lake. The shield formed by the Tier Three Middle Grade Body-Protecting Talisman was already covered with cracks, resembling a desiccated earthen wall, very menacing.

Boom—

The lake surface surged into giant waves a hundred feet high, the lake continuously churned, but Longteng Liyi’s aura had vanished without a trace. Immediately, a voice fraught with lingering fear and hidden killing intent, tinged with anger, came from several hundred miles away, causing Lin Hai, Red Fire Zhenren, and others to tense.

"Daoist, you’re no doubt a person who can suppress the Master of Many Evils, your corpse body spirit body is indeed extraordinarily powerful, I indeed am no match for you, so today I only came to persuade you, but if you insist on going your own way, then don’t blame—"

Suddenly.

The voice abruptly ceased.

Lin Hai, Red Fire Zhenren also froze, quickly extending their Divine Sense to find Longteng Qianqiu, who had quickly fled several hundred miles, standing still in the air, a bloodied corpse cultivator emerging from his abdomen.

The Power of the Body-Protecting Golden Pill and spirit body were both pierced through, and on the raised corpse hand glowed a faintly golden Golden Core. This scene made Lin Hai, Red Fire Zhenren gasp.

Knowing the power of the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is one thing, but seeing Gold Core-Level Cultivators reduced to the level of Qi Cultivation in his presence, they couldn’t help but stir up a storm of emotions in their hearts.

"If you hadn’t boasted so much, I wouldn’t want to kill you, but you really have no sense." Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to extract the Golden Core, then raised a hand to seize his head, drenching the air with a spray of blood, "Your family’s ancestor was cautious and guarded against me, thus didn’t come personally, possibly sending you to sound me out... but your probing indeed landed squarely on my bottom line."

"Daoist..."

With the Golden Core extracted, Longteng Liyi saw his realm plummeting, falling from Golden Core straight to Foundation Establishment, and then from Foundation Establishment to Qi Cultivation, fear already overwhelming his heart.

"Daoist, spare me... I’ll agree to anything you say..." Longteng Liyi pleaded incessantly.

"You have no value alive." Wen Jiu responded coldly, the corpse hand of the East Spring Undying Bone immediately applied force.

Bang—

Longteng Liyi's head exploded on the spot, his body shook violently, and in an instant, fell silent.

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When Lin Hai, Red Fire Zhenren, Pei Wuxing, and the others arrived, the East Spring Undying Bone had already collected the corpse, but the previous scene was clearly sensed by their Divine Sense.

"Corpse Ancestor."

Lin Hai bowed even deeper.

Red Fire Zhenren also showed much respect, "With such a corpse, surely in the entire West Mountain Floating Domain, there would be no third person like you."

The first would be the Domain Lord of the West Mountain Floating Domain.

Below him.

The Lu Family Corpse Ancestor would surely be the first.

What amazed Red Fire Zhenren the most was the immense power displayed without even reaching the Late Stage of Golden Core.

Pei Wuxing also bowed deeply, wiping away any previous thoughts from his mind.

How could the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor be that Du the Corpse Cultivator?

"Once an arrow is released, there is no turning back. Spread the word, and relay Dragon Soaring Thousand Autumns' statements to Longteng Liyi. As for those Golden Core

Influences adding insult to injury, send them a message for me, asking if their Golden Core Ancestor can last even a second longer than Dragon Soaring Thousand Autumns."

As the words fell.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone and immediately returned, heading straight for the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

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One day.

In just one day.

The news spread throughout the western West Mountain Floating Domain, and all Golden Core Influences received the news immediately. Those who were like hungry wolves converging on the Qi Guang Sect's territory, withdrew their clan members and disciples that day, no longer advancing upon the Qi Guang Sect's land.

For no other reason, if Dragon Soaring Thousand Autumns was rendered without a Golden Core like a Qi Refining Cultivator, without even the strength to retaliate, how could those in the Early Stage of Golden Core, and even those not as strong as Dragon Soaring Thousand Autumns in the Middle Stage of Golden Core, dare to advance further? To hide a Spirit Vein or seize a Spirit Ore, what can these be worth? They feared the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor making an example of them.

However, constrained by the authority of Longteng Liyi, many Golden Core Influences only retreated a short distance and dared not withdraw completely. After all, to retreat would also mean offending the Longteng Family.

Seeing such a situation, those among the loose cultivators who knew the inside story were overjoyed.

This scene, such a spectacle, is rarely seen in a millennium.

Those Golden Core Influences, usually flaunting their might and standing aloof, today are no better than loose cultivators, caught between the Lu and Longteng families, unable to advance or retreat.

Truly humbling.

Truly stifling.

It's more liberating to be a loose cultivator.

Simultaneously, the Lu Family also received the news, and the Lu Family's Great Elder Lu Taixuan and others immediately went to Cold Pool Mist Valley. Along the way, there was excitement, but also some worry.

The excitement was because they had long suffered at the hands of the Longteng Family, never daring to resist, but now the Corpse Ancestor effortlessly killed Dragon Soaring Thousand Autumns and declared protection over the Qi Guang Sect. This so-called protection is akin to incorporating the Qi Guang Sect into their fold. Would anyone in the Qi Guang Sect dare defy the Corpse Ancestor in the future?

"When has the Lu Family ever held such prestige?" As the eldest in the Lu Family aside from the ancestor, the Lu Family's Great Elder Lu Taixuan sighed genuinely as they headed to Cold Pool Mist Valley.

In fact, Lu Taixuan and others weren't the only ones; even the thought of the now estranged Lu Shouren, Lu Hongying, and Lu Zhang, who feared the Corpse Ancestor's wrath, also received the news in a certain Independent Practitioner Immortal City.

When the three heard this news, their eyes dimmed significantly; they exchanged glances, and upon seeing the handful of people beside them, regret was plainly visible. Had they not retreated back then, they would have shared in the Lu Family's glory. But now, they could only take their close kin and roam to distant lands, becoming loose cultivators living under someone else's roof.

Although, as Golden Core cultivators, finding a place to settle was not difficult, every piece of land under their feet was owned by someone. To protect that land means facing all kinds of overt and covert attacks.

While in the Lu Family, simply showing the Lu Feng ancestor's name would make any Golden Core back down.

Even if they were stronger, they had to yield.

"Sigh."

Lu Hongying sighed.

Lu Shouren was also silent beside her.

But Lu Zhang suddenly stood up and looked coldly at the two with seeming resentment, "If it weren't for you two leading the pack, how would I have retreated? Now you've made me leave home and have nowhere to stand!"

With that said.

Lu Zhang stormed off in anger.

Utterly resolute.

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Of course.

This news also quickly reached Nangong Huan’s ears, and Deng Lai could not help but feel a moment of fear, once again thankful for not overstepping his bounds at the Lu Family, and that the Domain Lord’s rules saved his life.

Upon learning the news, Nangong Huan was unsurprised, "As expected, the Qi Guang Sect presented something to the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor that was tempting. If it made the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor willing to kill Dragon Soaring Thousand Autumns and declare protection over the Qi Guang Sect, that thing must be extraordinary."

"If such a good thing existed, why didn’t Lin Yingyun Mountain use it themselves or trade it with others, but let the Qi Guang Sect fall apart?" Deng Lai, upon hearing the Divine General’s words, suddenly understood.

He had only been filled with amazement and gratitude just before, without contemplating the deeper meaning behind it.

Thinking about it now.

What exactly did Lin Hai present that moved the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor so?

"Perhaps it was some heterodox sinister object; otherwise, why wouldn’t Lin Yingyun Mountain use it." A hint of interest also appeared in Nangong Huan’s eyes, "These major sects truly have deep foundations. It’s a pity, being part of the Domain Lord’s Mansion, otherwise, there would indeed be a desire to vie for it."

"My lord, then what should we..."

Deng Lai quickly asked.

Nangong Huan shook his head, "No need to interfere or investigate; what’s meant for us is not there, but in the heart of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range. However, closely monitor Longteng Liyi’s movements, as I can think of them, Longteng Liyi also cannot be unaware that the old guy won’t engage in battles of pride, and he won’t act unless he’s confident. Even if Dragon Soaring Thousand Autumns died a hundred or a thousand times, he might not seek personal revenge. But if it involves a significant opportunity, Longteng Liyi’s attitude will be entirely different. He has been stuck at this realm for centuries and longs to break through, not wanting to end up like Lin Yingyun Mountain."

"My lord, I’ll send someone to keep an eye on things immediately!" Deng Lai nodded and quickly departed from the East Pole Immortal City.

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Dragon Fall Valley.

Longteng Family.

With the death of Dragon Soaring Thousand Autumns and the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's declaration of protecting the Qi Guang Sect, Longteng Liyi promptly summoned the Great Elder Longteng Wuxing, Longteng Qianyue, and five Golden Core Middle Stage Elders back.

"Wuxing, have you found any useful information from the souls of Lin Yingyun Mountain's kin?" Longteng Liyi sat expressionlessly in the main seat, the shadow conveniently concealing him.

Longteng Wuxing and the five Golden Core Middle Stage Elders sat solemnly, daring not to make a large breath. Outside, they were the high and mighty elders of the Longteng Family, but here, they were no different from ordinary Golden Cores.

As Dragon Soaring Thousand Autumns said, perceiving the ancestor is like an ephemera gazing at the heavens. The gap here is more than vast; perhaps in this lifetime, they could never catch up, let alone surpass.

"Reporting to the ancestor, no useful findings yet, but some have not yet been soul-searched. My people are addressing it." Longteng Wuxing spoke anxiously, not daring to meet Longteng Liyi's eyes hidden in the shadow.

Longteng Liyi's ethereal voice resonated once more, "What about the others, no information whatsoever?"

Longteng Qianyue and the others couldn't help but feel a twinge in their hearts, remaining silent and daring not to speak.

At this moment.

The room plunged into deathly silence.

Pin-drop silence.

The sunlight outside was mild, yet inside the room was as cold as a bitter winter, sending chills down the spine.

A long time passed.

Longteng Liyi cautiously opened his mouth, his tone calm, yet scarcely suppressing his anger, "That Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is certainly not reckless; he only revealed himself after being driven into a corner by the Master of Many Evils.

Now, openly protecting the Qi Guang Sect and killing our clan elder, he clearly has something to rely on. The most significant possibility is that the Qi Guang Sect offered something that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor could not refuse. Perhaps that thing is the Qi Guang Sect's final and greatest asset."

Longteng Wuxing quickly responded, "The ancestor speaks rightly; the Qi Guang Sect's almost three-thousand-year foundation could hardly be limited to just Spirit Veins and Secret Techniques. Ancestor, I will immediately increase manpower to verify this."

"No need." Longteng Liyi cautiously replied, his tone chilling, "Time waits for no one. Whatever forced the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor to risk war with us, our Longteng Family must obtain it. Otherwise, should the Qi Guang Sect fall and a new Lu Family emerges to challenge us, then the sacrifices of our Longteng family across generations, their deaths will be utterly meaningless!"

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"Ancestor, but that Lu Family Corpse Ancestor dares to blatantly kill Elder Qianqiu, he must have some reliance. If we recklessly confront him and end up killing one thousand enemies at the cost of eight hundred of our own, it will be difficult to handle the changes in the West Mountain Floating Domain." Longteng Qianyue hurriedly spoke up in reminder, emphasizing the changes in the West Mountain Floating Domain.

As expected, as soon as these words were spoken, even Longteng Wuxing frowned in deep thought and did not speak further.

In the Divine Fall Mountain Range and Traceless Mountain Range, the battles between the West Mountain Floating Domain's Spirit Suppressing Army, Celestial River Guard, and the Lifeless Abyss' Demon Sect have become increasingly frequent and dangerous. Involving the legacy of the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch, although it's unclear what exactly was left, both the Domain Lord's Mansion and the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect seem unwilling to give up.

If this continues, it will likely become more intense. With the strength of the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect and the Lifeless Abyss' Demon Sect, it's perhaps impossible to spread the flames of war throughout the entire West Mountain Floating Domain in the short term, but the battle lines will inevitably stretch indefinitely. Coupled with the abnormalities in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, which seem to be the handiwork of the Dark Altar Master, if Nangong Huan cannot resolve it, then the westward part of the West Mountain Floating Domain will be the first to be affected. At a critical moment, if indeed one kills a thousand enemies at the cost of eight hundred of one's own, it's not worth the loss.

Seeing the faces of the elders gradually growing solemn, Longteng Liyi raised his hand, speaking confidently: "No need to worry, killing a thousand enemies at the cost of eight hundred of our own? Lin Yingyun Mountain cannot achieve this, he is but a proper Heterodox Evil Cultivator, even less capable of such a feat. Divine Thunder restrains evil, without fighting he is already at a disadvantage... However, what Qianyue said is very reasonable. We must not be short-sighted; for the sake of the Longteng Family, we must look at the long term."

"Everything for the family." Longteng Qianyue stood up and bowed, silently repeating in his heart.

Everything for the Master!

Longteng Liyi nodded in satisfaction, his gaze falling on Longteng Wuxing, "Wuxing, you will come with me to the Dragon Fall Valley Dragon Transformation Grotto Heaven. The Qi Guang Sect intends to rebuild their mountain gate in the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven left in Lin Yingyun Mountain, surely at the behest of the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, but this matter the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor has inadvertently helped us. Scattered as the stars in the sky, wanting to eradicate them is difficult, but if they gather together..."

Longteng Liyi's killing intent grew stronger as he spoke, getting up to leave, and Longteng Wuxing hurriedly followed.

The Dragon Transformation Grotto Heaven, a unique Secret Realm Cave Heaven formed after the fall of a True Dragon, was later developed by the ancestor into the core inheritance site of the Longteng Family for generations, abundant with Cultivation Blessed Lands and special Spirit Lands, and the ancestor relocated many opportunities from Ancient Cultivators' relics into it.

For instance, one of the core secret techniques of the Longteng Family, the Dragon Leaping Cloud Sea, was relocated from a relic by the ancestor. Historically, very few in the Longteng Family have been able to comprehend and cultivate it, with Longteng Qianqiu being the most outstanding among them. The Dragon Leaping Cloud Sea allows one to instantly reach hundreds of miles away, with the Spirit Body unaffected by any space barrier compression, making it a top existence among Golden Core Escape Techniques.

Of course.

There is no need to elaborate on the secret technique.

The real question is why Longteng Wuxing doesn't fully understand why the ancestor is bringing him into such a cultivation place as the Dragon Transformation Grotto Heaven at this time.

Could it be that the ancestor does not wish to kill a thousand enemies at the cost of eight hundred of our own, so he plans to strive for Golden Core Perfection?

Once inside the Dragon Transformation Grotto Heaven, Longteng Wuxing couldn't help but ask, "Ancestor, why have we come to the Dragon Transformation Grotto Heaven? Do you already have the foundation to strive for Golden Core Perfection?"

"With my middle-grade Golden Core, striving for Golden Core Perfection is a hopeless endeavor in this life, what foundation could there be?" Longteng Liyi spoke calmly, as if he had long accepted this reality, "Today I've brought you here to retrieve something, something that allows the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor to knowingly confront me in Lin Yingyun Mountain yet still dare to oppose me—a heavy treasure.

This treasure has been nurtured in the Dragon Transformation Grotto Heaven for over four hundred years, during which time I've collected various thunder-attribute heavenly materials and treasures from all corners of the land, at great cost. Not less than ten Tier Three Top Grade items were used, but it has also refined a bolt of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder. Now that the situation in the West Mountain Floating Domain is increasingly peculiar, it's time to take it out to safeguard the Longteng Family for a period and to let it drink its fill of enemy blood."

Longteng Wuxing suddenly realized that the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder the ancestor used unexpectedly to kill Lin Yingyun Mountain originated from the Longteng Family's secret heavy treasure. Amazed as he was, he remained somewhat unclear.

"Ancestor, what do you need me to do?"

Longteng Liyi answered calmly, "The heavy treasure is special, it constantly needs a place of residence, otherwise its contained Divine Thunder will go berserk and bring calamity upon the whole Dragon Fall Valley, so I need to borrow your body. But rest assured,

although it will damage your foundation somewhat, the Divine Thunder will also refine your Spirit Body, allowing it to advance further; the disadvantages outweigh the benefits, but there is no other choice now.

The Domain Lord's Mansion does not want to see our Longteng Family dominate the west, hence repeatedly restricting our Golden Core cultivators. And the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's blatant declaration of war on us, with Nangong Huan doing nothing, is proof enough of his stance. So this time when we take action against the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, we're not only striking him with thunderous might but also forcing Nangong Huan to accept this outcome.

Nangong Huan approached me, hoping I would help him enter the core areas of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range and promised the Longteng Family a few places to leave the West Mountain Floating Domain to go further downstream the Heaven-Reaching River for advanced training.

With such a significant reward, it is highly unlikely any sense of duty drives him; it's probably for his own purposes. Moreover, he has kept the anomalies in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range from the public, unable to leave even the Celestial Yin Mountain, it is evident his intentions are different.

But he surely hasn't spoken only to me, and must have also approached the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor. By killing the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, he would have no choice but to rely on me, thus having to accept the dominance of the Longteng Family in the West Mountain Floating Domain."

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"The ancestor's foresight is profound. Our Longteng family will surely soar again and stand at the pinnacle of the Western Xishan Floating Domain." Longteng Wuxing offered a compliment, wary of discussing much about the damage to his own foundation.

Longteng Liyi seemed to understand that Longteng Wuxing might hold some reluctance in his heart, as he spoke after his gaze fell, "The future situation of the Western Xishan Floating Domain is unclear, and precisely because of this, it presents an opportunity for

us. If the Longteng family wishes to ascend another level, then sacrifice and dedication are inevitable."

"Ancestor, the junior understands."

Longteng Wuxing nodded.

"I hope you truly understand."

With those words spoken.

Longteng Liyi transformed into a light, flying toward the depths of the Dragon Transformation Grotto Heaven. After traveling three thousand li, he reached the deepest part of the grotto and then opened a Tier Three High-Grade Concealment Array, revealing the deeper part of the grotto that Longteng Wuxing had never visited or known about for hundreds of years.

Further in, after walking just five hundred li, they saw a Thunder Pool stretching a hundred li, where Divine Thunder continuously exploded, instilling terror in those who witnessed it.

And deep within the Divine Thunder stood a bone, a golden giant bone resembling a pillar supporting the sky.

From afar, Longteng Wuxing suddenly felt insignificant, far surpassing the sensation of being a frog gazing at the moon from the bottom of a well.

But upon sensing the familiar aura emanating from the giant bone, Longteng Wuxing suddenly realized what it was. He exclaimed in shock, "Ancestor, at the time of the Dragon’s Fall, wasn’t the Li Dragon’s corpse already divided by several Nascent Soul True Monarchs? Yet our Longteng family still retained a piece!"

"The Tier Four Li Dragon, the Undying Tail Bone, even though it cannot be refined into a Spiritual Artifact, the tail bone retains remnants of dragon spirit, which the ancestors have long refined. So, while it may not be a tool, it is effectively equivalent to a Tier Three Top-Grade Spiritual Artifact, one that can be wielded!"

Longteng Liyi’s voice grew increasingly excited and impassioned, and with a wave of his hand, the Hundred Li Tear Sea retracted into the dragon bone.

The momentum was tremendous.

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As Lin Hai spread the news, the disciples of the Qi Guang Sect, originally scattered across the Loose Cultivator Land, flocked to the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven. The cultivators who

had been holding their ground at the Qi Guang Sect's territory suddenly found a backbone, and morale surged.

Simultaneously, Pei Wuxing suddenly emerged, assuming the position of Elder in the Qi Guang Sect as a direct bloodline of Lin Yingyun Mountain. Although Pei Wuxing's emergence did not bring glory to the Qi Guang Sect, it ensured that everyone knew the main lineage of the Qi Guang Sect was present here.

In other words,

Pei Wuxing served as a waving flag; as long as he was there, the main lineage cultivators of the Qi Guang Sect would be there.

They would not waver.

They would not betray.

Nor would they backstab.

Simultaneously, the foundation of the Qi Guang Sect would remain.

Wen Jiu was indifferent to these matters, immersed instead in the joy of refining the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse. While refining, he also boldly flew over the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse, venturing toward the depths of the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Grotto Heaven, with the Corpse Fate Technique providing protection behind him.

He was also curious to see what kind of place the killing intent of these Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpses pointed to. However, this wasn't mere curiosity; he simply wanted to see if there were any other opportunities.

Since he was already there, it would be a pity to miss out on anything. With Corpse Fate Technique and Amber Witch Thought Killing Array granting dual protection, he could minimize the danger. If he still didn't dare explore, it would indeed be a bit unreasonable.

However, after exploring for over ten days, the East Spring Undying Bone finally emerged from the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse Land. Just as he was about to venture further, a message came from Lin Hai, reporting a discovery of relics deep within the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven.

In truth, even if a Golden Core Secret Technique were discovered, Wen Jiu wouldn't be inclined to look. But when Lin Hai mentioned that it originated from over five thousand years ago from a Corpse Dao Sect, Wen Jiu couldn't help but be intrigued.

"Take me there."

As soon as he exited the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Grotto Heaven, he saw Lin Hai.

Lin Hai immediately transformed into a Startled Swan, vanishing into the distance, "Corpse Ancestor, please follow me. We just discovered that the relics are connected to the entire grotto heaven. Such a feat is indeed incredible."

"What's the name of that Corpse Dao Sect?" Wen Jiu inquired.

Lin Hai replied, "According to Red Fire Zhenren's investigation, it seems to be called the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect. But in Qi Guang Sect, and in recorded documents, there seems to be no mention of any Ten Thousand Corpses Sect in the Xishan Floating Domain."

"Have you read too few records, or is it truly absent?" Wen Jiu expressed some doubt. How could a sect that produced a Nascent Soul True Monarch leave no trace whatsoever?

This is simply unreasonable.

Lin Hai earnestly stated, "Corpse Ancestor, in the hundreds of years I've browsed through Qi Guang Sect's archives, there are 107,623 books, of which 3,566 are ancient texts collected from the entire Western Xishan Floating Domain. I've become thoroughly familiar with the history of the Xishan Floating Domain over ten thousand years. Furthermore, I believe the best way to understand a place is through texts. Consequently, I've even nurtured a spirit beast capable of seeking out ancient texts, and no matter how deeply they are hidden, it can find them."

Having said that.

Lin Hai produced a spirit beast emitting a golden-yellow glow, resembling a small dog, but with wings shaped like open book pages, from behind. Although it was only Tier Two, the information divined through the Corpse Fate Technique indeed surprised Wen Jiu. In this world, it seemed only one such creature existed.

Its name was Xunji.

Yet, existence doesn't mean it's useful; it might simply be of little use to cultivators, which is why it's nearly extinct. Indeed, it's a creature with just a unique ability to find ancient texts. With many secret techniques and magical arts hidden in Dharma Transmission Stones or relics, who would raise such a book-finding spirit beast? But it was indeed suitable for archaeology and tracing clues to relics.

"No wonder when you entered this Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven, the first thing you picked up was an ancient book." Wen Jiu glanced twice at Xunji, amazed at the wonders of the world. Withdrawing his gaze, Wen Jiu's thoughts returned once more to the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect.

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To completely erase the traces of a major power is very difficult, especially since any Golden Core influence in the West Mountain Floating Domain has at least a thousand years of heritage, and the slightly larger ones almost three thousand years.

Of course.

Perhaps someone actually managed to do so.

But what is the meaning of doing this?

If the information wasn't erased, does it mean that the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect was originally not in the West Mountain Floating Domain, and this Grotto Heaven was moved here later. But can a Nascent Soul True Monarch relocate a Grotto Heaven?

With curiosity, Wen Jiu saw from afar a cluster of black ancient tower buildings hidden under an ancient array. The ancient array was old and had now collapsed, but it was evidently not due to a cultivator's doing. Perhaps it was precisely because of its collapse that this Ten Thousand Corpses Sect resurfaced.

Although it's called the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect, the cluster of black ancient buildings among the mountains did not emit any Yin Evil Qi, but was instead full of life and Spiritual Qi, so much so that if the black ancient houses weren't slightly eerie, it could be considered a fairyland on earth.

When the East Spring Undying Bone appeared, Red Fire Zhenren and several other Golden Core cultivators including Pei Wuxing hurriedly stepped forward to pay their respects.

"Corpse Ancestor!"

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Wen Jiu glanced at Pei Wuxing and noticed that the leakage of Pei Wuxing's Golden Core Power had become more severe. If it continued to worsen, it was expected that within a year it would fall from the Golden Core stage.

But why is it worsening?

Normally speaking, a Golden Core is very solid, even if damaged it won't continuously tear like a spatial barrier. A spatial barrier keeps tearing because it can't withstand the Grotto Heaven.

But once a Golden Core has cracks, its power leaks out, reducing the pressure it bears, and the crack should not expand. Unless Pei Wuxing is recklessly infusing magical power and Spiritual Qi into his Golden Core, which no one would be foolish enough to do unless they wish to hasten their own death.

Apart from this.

The only other possibility is that something inside Pei Wuxing's Golden Core is continuously causing trauma.

While pondering, Lin Hai's voice came again, "Corpse Ancestor, please follow me, you can see more from above. Red Fire Zhenren discovered that all the buildings of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect actually form part of a large Yin Spirit, with these one thousand and one ancient towers in the mountains and the three thousand and three underground caverns combining to form a great array.

And the array's power bursts out from the main hall, creating the spatial barrier of the entire Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven. Currently, the array is closed due to a lack of Yin Spirit Stones. Red Fire Zhenren and the juniors speculate that if the Yin Array is restarted, could it not mean controlling the entire Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven."

Controlling a Grotto Heaven and becoming its master are two different concepts. The Master of the Grotto Heaven, in essence, is just someone who has refined the Grotto Heaven enough to communicate directly with it.

Take the Divine Extinction Thousand Peaks Ancestor for example; it refined the Grotto Heaven left by the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch, thus gaining the ability to command it, and even use it to suppress enemies.

But in essence, that's just using it.

To control a Grotto Heaven is akin to a cultivator using a Magical Artifact: when I command it to fly left, it should fly left; when I command it to fly right, it should fly right; everything is at the will of the controller.

Should this Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven be controlled, it would be akin to acknowledging a master of a Flying Ship.

One could even steer the Grotto Heaven and relocate it.

"Old Hai, do you think this might be the reason the ancestor sent us here out of curiosity?" Red Fire Zhenren suddenly exclaimed, "If we gain control of this Grotto Heaven, we might depart from the West Mountain Floating Domain, or we could directly seal the entrance to the Grotto Heaven and establish a secluded sect. Golden Core cultivators possess the skill to sever a Grotto Heaven's barrier."

Upon hearing this, a hint of delight flashed in Lin Hai's eyes, though he was not overwhelmed by it, "The latter is quite likely; even if we control this array, we can at most use it to seal the Grotto Heaven's entrance. Steering the Grotto Heaven away is beyond what we, mere middle-stage Golden Core cultivators, can achieve."

Upon hearing their words, the confusion lingering in Wen Jiu's heart also found an answer.

Why is there no information about the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect? Now it appears that this Grotto Heaven was purely relocated here by that Nascent Soul True Monarch. Red Fire Zhenren, Lin Hai, even the East Spring Undying Bone lacks that ability, but a Nascent Soul True Monarch certainly can; otherwise, why make a formation with the sect?

"What a pity, the souls within the Millennium Sealed Soul Extremely Resentful Corpses have long become chaotic, with no memories. Otherwise, capturing their souls could reveal more."

Wen Jiu sighed as he overlooked the scene before venturing inside, crossing mountain stream corridors, past cliffside ancient towers, through one cultivator residence after another, finding not a trace of any cultivator remains, feeling as if it were an illusion if not for some lingering traces of cultivator presence.

Soon, the East Spring Undying Bone landed in front of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect's main hall.

The main hall stood majestic and solemn, like a giant beast with closed eyes sitting atop the mountains. Even after thousands of years, its aura remains deeply captivating.

Of course.

It wasn't due to the exterior of the hall.

But the materials of the hall.

They are all Tier Three Top-Grade Heavenly and Earthly Treasures. The main hall is fifty zhang tall and thirty zhang wide at its broadest point, utilizing an immense amount of Tier Three Top-Grade Heavenly and Earthly Treasures. It's feared that this main hall alone is ten or maybe a hundred times the combined accumulation of Qi Guang Sect, Lu Family, and the Brute Puppet Sect over a millennium.

"Truly extravagant," Wen Jiu marveled, somewhat like a country bumpkin who has never seen the world.

But such a large amount of Tier Three Top-Grade Heavenly and Earthly Treasures is hard not to awe. Alas, they have become the array's core and cannot be moved, much less pried off to sell. Trying to move the main hall is equivalent to moving the entire array, and thus the entire Grotto Heaven.

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A Golden Core is insufficient.

It would probably require at least Nascent Soul Power.

"I'm really curious, why did the Nascent Soul True Monarch relocate this Grotto Heaven to the West Mountain Floating Domain?" Wen Jiu controlled the Three Thousand Blood Inks to perform divination, seeking the origins of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect and this Grotto Heaven.

Although the origins involved the Nascent Soul True Monarch, the celestial secrets and fate connected to it weren't held by the True Monarch alone. Even with the involvement of the Nascent Soul True Monarch, making it difficult to discover the true origin, Wen Jiu believed he could find some clues by peeling back the layers.

This time, aside from the East Spring Undying Bone, the Three Corpses and Five Ghosts, as well as the Yin Technique of his true form, were drained again. The result was just as Wen Jiu expected, originating from the middle reaches of the Heaven-Reaching River.

"The middle reaches of the Heaven-Reaching River are extremely far from the West Mountain Floating Domain. It might take at least a hundred years to traverse, if not a millennium. Why would the Nascent Soul True Monarch go through so much trouble? Just to cultivate the Nine-Child Corpse? Is there no other suitable place?" Wen Jiu's mind was full of questions.

Of course.

Whether these questions have answers or not, they don't hinder his Corpse Nourishing, nor do they stop him from fleeing when the time comes. But Wen Jiu always felt that the Nascent Soul Cultivator's motives were not simple. If he could find out the reason, he might gain a greater opportunity than the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse.

By refining the origin of the Extreme Resentful Corpse, Wen Jiu had already offended that Nascent Soul True Monarch. Since that's the case, he might as well take more.

With this in mind, Wen Jiu continued to explore within the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect. His Divine Sense searched every corner of the sect seven or eight times, but found no clues; instead, he discovered an item.

A shattered piece of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect identity token, with only a corner remaining.

Wen Jiu recognized it because he had seen it once on the body of those Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpses. One of them hid a half piece of an identity token within its body, though it was made of wood rather than the original material. Initially, Wen Jiu dismissed it, but now wondered if the Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpses did this on purpose, aiming to remind future generations that they were disciples of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect? But why do this? Is it possible that the Thousand-Li Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpses were all disciples of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect?

If so, it's truly difficult to fathom. Within the vastness of a thousand miles, although the Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpses are not densely packed, there are at least tens of millions of them.

Turning so many disciples into Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpses—what a cruel method!

"The answer might actually lie deep within the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven." Wen Jiu decided to immediately control the East Spring Undying Bone to enter once the Three Corpses and Five Ghosts and he himself restored their Yin Technique.

If things were indeed as he imagined.

His actions of refining the Thousand-Li Sealed Soul Extreme Resentful Corpse could provoke the Nascent Soul into a furious rage.

It might even lead to retaliation against the entire West Mountain Floating Domain.

"No, I must act faster. Before the Nascent Soul True Monarch senses or returns, I must gain more." Having drawn his bow, Wen Jiu was not about to stop, "The Thousand-Year Origin of the Extreme Resentful Corpse has already formed, and several centuries have passed since its formation. Given that the Nascent Soul True Monarch hasn't returned all this time, they likely won't be back anytime soon."

Wen Jiu reassured himself while deciding to give Zhao Ming more Spirit Stones, and find a way to use Wuxinming to obtain some special cultivation resources, allowing Zhao Ming to improve faster.

The Five Ghosts could speed up their progress, but the Innate Fate Derivation Object could only rely on Zhao Ming's Foundation Establishment pace.

After further meticulous study, Red Fire Zhenren furrowed his brows, "I thought I could close the spatial barrier with this formation and provide Qi Guang Sect with an invincible barrier, but now it seems a bit delusional.

Opening this formation requires far more Yin Spirit Stones than we imagined. Even with all of Qi Guang Sect's reserves, it may not last an hour."

Lin Hai sighed with regret, but his attention was more on the East Spring Undying Bone. The formation was beyond their control, yet its value was undeniable.

Whether it would belong to Qi Guang Sect depended on the approval from the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor.

"Though the formation cannot be used, it can serve as a new mountain gate for Qi Guang Sect, saving some trouble." The formation was present, but Wen Jiu could neither take it nor use it for now, so he was content to leave it to Qi Guang Sect, thus sparing the time to rebuild the sect.

Of course.

The main purpose was to oversee the grand formation.

Though it seemed like exploiting Qi Guang Sect, it was also an opportunity for their disciples.

The materials used in making the formation were extraordinary. Cultivating within it was far superior to cultivating in ordinary Tier Three Yin Veins.

"Thank you, Corpse Ancestor!"

Lin Hai was overjoyed.

Red Fire Zhenren also could not help but bow respectfully, "If we can establish the sect here, safety will undoubtedly be assured. Even if Longteng Liyi attacks, we can use this to protect our disciples' lives."

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to wave a hand and descended for another careful examination.

Including those caverns.

In the caverns, traces of Corpse Nourishing and spell cultivation could be seen, but most had disappeared over the millennia.

Finding nothing of further interest, he finally left.

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Once the East Spring Undying Bone departed, Red Fire Zhenren, Lin Hai, and the others exchanged smiles, genuinely pleased with the situation of Qi Guang Sect.

Even more so, having learned that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor wasn't a greedy person, they silently felt fortunate.

"Red Fire, let's visit the Lu Family in a few days and repay the Patriarch tenfold for what the ancestor owes them. The main lineages of the Lu Family and Qi Guang Sect are bound by blood relations; they shouldn't remain estranged like before."

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Lin Hai spoke.

Red Fire Zhenren nodded, but his gaze soon fell on Pei Wuxing not far away, and said, "Wuxing, your situation is different from the Great Elder's. The injury to your Golden Core can't be sealed even with the sealing technique, we really can't solve it, perhaps you could visit the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor."

Lin Hai added, "The Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is not harsh towards our Qi Guang Sect, he even asked for hidden techniques for the Lu Family, and will surely remember your blood relationship with the Lu Family Main Lineage to help you. Even if it cannot be cured, if there's a way to delay it, you might be able to hold on for a while longer."

Pei Wuxing looked as usual, bowed, and thanked, "Thank you for the kindness of both elders, but the Corpse Ancestor hasn't even taken a fancy to the treasures or hidden techniques of the Qi Guang Sect, what can I possibly offer to make him take action?"

"Indeed."

Red Fire Zhenren sighed helplessly.

Pei Wuxing said again, "Thank you, two elders. I escaped from the Divine Fall Mountain Range, and my junior sister and disciples died before my eyes. But as I am now, let alone avenging them, I'm close to death myself. Moreover, even if the Corpse Ancestor helps me, with my low-rank Golden Core qualifications and foundation, I fear it's impossible to reach the middle stage of the Golden Core in this life; no matter what I do, it's all futile struggle."

Red Fire Zhenren and Lin Hai exchanged a glance, both understanding that Pei Wuxing felt powerless and despairing after realizing the strength of the Outer Hidden Demon Sect, his heart was already dead.

Had it not been for delivering Lin Suqiu's body back to the sect, had it not been for their retention to help Qi Guang Sect through this ordeal.

Pei Wuxing might have already gone far away, becoming a loose cultivator.

The final outcome would be burial in an unknown green mountain land.

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Wen Jiu sensed all this through the Divine Sense of the East Spring Undying Bone, and immediately left after seeing Pei Wuxing's dim gaze. Earlier he had carefully felt with his Divine Sense, the injury to Pei Wuxing's Golden Core contained a trace of particularly unusual demonic core power.

If removed, the injury to the Golden Core would not worsen, and it would at least stabilize within the Golden Core Realm for another three to five years.

But Pei Wuxing was right, even so, it didn’t mean much, Pei Wuxing’s low-rank Golden Core foundation and qualifications had already limited him. Even at his peak he couldn’t break into the middle stage of the Golden Core, now there’s even less hope.

"Lower, middle, upper, supreme... four qualities, dividing Golden Core cultivators into differing levels. These Golden Cores, seemingly lofty and eternal, but in reality, most are merely enduring more years and more days of suffering." Wen Jiu couldn’t help but look to the sky, determined to find every means to form a Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul.

Otherwise, even if advancing to Nascent Soul, he might end up like Pei Wuxing, only to meet an unfortunate end.

"Now the True Spirit Root is mid-grade, already possessing a five percent chance of forming a Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul. When the East Spring Undying Bone is nurtured to tier three peak, it can be used to nourish the Three Corpses and Five Ghosts, enhancing the True Spirit Root." Wen Jiu mumbled, opened the door, and left the house. The East Spring Undying Bone also plunged into the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

As for Pei Wuxing.

Wen Jiu was also powerless.

Fate.

Is just so unfair.

Once the first Heterodox Golden Core of the Divine Fall Mountain Range, now can only end up like this.

Truly something that makes one sigh.

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East Pole Immortal City.

Domain Lord’s Mansion.

Nangong Huan was sitting cross-legged in the room drawing talismans, the ground was littered with discarded Tier Three Talisman Paper.

But at this moment, Deng Lai’s hurried voice rose from outside the courtyard, "My lord, things are not going well. Our spy in the Longteng Family sent a message; when she went to deliver spirit tea to Longteng Liyi, he suddenly went into seclusion, and she couldn’t deliver the tea."

"Seclusion at this time, such clumsy disguise." Nangong Huan paused, then frowned, crumpling the scrap Tier Three Talisman Paper in front of him and throwing it aside in frustration.

"I estimate Longteng Liyi is already on his way to Qi Guang Sect," Deng Lai urgently stated.

Nangong Huan laughed, "That disguise which even you could see through, Longteng Liyi still did it. Looks like he never intended to really disguise, just to delay time. If sending a message now, he probably wouldn't even respond; if he's going to Qi Guang Sect, it's probably too late already.

Longteng Liyi isn't a reckless person, he's a smart man. When Longteng Qianqiu died, everyone thought he would retaliate, but unexpectedly he didn't say a word, the Longteng Family didn't make a move, and even didn't touch the Lu Family people.

Now acting, he must have made full preparations, intending to resolve Lu Family Corpse Ancestor before I could intervene. That old fox, steady and clever to the point of irritation.

I initially wanted him to test Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's skills, to see if the heart of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range could be used for my benefit. Now it seems, I can only use that old fellow Longteng Liyi."

"My lord, will we just stand by and watch?" Deng Lai asked again.

Nangong Huan sighed lightly, "Longteng Liyi has prepared thoroughly, there's no point in whatever action we take. In that case, we should focus on the matters of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, that is our top priority!"

"I follow orders."

Deng Lai nodded.

At this moment, he couldn't help but be curious about what Lin Hai of Qi Guang Sect had given the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor that could bring a long-hidden Corpse Cultivator to the forefront, willing to kill Longteng Qianqiu to demonstrate to the Longteng Family thereby protecting Qi Guang Sect.

With this thought, Deng Lai, who initially intended to retreat, turned back again, "My lord, should we not take a look?"

Nangong Huan's eyes sharpened.

Deng Lai transformed into a startled swan and quickly fled away.

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Dragon Fall Valley.

Longteng Family.

Longteng Wuxing stood at the edge of a tall building’s corridor, hands behind his back, overlooking the old woman in disguise leaving the Longteng Family, "Truly a thankless wretch, but Deng Lai is indeed generous. He managed to deceive the maid adopted by the patriarch for decades into willingly being his ’eyes’ and even gave her a Tier Three Illusionary Pill for her escape. No wonder he became Nangong Huan’s right-hand man."

Murmuring softly, Longteng Wuxing withdrew his cold gaze and returned indoors to activate the Isolation Array.

Inside, there was another Sound Transmission Secret Array, unique to the Longteng Family—Demon Language Mysterious Sound Technique. It didn’t transmit directly to the target but to the surrounding mountains, rocks, and vegetation.

Mountains and vegetation could serve as mediums, transmitting a demonic language known only to the core members of the Longteng Family.

Even if others heard this sound, they would only consider it the faint rustle of wind sweeping through the forest or water streaming through the ravine.

"Patriarch, Nangong Huan has most likely already received the news, knowing you are not in the Longteng Family. However, the people I arranged in East Pole Immortal City didn’t see Nangong Huan leaving the City Lord’s Mansion, and there has been no movement from the Spirit Suppressing Army. It seems as though nothing has happened at all."

After transmitting the message via the demon language, Longteng Wuxing sat quietly awaiting a response from the Array. The Demon Language Mysterious Sound Technique could transmit messages and retrieve responses.

Soon, a gentle demonic voice like a breeze arose from the Array, "As expected, as long as we plan before moving, Nangong Huan can only accept this situation.

Since Nangong Huan has no intention to intervene further, when I come to preside over the reconstruction of Qi Guang Sect's mountain gate, you should spread this news far and wide, preferably letting all the major sects in the West Mountain Floating Domain know.

Although this battle merely aims to destroy an insignificant Corpse Cultivator, it's a chance to completely eradicate Qi Guang Sect. Since those Golden Core Influences choose to watch and wait, don't leave them even a spoonful of soup; the Longteng Family wants it all.

However, Qi Guang Sect, with its two or three thousand years of foundation and countless disciples, will require much time to uproot completely in the expansive West Mountain Floating Domain, with unavoidable sacrifices from our clan.

Therefore, what I need is a dead heart, for all remnants obstinately clinging to Qi Guang Sect to become hopeless, to leave the big tree of Qi Guang Sect completely, and let everything fall into our hands."

Upon hearing this, Longteng Wuxing couldn't help but smile. If it happens, the Longteng Family's roots will be firmly planted in the western land of the West Mountain Floating Domain. What is most important for a prosperous family—strong Golden Core cultivators? That's just one aspect; the more significant factor is vast territory.

Abundant land.

Abundant cultivation resources.

With abundant cultivation resources, the number of people will increase rapidly.

And with more people, the overall strength of the Longteng Family will skyrocket, leading to the birth of more Golden Core cultivators.

"In this way, the Longteng Family won't follow Qi Guang Sect's old path. There are still hundreds of years, enough time for the Longteng Family to cultivate another late-stage Golden Core cultivator, extending the Longteng Family's glory for a millennium."

Imagining the future, Longteng Wuxing couldn't help but feel his blood boil; as long as the Floating Domain Lord's Mansion doesn't collapse, the Longteng Family has an infinitely bright future, and no amount of trouble will be insurmountable.

"Longteng Family!"

"Daxing!"

Longteng Wuxing suddenly rose to his feet.

Strode confidently out.

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Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

East Spring Undying Bone stood at the end of the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse. In the darkness, eerie wails continued to emanate. Sometimes like a baby's wail, sometimes like an old man's groan, sometimes transforming into an old woman's lament—there were, upon counting, nine distinct sounds.

In Donghua Immortal City, Wen Jiu carefully sensed the depths of the darkness through East Spring Undying Bone and couldn't help but sigh, "So the darkness isn't just blackness; it's the end of the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse. The wails I was told not to respond to in the Corpse Fate Technique originate here.

I wonder if those ominous remnants that make the Corpse Fate Technique display a minor ominous sign also come from within this darkness. If they're all from here, perhaps East Spring Undying Bone shouldn't proceed any further."

Wen Jiu immediately used the Corpse Fate Technique to perform a divination, planning to enter the darkness.

However.

The divination signs provided by the Corpse Fate Technique and the abrupt drawing of a twenty-thousand-year lifespan from Blood Demon Undying Bone made Wen Jiu immediately abandon all thoughts of entering, and the East Spring Undying Bone quickly retreated.

Omen—Great Calamity!

But whether due to drawing Blood Demon Undying Bone's twenty-thousand-year lifespan or not, this time the Life Plate's analysis became exceptionally detailed. Yet beyond the detail, it was a blank.

The accompanying ominous remnants wandered within, with the continuous wails of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, the darkness leading directly to the Six Abysses, and beneath which lies the indestructible Yellow Springs Yin Fire perpetually burning...

Outside of the blank, the celestial secret was extraordinarily profound, far exceeding the Nascent Soul level's celestial secrets. As for the celestial secrets within the darkness, though infinitely approaching Nascent Soul level, ultimately they were not, so after drawing Blood Demon Undying Bone's twenty-thousand-year lifespan, everything was revealed.

Yet, inherently, a Secret Realm Cave Heaven related to a Nascent Soul cultivator's arrangement shouldn't so easily reveal so much celestial secret information. If so, then only one possibility exists.

With this thought, Wen Jiu immediately used the Corpse Fate Technique again to divine the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse, then the accompanying ominous remnants, and the ceaseless wails of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses in the darkness, finally leading to the indestructible Yellow Springs Yin Fire beneath the Six Abysses!

"So it is!"

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This fortune-telling was unknown, but once divined, it shocked. The celestial secret behind the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse suddenly plummeted, and the Nascent Soul Level celestial secret that the Corpse Fate Technique could not even glimpse disappeared.

No.

To be precise, it temporarily disappeared.

Because if it was gone, the connection would be completely broken, yet Wen Jiu could still see that Nascent Soul Level celestial secret existing in the Dark Realm, just hidden.

This situation has many possibilities, but among the ones Wen Jiu knows, the greatest is that the Nascent Soul True Monarch has entered a place isolated from celestial secrets, thus reducing the celestial secrets on the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse. However, isolation is not disconnection, so it's impossible to erase the Nascent Soul Level celestial secret from the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse, which is why it can be seen in the Dark Realm but its celestial secret enhancement cannot be felt.

Thinking of this, Wen Jiu hurriedly continued divining.

Because who knows when the Nascent Soul True Monarch entered the place isolated from celestial secrets, and when they would come out?

"Just as expected, this Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse really is that so-called disciple of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect." Even though Wen Jiu was mentally prepared, he couldn’t help but feel a bit startled.

Then, looking further down in the Life Plate, the other celestial secret information made Wen Jiu furrow his brow even deeper.

Where the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect, where the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse belongs, comes from is indicated in the Life Plate.

Midstream of the Heaven-Reaching River, five thousand years ago, a place named Wandering Soul Bright Void Domain, where the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect was a hidden Nascent Soul Level sect, but one day, the Wandering Soul Bright Void Domain suddenly sank into the Heaven-Reaching River, and only those great sects possessing Secret Realm Cave Heaven survived.

It was from then that the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect began moving downstream the Heaven-Reaching River, but their destination was not the West Mountain Floating Domain, but an empty place within the spatial barrier.

What is an empty place?

An empty place is a spatial overlap existing within the spatial barrier, where the overlap forms a void. The left side of the void might be a Land of Death in the Lifeless Abyss, and the right side of the void could be an unknown Mortal Deep Mountain.

For hundreds of years, the Grotto Heaven where the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect resided, carrying the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, continuously traversed across various Floating Domains. After passing through seven empty places, it finally reached the West Mountain Floating Domain.

Since then, it hadn’t moved until that day when the Sect Leader said the Grotto Heaven would be opened, letting the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect reappear in the Hundred Floating Domains. That day, all disciples of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect were very excited.

Everyone put down what they were doing to await the opening of the Grotto Heaven’s exit, but they were met with endless darkness, along with the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire that instantly engulfed everyone from the exit.

"So ruthless, perhaps ever since leaving the Wandering Soul Bright Void Domain, the Nascent Soul True Monarch of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect had already planned to turn all the cultivators into Corpse Nourishing Items." Wen Jiu couldn’t help but be secretly astounded.

However, despite his surprise, Wen Jiu also noticed two details: the Sect Leader of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect was already a Nascent Soul True Monarch five thousand years ago and might now be in an even higher realm.

If so, perhaps he long since disregarded the so-called Nine-Child Corpse. Although the Nine-Child Corpse is powerful, it pales in comparison to creatures like the Undying Corpse Demon. If one wishes to move forward, it can be used temporarily but not forever. As such, this Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse can be safely refined.

Of course, Wen Jiu wouldn't think like this; such a thought is too optimistic, and he is not some protagonist from a tale, where would such fortune come from? The most likely scenario is that the Nascent Soul True Monarch has reached a higher realm, one that ordinary Nascent Soul True Monarchs cannot compare to.

In other words,

even if he cultivated the East Spring Undying Bone into an External Nascent Soul before the return of that Nascent Soul True Monarch,

he would very likely still be no match.

"The plan to leave at any time cannot be changed." Wen Jiu murmured, retracting his thoughts before looking at the celestial secret information again, "No wonder when settling accounts daily, the simple information of the Extreme Resentful Corpse's Thousand-Year Origin showed that it was nourished by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire below the Six Abysses for a thousand years. I was previously wondering where on earth this Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire below the Six Abysses was, and now it seems, even without divining, the answer is already quite clear."

It's right in the darkness!

Immediately, Wen Jiu divined again, divining the accompanying gruesome corpse, as it was also a corpse creature that brought minor malefic omens to the East Spring Undying Bone and needed to be thoroughly understood.

In a moment, the celestial secret information of the accompanying gruesome corpse appeared in the Life Plate.

The accompanying gruesome corpse originates from within the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse, born alongside the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, serving as the protective corpse creature for the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses in the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

Its mission has only one purpose, which is to kill all living beings entering this place.

"No wonder they didn’t appear again after Lin Hai left." Wen Jiu continued to look down; upon learning that they only had Tier Three Upper Realm strength and there were only nine of them, he couldn’t help but heave a sigh of relief.

No living beings enter.

They do not come out.

Even if the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse is refined, they will not have any movements, because their task is to protect the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses. The moment he thought of the four words ’Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses,’ Wen Jiu immediately performed another divination.

What exactly are the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses?

How are they related to the Nine-Child Corpse?

However.

Just as Wen Jiu continued divining, the celestial secrets began to increase rapidly, and the Dark Realm, unable to withstand the sudden growth of celestial secrets, shattered under the immense celestial pressure.

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Bang——

The Dark Realm shattered, and Wen Jiu’s consciousness instantly returned to the Hua Mansion in Donghua Immortal City.

"That Nascent Soul Cultivator has come out!" Wen Jiu frowned. "It’s a pity, just a little bit more, just a little bit more. If only I could divine even a bit about the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses and the situation of the dark area leading directly to the Sixth Abyss, then I could decide on the spot whether to enter or not."

After sighing, Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to quickly move away from the shadowy area hundreds of miles away.

Two worries also arose spontaneously.

Would his divination be noticed by that Nascent Soul True Monarch? What if that Nascent Soul True Monarch is also skilled in the divination technique? Wen Jiu couldn't help but feel anxious inside and then began to wait in place.

Fortunately, after half a day, Wen Jiu did not sense any feeling of a divination technique. Previously, he had researched it; he could feel a divination technique either due to the daily settlement panel or because of the rebirth.

If it were the former, he should be able to sense the divination of the Nascent Soul True Monarch since, before the daily settlement panel, a Nascent Soul True Monarch is still just a Nascent Soul True Monarch. If it's the latter, perhaps because the other party's divination technique is too strong, nothing could be sensed.

"No matter the reason, it shouldn't be possible to trace it back to my true self. I have the secret of rebirth and crossing worlds; the Nascent Soul True Monarch should not be qualified to spy on me." Even so, Wen Jiu was still somewhat anxious.

This time was indeed a bit risky, but fortunately, he used something external to take this risk.

"This is the benefit of external objects." Wen Jiu sighed, his gaze once again looking towards the darkness.

Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

A darkness that leads directly to the Sixth Abyss.

Just the mention of these is worth exploring.

"Since I can't directly divine now, I'll wait until the East Spring Undying Bone steps into the upper realm. Perhaps once it steps into the upper realm, the ominous hexagram will change; if it doesn't, then wait for it to transform into an Undying Corpse Demon."

Although there are no Blood Corpse Mushrooms now, the East Spring Undying Bone can still skyrocket at a rate of more than three thousand points of experience daily.

Ten days will be thirty thousand.

This speed of improvement can be described as ridiculously exaggerated.

In a few days.

The upper realm can be reached.

When the East Spring Undying Bone reaches the upper realm, it may not be able to rival late-stage Golden Core Cultivators, but it certainly won't be far off.

"I don't believe, by then, I still won't be able to take a walk in the darkness. If possible, I might even be able to explore the Sixth Abyss." The Master of Many Evils obtained the Nether Blue Flame in the Third Abyss, which played a significant role, helping a Puppet Master become a top existence in the Middle Realm.

Who knows what kind of effect the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire of the deeper Sixth Abyss has?

Or perhaps.

Is it possible to go from the Sixth Abyss to the Ninth Abyss?

Wen Jiu is now still thinking about the Nine Nether Qi under the Nine Abysses, which is a key item for cultivating living medicine. The Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpses of the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven are ultimately non-renewable; now, nearly a hundred miles have been devoured, and perhaps a thousand miles won't take long.

Afterward, to cultivate the East Spring Undying Bone and the other Three Corpses, living medicine might be the best substitute for Blood Corpse Mushrooms. After all, nurturing corpses with Blood Corpse Mushrooms still isn't fast enough.

The most important thing is that he has a Demon Corpse, and the Demon Body named East Spring Water Demon Body can freely take Nine Nether Qi.

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Several days later.

A piece of news that shocked the western part of the West Mountain Floating Domain and even the entire West Mountain Floating Domain began to spread rapidly. With spirit birds delivering messages, and Communication Stones transmitting over ten thousand miles, it spread throughout the West in an hour.

The news was spread by the Longteng Family and promoted by them, with the first to receive it being the Qi Guang Sect cultivators who were heading toward the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven. Riding flying ships and using magical artifacts, they traveled thousands of miles to reach the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven, and just as they were a few thousand miles away, the Longteng Family suddenly chose to start the battle.

Longteng Liyi had already arrived outside the eastern heaven of the lake bottom, aiming to take the head of the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor to commemorate the recently fallen Longteng Family Elder, Longteng Qianqiu.

"Senior Brother, should we go or not?" A female cultivator in the Foundation Establishment Early Stage from Qi Guang Sect put away the Communication Stone, her expression solemn.

Beside her was a male cultivator in the Middle Stage of Foundation Establishment, who, after hesitating for a moment, finally spoke, "The news has been out for an hour. The ancestor of the Longteng Family has definitely already arrived outside the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven. Now that this news is spreading wildly, it is definitely intentional by the Longteng Family... It seems that the silence in the past days was all for today."

"Senior Brother, you still haven't said whether we're going or not?" The female cultivator in the Early Stage of Foundation Establishment was getting anxious.

The male cultivator frowned and shook his head, "The battle between the ancestor of Longteng Family and the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is extraordinary. We're merely at the Foundation Establishment, and if we get involved, we're bound to die; we can only watch from the sidelines. It's said that now even the Great Elder of Qi Guang Sect and others are all in the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven, and most of the main branch cultivators have already moved there. If we lose this battle, our Qi Guang Sect will be utterly finished."

The female cultivator's expression changed again, "Senior Brother, what should we do?"

"If we lose, I'm afraid we can only leave the western part of the West Mountain Floating Domain, or else our lives won't be safe." The male cultivator sighed heavily, "We can only wait; we have no choice."

"Then let's find a nearby place to stay and wait." The female cultivator used her Divine Sense to scan the surroundings, locked onto a medium-sized cultivation market thirty miles away, and swiftly flew there using Sword Control.

The male cultivator followed.

But his heart had already been stirred by the wind, ascending to the Nine Heavens and reaching outside the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven. After entering the market, he found it hard even to think about drinking Spirit Tea. All because this battle concerns the future of the Qi Guang Sect.

If defeated.

The Qi Guang Sect would be completely finished.

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At this moment, countless Qi Guang Sect cultivators like them, and this was precisely what Longteng Liyi most wanted to see. And those who received the news among the Golden Core Influences near the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven immediately set off, while those further away also had no heart for anything else, sitting in their courtyards, waiting for news.

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At this moment, they all understood that this news was deliberately not disclosed to them until now. The Longteng Family emphasized that this was a private vendetta between the Qi Guang Sect, the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, and the Longteng Family, forbidding anyone to interfere, clearly not wanting them to share the division of the Qi Guang Sect.

But dividing the Qi Guang Sect is no longer important; what matters now is who wins and who loses.

The Lu Family Corpse Ancestor dared to kill Longteng Qianqiu and faces the Longteng Family openly, clearly with confidence in his abilities.

Meanwhile, Longteng Liyi dared to personally attack, surely prepared, and absolutely not acting rashly.

Both of them are confident.

The outcome hangs in balance.

It’s truly hard to say.

Just like them, the Golden Core cultivators who had already split from the Qi Guang Sect upon receiving the news immediately began to observe, though compared to others, they hoped more for the defeat of the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor.

Only if the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is defeated can they prove Lin Hai, Red Fire Zhenren, and the others are a joke. Under their leadership, Qi Guang Sect is doomed to destruction and cannot be rebuilt.

"Even though the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor has a Spirit Body comparable to the Late Stage of Golden Core, he is ultimately just at the Middle Stage of Golden Core." Formerly a Third Elder of Qi Guang Sect and now Patriarch of the Li Family at Crescent Lake, Li Qingyan sat in the center of the lake, scoffing repeatedly, "Lin Hai and Red Fire still hope to rely on him to rebuild Qi Guang Sect. Truly a fool's dream. Today, I shall gleefully watch Qi Guang Sect perish entirely!"

Another female cultivator of the Middle Stage of Golden Core who had rushed over upon hearing the news nodded with a smile, "Fellow Daoist Li sees clearly. Knowing Longteng Liyi would never rest peacefully, instead of hiding, they want to rebuild their mountain gate, letting Qi Guang Sect disciples die in vain. Fortunately, we escaped early, otherwise, both our lineage's cultivators and we would have been doomed by them."

The speaker was Lanshan Yue, the Fourth Elder of Qi Guang Sect, a fourth Mid-stage Golden Core cultivator.

After a brief period of ridicule and mockery, the two quietly sat, watching the fish and the lake, their minds constantly concerned with the outcome of the battle.

They hoped for Qi Guang Sect's victory.

Yet feared Qi Guang Sect's victory.

If not for the battle being of Late Stage Golden Core, they might even have hidden away, transforming themselves to personally assist Longteng Family cultivators in killing Red Fire and Lin Hai, permanently eliminating future troubles.

"Patriarch, we have news!" Suddenly, an early-stage Golden Core cultivator rushed in, "Previously, our Li Family members sent to investigate have delivered news that the entire Pingyue Lake has been submerged by Thunder Sea, forcing all Qi Guang Sect members to retreat into the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven."

"Good news!"

Li Qingyan was overjoyed.

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Pingyue Lake.

Under the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, the twenty-mile deep lake has already turned into a giant pit, with all spirit fish and strange beasts within the lake perishing under the divine thunder, revealing the entrance to the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven.

Seeing Longteng Liyi not pursuing, the disciples of the Qi Guang Sect Main Lineage who had retreated to the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven finally breathed a sigh of relief. In the

next moment, Red Fire Zhenren arrived, and before they could fully relax, he urgently stated, "Everyone head deeper into the grotto heaven to the new mountain gate of Qi Guang Sect, do not linger."

The Qi Guang Sect Main Lineage fake cores, Foundation Establishment cultivators, and numerous Qi Cultivation disciples dared not delay and immediately set off.

As they began to move, Red Fire Zhenren activated the grand formation, suspending the Bronze Giant Sword once more. Lin Hai, Pei Wuxing, and others had also rushed over upon hearing the call, quickly assisting in guarding the formation.

"Wuxing, quickly leave the grotto heaven entrance, lead the disciples to the mountain gate, and summon all disciples scattered throughout the grotto heaven back, retreat inside the gate." Lin Hai decisively spoke.

Pei Wuxing urgently replied, "Great Elder, what will you do? This formation might not even withstand Longteng Liyi for a moment; once he breaks through, you may not have the chance to escape."

Lin Hai angrily rebuked, "No more nonsense, retreat quickly."

"Yes!"

Pei Wuxing dared not say more, swiftly flying away.

Once the Qi Guang Sect's Golden Core cultivators left, Lin Hai activated the grand formation and immediately glanced at Red Fire Zhenren nearby, "Red Fire, head east in the grotto heaven; at the end, you'll find a place invaded by Yin Evil Qi. The Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is there. No sound transmission can enter that area, so you must go in person. Remember not to venture too deep, or you might face mortal danger."

"Old Hai, the formation is already activated; even if you stay to guard it, it won't last long. If we leave, we do it together. I'm not leaving you alone." Red Fire Zhenren was reluctant to leave.

"I'll find a way to withdraw to the mountain gate to defend; the mountain gate left by the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect cannot be shaken by Longteng Liyi. During this time, the matter of the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor is in your hands, and the future of Qi Guang Sect depends on you." Lin Hai spoke again, seeing Red Fire Zhenren hesitated, he could only muster a smile, "Old guy, rest assured, I'm not easy to kill yet!"

"You go; I'll stand in for you." Red Fire Zhenren didn't respond, directly charging into the formation and grabbing Lin Hai, tossing him out of the grand formation, then quickly taking over the position of formation eye.

"You old fellow!"

Lin Hai knew Red Fire Zhenren's intention, but he couldn't help feeling a bit annoyed.

Boom—

A massive roar broke his hesitation entirely; clearly, Longteng Liyi was now attacking the formation.

"Old fellow, stay alive for me." Lin Hai, unable to think more, immediately set off towards the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

Watching Lin Hai depart, Red Fire Zhenren nodded with a smile, his eyes filled with fighting spirit. In the next moment, rings of fire danced around him; as Longteng Liyi broke through the outer formation and entered, he raised a hand to control the formation, pressing the Bronze Giant Sword down to attack Longteng Liyi.

Boom—

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The giant sword descended, and the sword light, along with the lightning, exploded violently, directly shattering the Tier Three Middle Grade Grand Array that had barely held. The Bronze Giant Sword shattered piece by piece amidst the lightning, like tiles. Yet Red Fire Zhenren did not retreat in the face of this scene but confronted it head-on.

The fire rings danced into the lightning, but were directly blown away by strands of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder.

"Red Fire, after all these years, it's surprising that you're still so overconfident." Longteng Liyi stepped slowly into the grotto on divine thunder, with Jinhua Divine Thunder coiling around him like a Thunder Dragon, releasing a terrifying aura that gripped the soul, "Do you understand the weight of the words 'The difference between Mid-stage and Late-stage Golden Core is vast, and even between two Late-stage Golden Cores, there's a disparity'?"

"I understand, how could a junior not understand? The ancestor gave everything but couldn't take you, senior, to the Yellow Springs. I'm just a mere Mid-stage Golden Core, what can I do?" Red Fire Zhenren grinned, yet his eyes were full of battle intent, "But in this lifetime, the word surrender is unknown to me."

"You have courage."

Longteng Liyi praised, and with a wave of his hand, a strand of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder was unleashed.

Boom—

Red Fire Zhenren raised his hand and deployed multiple Fire Ring Magical Artifacts. The fire rings formed shields, the sea of fire created walls, but under a single strand of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, the ring shield that could block any Mid-stage Golden Core Cultivator's attack crumbled instantly, and Red Fire Zhenren was thrown a thousand zhang away by a strand of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder.

"Overestimating yourself."

Longteng Liyi snorted coldly, then quickly sped towards where Red Fire Zhenren had fallen.

Afterward, he lifted his hand again, the dust dispersed, and Red Fire Zhenren lay slumped in a stone crater, blood already staining his chest red. This time Longteng Liyi did not attack but quietly looked down.

Like the moon in the sky gazing down at a frog at the bottom of the well.

Pfft—

Red Fire Zhenren crawled up from the stone crater and spat out the blood that gushed up his throat, gave a bleak smile, and when he looked up, he couldn't see Longteng Liyi's face clearly, only seeing his smug smile.

"The gap is indeed huge, didn't expect not to handle even one strike, my Lifebound Spiritual Artifact shattered." Red Fire Zhenren supported himself with hands on the shattered stones beside him, slowly stood up, then leaped into the air.

However.

Just as Red Fire Zhenren gradually ascended, wanting to see Longteng Liyi's face, a strand of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder fell again, forcibly pressing Red Fire Zhenren into the ground.

Boom—

A thousand zhang of earth cracked on the spot, and this time Red Fire Zhenren did not get up so quickly.

Because with this strike, his Spirit Body was already seventy percent damaged. But just when Longteng Liyi intended to speak, a sudden violent tremor came from the ground, hundreds of Red Fire Iron Chains like a Giant Python drilled out, crazily surging towards Longteng Liyi in the sky.

"Tier Three Middle Grade Red Fire Celestial Refining Demon-Locking Treasure Talisman." Longteng Liyi spoke with some surprise and retreated, while the hundreds of red iron chains relentlessly pursued, shattering strands of obstructing Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder.

Even so, Longteng Liyi glanced back, still smiling, "Truly your style; others nurture Protective Talismans for centuries, while what you nurture are treasure talismans of slaughter."

"Don’t know if this talisman can harm you, dog!" Red Fire Zhenren said with a tragic smile, revealing a mouthful of blood-stained teeth.

"Courting death!"

Longteng Liyi no longer retreated, and the Thunder Dragon circling him suddenly charged out.

A complete Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder fiercely descended, accompanied by the sound of a dragon roar, enveloping the hundreds of Red Fire Iron Chains, one section after another crumbling. Yet, being a Tier Three Middle Grade Treasure Talisman, it didn’t shatter immediately. But Red Fire Zhenren’s smile was gradually freezing at this moment.

"You damn dog, you indeed can fight." Red Fire Zhenren sighed helplessly and quietly closed his eyes.

"Old Hai."

"Grandpa will go first."

"He’s too strong, I really can’t hold on any longer..."

Boom—

The Thunder Dragon shattered and dissipated into a Thunder Pool, while the Tier Three Middle Grade Red Fire Celestial Refining Demon-Locking Treasure Talisman in front of Red Fire Zhenren also turned to ash. As the grotto gradually calmed, Longteng Liyi became increasingly angry, "Originally, this Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder was prepared for the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, to see if he, one from the Heterodox Sect, could withstand a righteous divine thunder strike, but it ended up being exhausted."

"Damn it!"

Longteng Liyi flashed to hover over Red Fire Zhenren, readying to end him.

But at that moment, a sudden, leisurely voice came through, "If you kill him, I will immediately leave this grotto heaven and from then on specifically kill people from the Longteng Family; after killing, I will leave!"

Originally resigned to death, Red Fire Zhenren’s eyes slightly opened, a smile gradually appearing on his lips.

"Corpse Ancestor, you really came quickly."

Longteng Liyi snorted coldly, lifted his hand and buried Red Fire Zhenren under a mass of sand and stones, "Old thing from the Lu Family, do you think you can leave this grotto heaven today?"

The words fell.

Longteng Liyi took out an Array Disc from his storage bag, and with a boom, placed it at the entrance of the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven.

The Array Disc landed.

A Tier Three Superior Trapping Array instantly rose from the ground.

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The black thunder forms a net, and the flood dragon sits in the array. Although this thunder is not a divine thunder, it is the infamous Calamity Thunder in the Cultivation Realm. It can limit escape techniques, defend against spatial treasures, spatial talismans, and even convert the cultivator’s attacks into its own energy.

As for that flood dragon, it is an authentic Tier Three Middle Grade Thunder Flood Dragon Spirit. During its lifetime, it roamed the forbidden lands plagued by Calamity Thunder, complementing the thunder perfectly. After transforming into a Thunder Spirit, it can borrow the power of the flood dragon’s thunder, while the Thunder Flood Dragon can enhance the ferocity of the Calamity Thunder.

"This Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array was crafted by a Tier Three Top-Grade Yin Array Master, which I invited to the Golan Floating Domain. It took over fifty years to complete. Even if you find another Tier Three Top-Grade Yin Array Master, it would be difficult to break this array. I originally planned to use it against Lin Yingyun Mountain, but it was never needed on that day." Longteng Liyi ascended into the sky again, his gaze falling in the direction where East Spring Undying Bone was rapidly approaching.

It wasn’t long.

East Spring Undying Bone drew near.

Wen Jiu glanced through the East Spring Undying Bone at the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array and couldn’t help but marvel at the depths of the old thing’s reserves. This whole Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array, if replaced with Corpse Nourishing Essence Blood, how much would it cost?

"Blocking the entrance and exit of the Grotto Heaven with the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array, it seems there’s a resolve to kill everyone."

To be cautious, after checking the auspicious sign slowly appearing in the Dark Realm once more, Wen Jiu finally felt at ease.

The trapping array was set.

The trump card remained unclear.

But fortune still favored them.

At this moment, Red Fire Zhenren, who had been buried, got up, spat out the yellow earth in his mouth, and staggered back to the position beneath East Spring Undying Bone. "Thank you, Corpse Ancestor, for saving my life. I, Red Fire, will never forget it!"

"I have no favor to you; it was just a transaction. Return to the mountain gate and don’t get in the way."

Wen Jiu reminded with a sentence, hoping that the cultivators of Qi Guang Sect would see all this as merely a transaction. Do not be grateful to him; he couldn’t handle it, nor did he want to accept it.

Otherwise, when it was time to leave later, his steps would be hard to take decisively.

Red Fire Zhenren did not say much, merely raised his hand in a deep bow, and then transformed into an escape light to rendezvous with the approaching Lin Hai. Lin Hai wanted to advance further, but he was stopped by Red Fire Zhenren. "Did you not see my

miserable state? In this battle, if we are affected, even we cultivators might not fare better than Qi Refining Cultivators."

Lin Hai gazed deeply at the distant Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array, full of apprehension in his eyes. Although he wanted to step forward to help, he had to admit Red Fire Zhenren's words were true, helplessly he had to lead Red Fire Zhenren away first.

"Luckily, the Corpse Ancestor sensed Longteng Liyi's approach in advance." Upon noticing Red Fire Zhenren's severe injuries, Lin Hai felt a lingering fear.

Red Fire Zhenren remained silent, merely escaping swiftly with Lin Hai, but after traveling three to four thousand miles, they stopped moving.

"It's pointless to go further, whether or not we return to the mountain gate or recover from injuries. With the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array in place, you, I, and the Qi Guang Sect main lineage have no retreat left. If the Corpse Ancestor were to..."

Red Fire Zhenren left the sentence unfinished.

But Lin Hai understood.

"If it truly comes to that, then perhaps the Qi Guang Sect was meant to fall, and you and I as brothers can simply head to the Yellow Springs together."

"You're likely to die faster than me, unable to head there with me," Red Fire Zhenren teased lightly.

Lin Hai paused, speechless, as memories of the days entering Qi Guang Sect, cultivating with Red Fire Zhenren, hunting demons, and being chased by demon beasts for thousands of miles flashed in his mind. Finally, he exchanged a smile with Red Fire Zhenren.

"Then wait for me!"

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Within the Grotto Heaven.

Longteng Liyi didn't hesitate at all, didn't use treasures, talismans, or other techniques to deal with East Spring Undying Bone. Instead, he directly pulled off the clothes on his chest, revealing a chest shimmering with thunderous light.

"To extract this treasure, the Great Elder of my Longteng Family used his body as a vessel and destroyed his foundation utterly, with no chance of advancing to the Late Stage of Golden Core in this life. And I, too, for the purpose of killing you, used my body as a vessel, expending a Tier Three Top-Grade Treasure Talisman nurtured for a hundred

years to bring it here." Longteng Liyi's eyes were full of killing intent, and his right hand suddenly plunged into his thunderous chest, gripping an object with a violent tremor trembling through his body.

In the next moment.

The roar of Li Long exploded in his chest, echoing throughout the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven, causing Lin Hai and the others as well as the Qi Guang Sect cultivators returning to the mountain gate to all turn toward the entrance of the Grotto Heaven, where the dragon's roar erupted.

Even across thousands of miles, they could still feel the oppressive sensation the dragon's roar inflicted on their Divine Souls.

"I know you must have confidence in something; otherwise, there's no way you'd dare confront me head-on after knowing Lin Yingyun Mountain perished at my hands. But perhaps in your wildest dreams, you'd never think my Longteng Family would possess a piece of Tier Four Li Dragon Bone, right?" Longteng Liyi spoke as he pulled the Li Dragon Bone out.

Wen Jiu remained still, because when the Li Dragon Bone left Longteng Liyi's body, streaks of extremely thin Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder extended continuously. They did not harm Longteng Liyi, but they indeed transformed the surrounding hundred feet into a Thunder Pool, and it continued to spread without restraint, uncontrollably expanding.

Even though each Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder might not be as destructive as the previous strike by Longteng Liyi, gathered by the hundreds, thousands, and tens of thousands, how can their combined power be underestimated?

Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to attempt a punch, but the force and corpse aura were swiftly negated by large amounts of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, unable to advance an inch. Moreover, with this strike, the Thunder Pool expanded rapidly, spreading in the blink of an eye to a ten-thousand-foot region, forcing Wen Jiu to have East Spring Undying Bone momentarily retreat.

"It seems his Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder originates from this Li Dragon Bone." Wen Jiu gazed at the dragon bone, simultaneously observing the thousands upon thousands of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder emanating from it, unable to suppress the exclamation, "Even though East Spring Undying Bone's corpse aura is protected by Avoidance Divine Techniques, reducing the Divine Thunder's power by thirty percent when countering Heterodox Evil Techniques, the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder released by this dragon bone can still easily shatter the corpse aura of East Spring Undying Bone... Truly worthy of being a dragon bone, its tremendous power is awe-inspiring."

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Regarding the Li Dragon, Wen Jiu knows a bit, not because he's particularly knowledgeable, but simply because the True Dragon is too renowned.

Throughout the Divine Fall Mountain Range and the West Mountain Floating Domain, the Dragon Race has always been the pinnacle of bloodlines among the demon tribes, rare and powerful.

For thousands upon thousands of years, countless cultivators have passed down their tales, adding artistic embellishments, making their status in the hearts of righteous cultivators akin to the reverence the Huaxia sons and daughters held for the divine dragon in the previous world.

Ultimately, it all stems from their power.

It is said that a True Dragon, like a Golden Core Cultivator, naturally possesses the foundation and power to reach Tier Four directly.

Furthermore, they can awaken the Acquired Divine Techniques that Golden Core Cultivators dream of cultivating at Tier Three.

So after their death, even a single scale becomes a highly sought-after material for artifact refiners and puppet masters. A whole section of Tier Four Li Dragon Bone, if it were known, might drive countless Tier Three Top-Grade artifact refiners and puppet masters mad.

Now, the dragon bone in Longteng Liyi's hand bears signs of forging and refining. Clearly, the Li Dragon Bone has been made into a magical artifact.

Perhaps Longteng Liyi cannot fully control it, just like how Wen Jiu cannot control the Tier Three Top-Grade Demon Artifact left by the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch, yet it does not stop it from elevating Longteng Liyi's power to unprecedented heights.

After passing through the auspicious hexagrams in the Dark Realm, Wen Jiu felt more at ease, even considering using the Tier Three Top-Grade Demon Artifact left by the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch against his enemies, but upon reflection, he decided against it.

That item is not only tied to the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch but also involves other Nascent Soul Cultivators. It’s better to use it to obscure celestial secrets and fate. Using it in battle could invite trouble, something he cannot handle right now.

"Practitioners of the Heterodox Dao, without proper methods, even the heavens and earth reject you, making it difficult for you to achieve Golden Core and even harder to attain the Nascent Soul Dao Fruit. Moreover, your methods are naturally restrained by thunder techniques, and this Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder is the strongest among them... Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, how powerful do you find these Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder?"

Longteng Liyi held the half-zhang-long Li Dragon Bone with a single hand, surrounded by Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, which seemed ready to strike him at any moment, yet always missed.

Wen Jiu did not respond to Longteng Liyi’s words as he continued observing the Li Dragon Bone.

Meanwhile, he had a bold idea.

What unexpected gain might there be if it were sewn together with the East Spring Water Demon’s Demon Corpse?

"Nothing to say?"

Longteng Liyi laughed loudly twice at the sky.

The next moment.

The laughter abruptly stopped.

Longteng Liyi flickered and charged at the East Spring Undying Bone, raising the Li Dragon Bone and smashing down fiercely. As the dragon bone descended, countless Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunders followed, creating a thunderous and earth-shattering commotion.

Boom—

The East Spring Undying Bone evaded using the Blood Corpse Escape, but in the area where the Li Dragon Bone fell, everything within a thousand zhang was reduced to dust.

"Dodge?"

"I won’t let you dodge!"

Longteng Liyi flickered and caught up, smashing the Li Dragon Bone at the East Spring Undying Bone repeatedly, and a fierce Thunder Sea covered the sky, engulfing the East Spring Undying Bone. No matter how the East Spring Undying Bone flew and escaped, Longteng Liyi could catch up, his speed surpassing the East Spring Undying Bone.

"No wonder you're able to kill Lin Yingyun Mountain." For the first time facing such an enemy, Wen Jiu couldn't help but sigh.

Because Longteng Liyi could precisely sense every time the Blood Corpse Escape landed.

Obviously.

Longteng Liyi's Divine Sense is powerful enough to detect spatial fluctuations, so no matter where the East Spring Undying Bone landed, Longteng Liyi could quickly follow and bring down the dragon bone.

Fortunately, this situation can only happen for a short period because not everyone can continuously perform the Escape Technique like the East Spring Undying Bone. For Longteng Liyi, probably after twenty or thirty more times, he would no longer be able to perform the Escape Technique.

If this continued, Longteng Liyi would undoubtedly fail to keep up, but that was meaningless because the entrance to the Grotto Heaven was already blocked by the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array. He could spend time in the Grotto Heaven, but Lin Hai and the others could not.

However, doing so might be able to deplete the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder within the Li Dragon Bone held by Longteng Liyi.

But Longteng Liyi seemed to see through his plan, proudly mocking him again and again, "Keep hiding, I want to see how long you can hide! I know you want to test how long the thousands of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder within the Li Dragon Bone can last.

I can tell you directly, this treasure has been nurtured in the Dragon Fall Land for over four hundred years, refined, and has devoured countless thunder-attribute items. Not to mention killing you, even if I battle for three or five more years, the Divine Thunder will still be abundant!"

"Guess if I believe you." Wen Jiu replied and continued to employ the Blood Corpse Escape, maneuvering around him.

After a while, Longteng Liyi, who continually chased the East Spring Undying Bone with Escape Techniques, could only stop and dared not use the Escape Technique to pursue. After prolonged failure to catch up, Longteng Liyi's eyes filled with rage, but he glanced at the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array behind him and revealed a sly and

proud smile, "Fortunately, I was prepared! Feel free to continue hiding. Once I kill all the disciples of the Qi Guang Sect, I'll come back to deal with you properly."

After speaking, Longteng Liyi held the Li Dragon Bone and flew off in the direction where Lin Hai and another person had left.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to give chase, but he merely stood quietly in place, appearing indifferent.

After a dozen breaths, Longteng Liyi stopped his flight, gritting his teeth as he turned back to coldly glare at the East Spring Undying Bone.

"Why didn't you continue?"

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Wen Jiu retorted.

Longteng Liyi angrily said, "I almost forgot, you are a heterodox corpse cultivator, not a kind-hearted person! Even if everyone in the Qi Guang Sect died, someone like you, a heterodox evil cultivator, would not even spare a glance."

"It's obvious you want to kill, and yet you say I'm not the good person." Wen Jiu felt speechless, all I've done is stand still.

You dare say I'm not a good person.

Truly seeking death!

Longteng Liyi angrily spoke again, moved in form, no longer heading in the direction of Lin Hai and others, but instead resumed attacking East Spring Undying Bone, "I want to see how many times you can use this escape technique."

"Not going? It's definitely more than you imagine." Wen Jiu chuckled, his attention always on that piece of Li Long dragon bone. He couldn't believe it, a Tier Three Top-Grade Spiritual Artifact refined from a piece of Li Long dragon bone, could be only this capable.

As expected.

The next moment, just when East Spring Undying Bone used his Blood Corpse Escape, Longteng Liyi's face suddenly showed a smug smile, as if some plan had succeeded. When the Li Long dragon bone landed, a massive amount of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder erupted from East Spring Undying Bone's corpse body.

Boom—

They emerged from the corpse body of East Spring Undying Bone, like slender little snakes.

They wriggled and exploded with a massive amount of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, far greater than the thunder sea that previously covered hundreds of miles, thoroughly engulfing East Spring Undying Bone and turning miles of land into a true thunder sea, where everything became void wherever the divine thunder passed. The terrifying pressure made Lin Hai and his companion tremble in their souls from thousands of miles away, even giving birth to fear.

"This..."

Lin Hai was stunned in place.

Red Fire Zhenren probed his Divine Sense, but the instant it touched the thunder sea, his mind felt as though it was being torn apart.

"Ah..."

Lin Hai quickly supported Red Fire Zhenren, watching as blood slowly oozed from Red Fire Zhenren's eyes, nasal cavity, mouth corner, and ear canals, as he fell unconscious, his expression growing increasingly ugly.

Looking at the thunder sea that made his soul tremble uncontrollably, he even felt despair in his heart.

Such a terrifying thunder sea, even if a true late-stage Golden Core heterodox cultivator came, they wouldn't be able to withstand it?

"Qi Guang Sect..."

"Fate, it seems..."

"Master, in the end, as your disciple, I still fail to repay your teaching and creation grace..."

Even though he was mentally prepared for this outcome, Lin Hai couldn't help but tear up.

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Above the thunder sea.

Longteng Liyi gazed down at the thunder sea spreading hundreds of miles with indifference in his eyes, "The nurturing of hundreds of years is not just these thousands of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, but the Li Long Dragon Bone itself.

Do you know that the Li Long originates from the midstream of the Heaven-Reaching River, surviving by swallowing Heaven-Reaching River Water, nurturing innate divine techniques capable of overturning the Floating Domain, nurturing an immortal body. This Li Long Devouring Seed is a tragic remnant within the dragon bone, birthed from the Heaven-Reaching River Water, though its body is of thunder, it has long birthed sentience.

They take the huge Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder as their body, hidden within, accompanying each time your corpse body suffers from the divine thunder, they infiltrate into your corpse body. It must be said, if it were an ordinary Golden Core body cultivator, their spirit body might have already been thoroughly penetrated by the Li Long Devouring Seed.

But your spirit body blocked all the Li Long Devouring Seeds within the corpse body, but the Li Long Devouring Seed is the remnant of the innate divine techniques of the Li Long Dragon Bone, it is also the most powerful killing move of the Li Long Dragon Bone, as a mere middle-stage Golden Core corpse cultivator, you cannot withstand it.

Even if Lin Yingyun Mountain came... no no no... even if Nangong Huan came, they couldn’t withstand this Li Long Devouring Seed either... But telling you is pointless, because even your Divine Soul cannot escape this thunder sea."

With that.

Longteng Liyi faintly smiled, raised his hand and took out a palm-sized black stele from his storage bag. Once thrown, the stele ascended into the sky, a powerful Soul Capturing Power erupted invisibly, though it dare not directly penetrate into the thunder sea, it enveloped the surrounding hundreds of miles of thunder sea.

This stele is exactly another Tier Three Top-Grade Spiritual Artifact of Longteng Liyi, named the Soul Suppressing Stele, which can capture the Divine Soul of deceased cultivators within, unable to escape for eternity. Even a Golden Core Perfection Cultivator is no exception.

This magical artifact was originally prepared for Lin Yingyun Mountain, to prevent him from rebuilding once more through possession, but Lin Yingyun Mountain, unfortunately, escaped one calamity due to the demon cultivator from the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect, perished elsewhere, otherwise, his soul would surely be sealed within, suffering

torment until soul dispersion, to appease the centuries-old grudge between the Longteng Family and the Qi Guang Sect.

"Hmm?"

Longteng Liyi suddenly frowned, because the Soul Suppressing Stele still showed no response, as if it couldn't sense a disembodied Divine Soul.

"The effect of the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder Soul Extinguisher is poor, with this Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's cultivation, the Divine Soul shouldn't have been obliterated within." Longteng Liyi pinched a formula to cast a spell, once again driving the Soul Suppressing Stele.

Yet.

Still no response.

But as the miles of thunder sea from the Li Long Devouring Seed gradually subsided, an extremely familiar figure came into view. It was none other than the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor. Now, the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor stood unscathed at his previous position, his aura was no longer middle-stage Golden Core, but had evidently reached the late-stage Golden Core.

"You hid your cultivation!" Longteng Liyi's expression changed dramatically, looking incredulously at the unharmed East Spring Undying Bone, "Truly a heterodox evil cultivator, sly and deceitful, I never expected that after all my calculations, I didn't anticipate this step."

After his exclamation, Longteng Liyi suddenly realized a problem, "No, no, no, even if you were late-stage Golden Core all along, it's still impossible to withstand the Li Long Devouring Seed, and also impossible to be unharmed within the Li Long Devouring Seed!"

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"To be honest, your Li Dragon Devouring Seed truly surprised me. My Divine Sense didn't feel anything at all," Wen Jiu sighed, somewhat resigned. "I originally wanted to try and

continue concealing my cultivation as a precaution, but unexpectedly, you forced it out. Since that's the case, fellow Daoist, please meet your end!"

With that said, East Spring Undying Bone instantly launched a Blood Corpse Escape attack towards Longteng Liyi. The power of the Top-Grade Undying Golden Core also erupted at this moment, and the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi rapidly spread as East Spring Undying Bone moved.

Boom—

Longteng Liyi felt as if struck by lightning.

Late Stage of Golden Core.

Top-Grade Golden Core.

And the Spirit-Extinguishing Qi that caused an uproar in the Western Xishan Floating Domain, capable of making the heavens and earth devoid of spirit.

"You are not the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor!" By now, Longteng Liyi understood; the Lu Family could hardly produce such a powerful Corpse Ancestor.

Wen Jiu did not respond. He punched towards Longteng Liyi, who was unable to dodge and hastily used the Li Long Dragon Bone to block, while the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder also erupted. Although this divine thunder, capable of annihilating all dark evil techniques, could still scatter the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi, the divine thunder itself had spirit.

It is also a technique!

The Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder broke the evil within a hundred zhang of Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi, yet the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi immediately devoured it, growing an additional hundred zhang. This scene left Longteng Liyi feeling bewildered.

Thunder Punishment for Evil Extermination.

Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder is a top existence among them.

Yet today, not only could it not exterminate evil, but it was also devoured by the corpse qi birthed from Heterodox Evil Technique. How could this be?

"What is your origin, fellow Daoist!" While using the Li Long Dragon Bone to defend, Longteng Liyi spoke in shock and doubt.

With the same Top-Grade Golden Core, possessing Spirit-Extinguishing Qi, also a Corpse Cultivator, Longteng Liyi couldn't believe that this uproar was unrelated to the Top-Grade

Golden Core Ghost Cultivator, Corpse Cultivator, or the Undying Celestial Yin Golden Core Cultivator associated with the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor.

With this in mind, Longteng Liyi chose not to entangle further and began retreating continuously towards the entrance of the grotto heaven.

At the entrance to the grotto heaven, there was the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array that could be used to respond to the enemy, but most importantly, it was about leaving.

His discovery could shock the entire Hundred Floating Domains, even the upper reaches of the Heaven-Reaching River wouldn't be an exception.

This information had to be sent out.

By then, no matter how strong the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor was, he would have to die. With Top-Grade Golden Cores emerging one after another, the force where the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor belonged must have mastered some unknown Core Formation Technique.

Those old Golden Core cultivators stuck in the late stage or even perfection for life would definitely come to the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor to dig out this secret at all costs upon learning of this news.

The Cultivation Realm has long suffered from the quality of the Golden Core!

"Now you want to leave? Too late!" Initially wanting to keep something hidden, he didn't expect Longteng Liyi to force him to expose everything. It was only a few days ago that he reached the Tier Three Upper Realm by refining the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extremely Resentful Corpse.

But since he had to reveal himself, he absolutely couldn't let Longteng Liyi leave, and anyone who knew about the Li Long Dragon Bone also had to die; otherwise, how could he explain his ability to kill Longteng Liyi?

With Longteng Liyi's cultivation, coupled with the Li Long Dragon Bone refined into a Tier Three Top-Grade Spiritual Artifact, no one below Golden Core Perfection could be an adversary, and not only could he fight but also kill.

This was no longer as simple as attracting attention by revealing his identity. Upon knowing, that Domain Lord would probably investigate immediately. Especially given the current situation, that Domain Lord would surely be sensitive to everything.

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Suddenly.

Several thunderous sounds erupted inside the grotto heaven, and endless golden thunder sword lights rose from the ground, with a monstrous killing intent.

The sky filled with golden sword light occurred because, after East Spring Undying Bone repeatedly clashed head-on using his corpse body against the Li Long Dragon Bone and gained an overwhelming advantage, Longteng Liyi directly pulled out several Tier Three Top-Grade Talismans.

Golden thunder swords once more submerged the land within a hundred li radius, with the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder also erupting under Longteng Liyi's control. Even though he was still within and sure to be impacted and severely injured, Longteng Liyi did not hesitate at all.

"You are indeed determined, willing to take the risk of severe injury just for a chance to retreat." As Wen Jiu spoke, East Spring Undying Bone waved his hand to erase large swaths of golden thunder sword light, also shattering much of the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder.

Immediately, the power of the Top-Grade Undying Golden Core suddenly erupted, and as East Spring Undying Bone caught up using Blood Corpse Escape, it descended like a gale-force storm, causing the Li Long Dragon Bone in Longteng Liyi's hand to fly out of his grasp.

"Dragon Bone!"

Even after being blasted a thousand zhang back, Longteng Liyi wanted to rush back to reclaim it. However, East Spring Undying Bone seized the Li Long Dragon Bone, ignoring the impact of the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, and smashed him dozens of li away with it.

The power of the Body-Protecting Golden Pill and the Body-Protecting Talisman simultaneously shattered, and his Tier Three Lower Realm Spirit Body was severely damaged in this strike. But before Longteng Liyi could stabilize his form, East Spring Undying Bone flashed over.

Boom—

Soul Capturing Power crashed down.

"Soul Capturing Divine Techniques!"

Longteng Liyi was aghast.

However.

No matter how he struggled, it was to no avail.

But the most despairing thing was, the most despairing was, his path to survival was sealed by himself.

If not for sealing the last path of sound transmission out with his Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array, he could have quickly sent the message via Secret Technique. Even if not directly back to the Longteng Family, he could have at least spread it to the Longteng Family's spies in the vicinity.

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Or perhaps, if he had fought against the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor right around the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array, he could have forced his Spirit Body to escape within, thus protecting himself for a while, and even temporarily trapping the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor in the Grotto Heaven.

Everything, everything.

The moment he entered the Grotto Heaven, it seemed that the end had already been laid out, and it was laid out by his own hands.

However.

At that moment, he suddenly found with surprise that although the Soul Capturing Power had descended, it did not capture his soul.

Is there still a chance for survival?

Unfortunately.

He couldn't even use Divine Sense Communication.

"I won't kill you. It would indeed be a pity to kill a Late-stage Golden Core Cultivator like you. If you're willing to be soul-controlled and swear eternal loyalty, I can let you join us and even help you achieve a Top-Grade Golden Core if you're reborn and cultivate again in the future."

After speaking.

Wen Jiu didn’t release the control of the Soul Capturing Power.

"But this Li Long Dragon Bone must be handed over to me, and no one else is allowed to know about it except you. So, besides you and me, who else knows about the existence of the Li Long Dragon Bone?" Wen Jiu did not allow him to speak immediately.

Instead, he openly let the Law-Devouring Yin Insect enter his body and start devouring his magic wildly, until it took over the entire body. Only then did Wen Jiu release a part of the Divine Soul to let him speak.

"Great Elder Longteng Wuxing, I can help you kill..." Halfway through, Wen Jiu once again controlled his Divine Soul.

"No need for you to kill, except for him, are you sure there’s no one else?" Wen Jiu threatened again, "If later, when I conduct Soul Searching on you, I find another person knows, don’t blame me for not giving you a chance to live."

"No, absolutely not!" As Wen Jiu released a part of the Soul Capturing Power again, Longteng Wuxing quickly denied.

Wen Jiu nodded in satisfaction, and then obtained the Array Order to initially enter the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array from Longteng Liyi.

Moments later.

Wen Jiu came to the edge of the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array and took out the Communication Stone, sending a message to Longteng Qianyue in front of Longteng Wuxing.

When a familiar voice came through the Communication Stone, Longteng Wuxing’s face suddenly tensed.

Longteng Qianyue!

The Longteng Family had already been infiltrated long ago, and the ones infiltrated included some of his most trusted people.

Damn it.

What force does this Lu Family Corpse Ancestor belong to?

Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect?

No.

Impossible.

If the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect had so many Top-Grade Golden Cores, they wouldn't have been in back-and-forth battles with the West Mountain Floating Domain and surrounding Floating Domains all these years, only gaining a slight upper hand.

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Dragon Fall Valley.

Longteng Wuxing sat at the edge of the corridor, awaiting the Communication from the Ancestor.

At this moment, Longteng Qianyue appeared downstairs, "Second Uncle, the matter you entrusted to me has been accomplished. Within seven days, everyone in the Western Xishan Floating Domain will know about this battle."

"Well done." Longteng Wuxing flashed downstairs, laughing heartily, "Join me upstairs for a few drinks. Once the Ancestor's work there concludes, it'll be the time for our Qi Guang Sect to completely dismantle and take flight. The century-old grudge between our families will finally come to an end, and ultimately, the winners will be us!"

"Yes, ultimately the winners are... us." Longteng Qianyue also laughed heartily, silently mouthing four words in his heart.

For the Master!

Boom——

A Tier Three Top-Grade Talisman exploded violently, right near Longteng Qianyue and Longteng Wuxing.

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Moments later.

Wen Jiu controlled the Three Thousand Blood Inks to perform divination using the Corpse Fate Technique.

When unable to divine Longteng Wuxing, Wen Jiu, tired of dawdling with Longteng Liyi, directly controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to capture souls.

At this moment.

The hope in Longteng Liyi's eyes instantly shattered, and as the moment the East Spring Undying Bone took action, he clearly understood that Longteng Wuxing must have already died at the hands of Longteng Qianyue.

The next moment.

An infinite unwillingness surged in Longteng Liyi's heart.

Infinite regret.

Until his consciousness slowly blurred, eventually vanishing completely.

After capturing the soul, Wen Jiu promptly examined his soul memories and felt assured upon knowing Longteng Liyi hadn't lied.

The reason to kill Longteng Wuxing first was to make sure he wasn't aware of Longteng Liyi's situation.

"All of these are good finds." Wen Jiu collected the Soul Suppressing Stele, Li Long Dragon Bone, and then began refining the masterless Array Disc of the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array; as for Longteng Liyi's body, Wen Jiu intended to use it for Corpse Nourishing directly.

Since the East Spring Undying Bone has already reached the Tier Three Upper Realm, Golden Core late-stage corpses are not something to just readily acquire.

At least there's no lack of them.

Hence, the goal for the fifth corpse still targets the East Spring Water Demon Body as a limited aim.

But just as he was refining the Array Disc, his outward-reaching Divine Sense suddenly detected a familiar Divine Soul aura, surprisingly coming from the former ancestor of Qi Guang Sect, Lin Yingyun Mountain.

[Dear lords, could I get a few monthly votes?

Feique kneels and thanks you.]

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Earlier, Wen Jiu attempted to divine Lin Yingyun Mountain, but it was obscured by powerful celestial secrets.

Thus, he could not discern its current state.

Now that he senses Lin Yingyun Mountain's presence again, Wen Jiu can be certain that Lin Yingyun Mountain has already abandoned its physical body.

In the realm of magic, there are secret techniques like Divine Soul Separation; however, no one dares to use such techniques lightly, as there are many cultivators skilled in Divine Soul Techniques within the West Mountain Floating Domain, especially Golden Core Cultivators, so an unguarded soul could easily become a target.

Golden Core Cultivators are particularly cautious about Divine Soul Separation techniques, and an Elder Cultivator like Lin Yingyun Mountain is no exception.

"Abandon the physical body?"

It felt somewhat familiar to Wen Jiu.

Ah, yes.

Once, the Three Karmic Demon seemed to have abandoned its physical body as well, merging with the True Spirit Demon Tree in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

Wen Jiu didn't know what purpose the merging served, but he remembered the arrogance of the Three Karmic Demon before encountering the Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi, even claiming that as long as the True Spirit Demon Tree remained, its divine soul would not perish.

"Could it be that Lin Yingyun Mountain made the same choice as the Three Karmic Demon?" Wen Jiu thought it was very likely, considering that even the Three Karmic Demon was willing, how could a late-stage Golden Core Cultivator like Lin Yingyun Mountain be any different?

Of course.

This was just a conjecture.

After all, he had merely glimpsed a fraction of the Dark Altar Lineage.

However, the powerful ability that when the True Spirit Demon Tree exists, the divine soul remains immortal and undying, might be the reason Lin Yingyun Mountain dared to split its soul and explore Pingyue Lake. Besides that, he couldn't think of any other possibility.

"No matter what it plans to do, or if it's merely observing the result of this battle, it's none of my business," Wen Jiu disregarded Lin Yingyun Mountain, figuring that capturing its soul would be meaningless anyway.

After Lin Yingyun Mountain discovered East Spring Undying Bone's divine sense probing, it immediately retreated without hesitation.

Once Lin Yingyun Mountain left, Wen Jiu finished refining the Array Disc.

After capturing the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array, Wen Jiu began examining Longteng Liyi's storage bag. Unfortunately, Longteng Liyi was a righteous cultivator. Items like the Soul Suppressing Stele and Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array were few in number.

The majority of items were valuable, but currently of little use to him and would need to be exchanged for Spirit Stones to be truly of value.

Fortunately, like with the spoils from the Master of Many Evils, it was easy to sell openly, so exchanging them for Spirit Stones at East Pole Immortal City would require no trip to Donghua Immortal City.

In summary, the greatest gain for Wen Jiu might just be the Calamity Thunder Heaven-Trapping Yin Array.

The Soul Suppressing Stele was somewhat less useful, inferior to the Soul Capturing Technique, and couldn't be used to mask the divine power when employing the Avoidance Technique of Soul Capture.

Nowadays, it's not like before, where the existence of divine power went unnoticed. Current late-stage Golden Core cultivators, most have encountered acquired divine techniques, though perhaps not having succeeded in cultivating them, have certainly seen others use them, making disguising the Avoidance Technique of Soul Capture virtually impossible.

So the Soul Suppressing Stele could only be sold.

But with the recent gains from the Brute Puppet Sect and Longteng Family, he wouldn't be lacking Corpse Nourishing Resources for quite some time. If Demonic Evil Qi could be bought at will, he had the means. As for essence blood and the like, the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's identity had been exposed, allowing for uninhibited acquisition.

The production of Blood Corpse Mushroom would reach a formidable increase, rapidly boosting the Three Thousand Blood Inks, Blood Demon Undying Bone, and Formless Demon Corpse. As for the Five Ghosts, further upgrades could be made to the Ghost-faced Butcher, elevating it to Tier Three Top Grade, complemented by market-available Ghost Cultivation items, the enhancement would not be slow.

"Satisfying."

Wen Jiu smiled knowingly.

So this is what "financial freedom" feels like.

Very refreshing.

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East Pole Immortal City.

Domain Lord’s Mansion.

Deng Lai rushed madly into the City Lord’s Mansion, attracting curious glances from the onlooking cultivators within.

What could have transpired to make the City Lord act so insanely?

In no time, Deng Lai arrived at the mansion’s rear courtyard, hurriedly entering, forcing Nangong Huan to abruptly halt the creation of a Tier Three Talisman, rendering a costly Tier Three Middle-Grade Talisman Paper useless.

"You better have a monumental reason!"

Nangong Huan stepped out, cold eyes fixed on Deng Lai.

Deng Lai, unable to afford an apology, hurriedly said, "Lord, monumental news, Longteng Wuxing of the Longteng Family was ambushed by Longteng Qianyue, and both perished together. The Longteng Family lost two Golden Core middle stages in just one day."

"Longteng Qianyue?"

Nangong Huan was somewhat baffled.

Why would this happen?

"Lord, that’s not the main point. The main point is, the Longteng Family is in complete chaos because right after they spread the news of Longteng Liyi’s arrival at Pingyue Lake, Longteng Liyi’s Life Soul Lamp extinguished!"

"What!"

Nangong Huan exclaimed in shock.

Longteng Liyi had made full preparations, even forcing him not to interfere, yet now it was Longteng Liyi's Life Soul Lamp that extinguished?

Why is this?

Why is this!

"The Western Xishan Floating Domain... is about to undergo a great change!" Nangong Huan gazed toward the direction of the Lu Clan Territory.

In the next moment.

Nangong Huan turned into a Startled Swan, flying straight to the Lu Family.

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Crescent Lake.

Li Family.

Once the Third Elder of Qi Guang Sect, now the Li Family Patriarch, Li Qingyan was sipping tea with Qi Guang Sect's Fourth Elder, Lanshan Yue.

Li Qingyan was in a great mood today, even taking out Cyan Dragon Saliva that had been aged for three thousand years.

Lanshan Yue sipped it, her divine soul rejoicing with delight, and after a moment, couldn't help but exclaim, "Fellow Daoist Li, I've always wanted to taste your Cyan Dragon Saliva, but you always kept it as a treasure, unwilling to let anyone taste it, even the ancestor wasn't an exception. But today, thanks to the Longteng Family, I finally get to enjoy a taste."

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"It’s not so much about taking advantage, just happy in the heart. Today, there’s enough Cyan Dragon Saliva for everyone to drink to their heart’s content. A cup is worth ten years of Divine Soul cultivation, usually even I can’t bear to part with it," Li Qingyan remarked with a chuckle.

Just as he was about to raise his cup for another drink, a dozen Startled Swans arrived in quick succession, swiftly heading towards Lake Heart Island.

"Hmm?"

Li Qingyan’s expression gradually grew displeased.

But before he could reprimand anyone, a small but thunderous voice exploded beside his ear, "Ancestor, something major has happened. Just now, news came from the Longteng Family that Longteng Liyi’s Life Soul Lamp suddenly went out, throwing the Longteng Family into chaos. Simultaneously, Longteng Wuxing, the Great Elder, was suddenly attacked by Longteng Qianyue, resulting in both of their deaths!"

"What!"

"What nonsense are you spouting?"

Li Qingyan and Lanshan Yue’s faces suddenly changed, and they both stood up, shouting angrily.

Li Qingyan roared, "Longteng Liyi has reached the Late Stage of Golden Core for three to four hundred years. Even Lin Yingyun Mountain can’t match him, how could he possibly lose to the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, a mere Middle Stage of Golden Core Corpse Cultivator?"

"Where did you hear this nonsense? Say another word and I’ll tear your mouth off," Lanshan Yue spoke furiously.

Their angry outburst frightened the dozen individuals into silent submission, kneeling on the ground like cicadas in winter.

However.

Lanshan Yue and Li Qingyan exchanged a glance, their anger gradually replaced by fear in their eyes.

After swallowing hard, Lanshan Yue left without another word, transforming into a Startled Swan and fleeing swiftly, not daring to linger for a moment.

Li Qingyan did the same.

However, the direction Li Qingyan headed was the Longteng Family, a hostile territory he had never dared to set foot in before.

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Meanwhile.

In the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven, Lin Hai, who had retreated back to the mountain gate, saw that the horizon was devoid of any activity, his heart hanging in his throat. Red Fire Zhenren, who had awoken beside him, felt the same.

Pei Wuxing and a few other Golden Core Zhenrens were all uneasy, their minds flooded with various scenarios.

It seemed as if Longteng Liyi could appear at any moment.

Besides them, the Qi Guang Sect's Main Lineage Cultivators also anxiously gazed towards the entrance of the Grotto Heaven.

Would the Qi Guang Sect survive or perish?

Would they live or die?

It would all be decided today!

"Master, do you think the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor can win?" a teenage Qi Cultivation Female Cultivator clutched the sleeve of a Foundation Establishment Cultivator tightly.

The Foundation Establishment Cultivator looked around without answering, merely reminding, "Whatever happens later, stand behind Master. If the sky falls, Master will bear it first... With Master here..."

Hearing their conversation, the Qi Guang Sect's Main Lineage Cultivators around them fell into a deep and sorrowful silence.

Just then, a Startled Swan swiftly flew over, and everyone's heart began to pound like a great drum. Lin Hai, Red Fire Zhenren, and Pei Wuxing immediately drew their Magical Artifacts.

But in the next moment, all of their expressions froze. Upon seeing who it was, the rigidness in their eyes quickly transformed into a wave of delight, some even bursting into tears of joy.

Lin Hai, Red Fire Zhenren, and others were so thrilled that their hair stood on end. After putting away their Magical Artifacts, they hurried forward to bow.

"Corpse Ancestor!"

"Congratulations to Corpse Ancestor for the great victory over Longteng Liyi!"

While they were exclaiming, they discovered that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's cultivation had reached the Late Stage of Golden Core as well.

Before they could say anything more, Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone and said, "Do what you need to do; don't disturb this old man in the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven without reason. Half of the Longteng Family's territory goes to the Lu Family, and half to you."

His words ended.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone and departed.

But even with the East Spring Undying Bone gone, Lin Hai, Red Fire Zhenren, Pei Wuxing, and the other Golden Core cultivators hadn't returned to their senses.

What?

Half of the Longteng Family's territory to them, and the other half to the Lu Family?

Does this mean...

"Could it be that the Corpse Ancestor has slain Longteng Liyi? That Thunder Sea..." Lin Hai's heart was in turmoil.

Upon seeing the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, he believed that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor had definitely driven back Longteng Liyi.

Especially after discovering that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor had reached the Late Stage of Golden Core, he was even more convinced of this thought.

But now it seems it wasn't merely driving him back, but that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor had killed Longteng Liyi.

Otherwise, why would there be a division of territory?

"This..."

Red Fire Zhenren was at a loss for words, shocked beyond speech.

When the Qi Guang Sect's Main Lineage burst into cheers like an erupting mountain and sea, Red Fire Zhenren finally regained his composure. He then glanced at Pei Wuxing beside him, "Are you sure you don't want to visit the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor?"

Pei Wuxing's heart, which had been filled with despair, was now completely swayed.

Perhaps...

Someone as powerful as the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor could have a way!

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Returning to the Spiritless Death Land Grotto Heaven, Wen Jiu refined Longteng Liyi's body into Corpse Blood, storing it in the Corpse Eye, and began accelerating the refining of the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse, striving for the fastest completion.

As for journeying into the dark, Wen Jiu temporarily abandoned the idea, because the day before, when the East Spring Undying Bone reached Tier Three Upper Realm, it was divined to still be an inauspicious omen, and the Life Plate provided little useful information.

As long as it's ominous, Wen Jiu wanted nothing to do with it.

It's worth mentioning that this time, although the East Spring Undying Bone reached Upper Realm, it may not have affected the True Spirit Root, but it directly elevated the original body's Undying Celestial Yin Golden Core to Tier Three Middle Realm.

The increase was significant!

[Body Refining: Undying Celestial Yin Golden Body (Tier Three Middle Stage 0/150000)]

The Undying Celestial Yin Golden Body is the Spirit Body formed during the condensation of the Undying Celestial Yin Golden Core, whose robustness absolutely surpasses that of the East Spring Undying Bone. Not only does it possess extremely strong spatial barrier endurance, allowing for more uses of the Escape Technique than the Tier Three Upper Realm East Spring Undying Bone, but it also has an undying self-healing ability.

Chapter 732 - 350: Tremors Across Factions, Dark Children's Voices

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Originally, there was a third effect, but for Wen Jiu, it’s almost as if it doesn’t exist, because the Undying Celestial Yin Golden Body provides a tenfold chance of achieving the Nascent Soul, but only the normal Human Dao Nascent Soul.

Wen Jiu fears the term "normal," because during the Golden Core Stage, he has seen too many low and middle-grade Golden Cores trapped in the middle and late stages of the Golden Core for life. This was the case for Lin Yingyun Mountain and also for Longteng Liyi.

Therefore, to reach further after obtaining the Nascent Soul Dao Fruit, ultimately forming the Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul.

This time, the enhancement of the Undying Celestial Yin Golden Body surprisingly increased the chance of forming the Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul by half a percent. Previously, after acknowledging the Tier Four High-Grade Outer Path Evil Spirit True Spirit Divine Tree, his Spirit Root transformed into a Middle-Grade True Spirit Root, raising the success rate of forming the Golden Core Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul by half a percent.

But this time, the Undying Celestial Yin Golden Body also increased it by half a percent.

Of course.

Even though it’s just half a percent, adding up to the previous one percent means only one and a half percent in total, now equating to an additional enhancement channel. The Four Corpses, Five Ghosts, Law-Devouring Yin Insects enhancements can provide feedback, offering a chance to enhance the Spirit Root.

The True Spirit Divine Tree’s devouring is also possible.

Adding this, there are three channels, the Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul seems to be already beckoning to him.

No.

It’s still two.

After all, the devouring of the True Spirit Divine Tree is extremely difficult, involving the Nascent Soul, and now approaching it would be suicidal.

However, just as Wen Jiu was about to calmly refine the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse, he suddenly sensed the agitation of divine thunder in the East Spring Undying Bone’s storage pouch becoming more intense and furious.

In fact, he had felt it when he first stored the Li Long Dragon Bone, so he tried suppressing it with Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi and placed it in a separate storage pouch, but didn't expect it to be so soon beyond suppression.

"No wonder in Longteng Liyi's soul memory, taking it to its nurturing place required Longteng Wuxing's body as a vessel to carry it to Pingyue Lake, even using a Tier Three Top-Grade Treasure Talisman to suppress Li Long Dragon Bone's backlash." Wen Jiu froze, suddenly realizing a problem.

Li Long Dragon Bone contains an enormous amount of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, so even though it was refined, it still backlashes the wielder. Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder is the top item to restrain Yin Techniques and evil entities, so having the East Spring Undying Bone bring it into the darkness, might that minimize the danger?

"It seems wasteful to simply let it release the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, it's better to use it effectively." Wen Jiu immediately began using the Corpse Fate Technique for divination, to calculate the fortune of East Spring Undying Bone taking Li Long Dragon Bone into the darkness.

Moments later.

Wen Jiu couldn't help but rejoice.

Small fortune!

"Directly turning misfortune into fortune, this Longteng Liyi indeed gifted me a great thing." Wen Jiu sighed in emotion, sincerely thanking Longteng Liyi for his righteous benevolence.

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Several days later.

The death of Longteng Liyi, coupled with Longteng Wuxing and Longteng Qianyue perishing together, plunged the Longteng Family into chaos. Even though Red Fire Zhenren hasn't taken this opportunity to counterattack, the decline of Longteng Family is inevitable.

The Foundation Establishment and Qi Cultivation cultivators who were originally lagging behind, just received the news of Longteng Liyi annihilating the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, and then immediately learned the news of Longteng Liyi's death, stirring a great surge in the Western West Mountain Floating Domain. No one expected this dramatic ending to the battle between two top-tier Golden Core major influences.

All of a sudden, disciples of Qi Guang Sect who had been hiding in the Independent Practitioner Market felt a sense of relief, and the Foundation Establishment cultivators

who were waylaid on their journey due to the news of Longteng Liyi visiting Pingyue Lake rushed to the lake posthaste.

At this moment.

Everyone is well aware, although Qi Guang Sect is not as glorious as it once was, but also won't face the threat of extermination.

It might continue to exist by relying on the Lu Family, however, cultivators from the Lu Family Main Lineage and Qi Guang Sect Main Lineage are blood-related. Even if dependent, the relationship between the two is never just one of a sect and vassal.

"Senior Brother, let's go!"

The Foundation Establishment female cultivator of Qi Guang Sect who initially learned of the trouble posed by Longteng Liyi and was forced to shrink back in the Independent Practitioner Market excitedly set out using Sword Control.

Beside her, the Foundation Establishment male cultivator smiled and nodded, promptly following, and the stifling frustration of these days finally dissipated.

Qi Guang Sect.

Alive!

Meanwhile, those Golden Core cultivators who had been watching quickly readied grand gifts, swiftly making their way to the Qi Guang Sect at Pingyue Lake, and Lu Family at East Pole Immortal City. Those originally vassals of Qi Guang Sect went to Qi Guang Sect, while those in the Longteng Family faction headed to the Lu Family.

The Golden Core influences that previously depended on Longteng Family had a clear purpose, they were hoping to find peace at the Lu Family. The enmity with Qi Guang Sect can't be resolved simply with gifts.

The blood feud between them, even if they were willing, Qi Guang Sect's disciples or their own cultivators wouldn't be willing. So, they could only turn to Lu Family; if the Lu Family agreed, Qi Guang Sect would give some face.

After all, Qi Guang Sect currently relies on Lu Family.

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East Pole Immortal City.

Lu Family's Great Elder Lu Taixuan, Second Elder Lu Xiu, Fourth Elder Lu Xinyou, and Fifth Elder Lu Changyin have all returned to the Lu Clan Territory, because nearby Golden Core influences were coming one by one to offer congratulations.

Among them are not only mid-stage Golden Core cultivators, even Deng Lai, the City Lord of East Pole Immortal City, and Divine General Nangong Huan have visited. Although elated, knowing the Lu Family is poised to reach an unprecedented height, there's also a sense of anxiety.

So many mid-stage Golden Core cultivators have come, yet the ancestor still remains guarding Cold Pool Mist Valley, not leaving for a single step.

Chapter 733 - 350: Shockwaves Across the Sects, Child's Voice in the Darkness

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"By the command of the Corpse Ancestor, even the Patriarch dare not disobey and can only guard within." Lu Xinyou said helplessly after returning from the Cold Pool Mist Valley.

Lu Taixuan nodded and had to give up, "Forget it, no matter who comes, we can only tell them that both the Patriarch and the Corpse Ancestor are gone. By the way, Red Fire Zhenren of the Qi Guang Sect transmitted a message to me yesterday that the Corpse Ancestor said the territory of the Longteng family should be equally divided between us and Qi Guang Sect. But, after all, our Lu Family doesn't have as many cultivators as Qi Guang Sect. If we want to take over so much territory in one fell swoop, we might be short-handed. What do you all think?"

His words trailed off.

The few looked at each other, unable to think of any solution at the moment.

"There are too few people in the Lu Family." Second Elder Lu Xiu sighed, then glanced at Lu Xinyou and the others, finally resting his gaze on Lu Changyin, "Fifth Elder, though you usually wander about freely and we don't mind, now is a critical time for the Lu Family, and you should also offer some advice."

Lu Changyin shook his head and smiled, "You actually thought to ask me... It seems there really isn't any solution to be thought of. Since that's the case, my suggestion is to let go; you can't become fat in one bite, and we have to rely on the strength of everyone."

Lu Taixuan countered, "Are you saying we should rely on vassals and, as when we dealt with Qi Guang Sect, divide and consume?"

"No." Lu Changyin shook his head, "The Corpse Ancestor said half, so our Lu Family must take half, but we have too few people, and it's difficult to eradicate the Longteng family all at once, so we can only rely on the strength of others. At this moment, I'm sure many also want to take advantage of us, so why not use their hands?

However, the territories taken from Qi Guang Sect cannot be given away to those Golden Core influences for nothing but should be exchanged in another way."

"In what way?"

Lu Taixuan and the others asked eagerly.

"Exchange for resources, to be precise, use things valuable to the Corpse Ancestor in exchange. The foundation and heritage of our Lu Family are not the land beneath our feet, nor the spirit veins behind us, nor all of us present here, but only the Corpse Ancestor throughout." Lu Changyin pointed out the essence, his heart full of loyalty to the Corpse Ancestor.

His words fell.

Lu Taixuan and the others exchanged a glance, deeply agreeing.

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In the darkness.

When holding the Li Long Dragon Bone to enter, wherever the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder passed, the Evil Spirits vanished in pieces.

To be honest, Wen Jiu felt somewhat reluctant, but the East Spring Undying Bone couldn't refine the Li Long Dragon Bone.

It could only be restricted with Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi to prevent further losses.

After several days of exploration, Wen Jiu discovered that the darkness not only limited flight and divine sense but also continuously surrounded the East Spring Undying Bone with the wails of Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses. Even in the East Pole Immortal City, he could hear them, making his mind swell and feel groggy.

Fortunately, with the protection of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, the wails' influence was limited to that extent, and the darkness, far denser than the Thousand Li Sealed Soul Land of Extreme Resentment and Evil Corpse, posed no threats that could affect the East Spring Undying Bone.

Ultimately, he began to foresee minor misfortunes, yet the residual despicable Evil Spirits associated with the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses never appeared.

Most of the threats within the darkness were blocked by the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, unable to approach the East Spring Undying Bone.

But just as Wen Jiu continued to delve deeper, a clear child's voice sounded in the darkness. The voice was very calm, so calm that it seemed devoid of any emotion, sending chills down one's spine.

"Over the years, no fewer than a hundred, if not eighty, have entered the Grotto Heaven, and you are the only one I've seen capable of refining the External Golden Core to this extent. A Top-Grade Undying Golden Core... and with a Half-Undead Body... truly incredible. My master has schemed for thousands of years, only to plan out a Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven and an additional Nine-Child Corpse. If my master knows, you are definitely doomed!"

Upon hearing these words, Wen Jiu's eyes narrowed.

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Chapter 734 - 351: Yellow Springs Corpse Mother, Path of Extreme Evil

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Not only because the other party could discern the foundation of the East Spring Undying Bone at a glance and recognize the Half-Undead Body.

But also because the voice initially sounded like a child, then gradually shifted to a young man, an old person, and finally to a little girl, with a total of nine different voices, concluding with the voice of a child again.

The nine voices were very similar to the mournful cries in the darkness before, most likely the so-called Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

But from what was implied, has the Nine-Child Corpse in the darkness already formed? This made Wen Jiu pause for a moment, as although the Nine-Child Corpse was not on the level of the Undying Corpse Demon, it was still a Tier Four entity, involving Nascent Soul.

Even though the East Spring Undying Bone is Tier Three Upper Realm, and comparable to Golden Core Perfection, it ultimately still stands on the Golden Core Dao.

However, during his growing worry, Wen Jiu looked down to see a rough analysis on the Life Plate.

Minor Fortune.

Divine Thunder for protection, evil spirits avoid. The corpse retreats, paving a path straight to the Six Abysses. Overall, the fortune outweighs the misfortune; proceed with caution, and there may be unexpected gains, but do not venture directly into the Six Abysses, for fear of falling into the Yellow Springs.

No mention of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

Of course.

It cannot be ruled out that the Life Plate failed to analyze detailed information about the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, such as whether there is any threat.

But one thing is certain, as long as caution is maintained, there should not be any problem. If the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses could indeed do anything to the East Spring Undying Bone, they would not just be lurking in the dark, talking nonsense.

The next moment.

Wen Jiu ignored the words of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, continuing to control the East Spring Undying Bone, wielding the Li Long Dragon Bone, and proceeded.

He wanted to test a theory!

"The Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder within the Li Long Dragon Bone will eventually exhaust, yet this darkness is endless. If you want to explore further, come on then, but be careful; when you turn back, there might no longer be a way back."

The voice of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses appeared once again, seeming to warn, yet with hints of threat embedded in each sentence.

Wen Jiu paid it no mind.

The East Spring Undying Bone continued forward, steadily treading the path opened by the Li Long Dragon Bone.

An hour.

Five hours.

By the tenth hour, as the East Spring Undying Bone had already slowly traversed two to three hundred miles, the voice of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses reappeared. This time, the voice sounded a bit anxious, even somewhat frantic.

"Do not advance!"

"Retreat!"

"Or your Half-Undead Corpse will remain in the darkness forever!"

"Retreat!"

"Why do you not retreat?"

Wen Jiu made his first response, "No wonder it’s called the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, truly childlike, unable to hide matters or emotions. It seems you are very afraid of me moving forward with the Li Long Dragon Bone."

As the words fell.

The East Spring Undying Bone began to run.

Of course.

For safety, Wen Jiu withdrew a portion of the Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi, allowing the Jinhua Divine Thunder within the Li Long Dragon Bone to cover a ten-mile radius.

The dangers within ten miles were thoroughly explored by the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, with every eerie evil spirit being blasted to smithereens. Wen Jiu also saw some corpse remnants, some severed limbs, or headless torso, roaring and attempting to storm into the Thunder Sea, but after holding out for ten breaths, they too were slain by the Divine Thunder.

Yet Wen Jiu could sense that their malevolent aura had already reached the terrifying level of the Late Stage of Golden Core.

"It seems those are the so-called half-living evil spirit remnants; without the Li Long Dragon Bone, it would indeed be a troublesome matter. The remnants are soulless, making the Soul Capturing Technique utterly useless, while the darkness has long integrated with them, making spiritual body attacks likely less effective than their recovery speed. The only thing that could compete is perhaps the Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi, yet it cannot directly destroy the evil spirit remnants."

Wen Jiu once again thanked Longteng Liyi and then quietly awaited the further response of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

A moment later.

The Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses became frenzied, making the darkness especially chaotic, constantly attacking the Ten-Mile Thunder Pool, "You will die, you will definitely die. From the moment you stepped into the darkness, no matter where the master is, he can sense your presence... What you obtain in the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, you will repay a thousandfold in the future... You will surely wish to live and not be able to die and wish to die and not be able to."

Even though the East Spring Undying Bone cannot refine the Li Long Dragon Bone, he could still sense the terrifying consumption of the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, yet it remained abundant. Only after sustaining one to two hours did it exhibit some change.

But this change was very subtle, even negligible. Perhaps under these circumstances, even if a Golden Core Perfection Cultivator ventured in, they would have little gain, and without a countermeasure, they would surely become deeply embroiled.

Yet the Li Long Dragon Bone remained steadfast, while the pressure from the darkness had reached the point where Wen Jiu did not need to exert the Absolute Spirit Corpse Qi, and the Thunder Pool could only be maintained within a ten-mile range, indicating the urgency of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

Unexpectedly.

As the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder Pool advanced, Wen Jiu saw an enormous black pool ablaze with bone-white flame. This white fire exuded an aura very similar to the East Spring River, but ultimately different, even the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder Pool could not extinguish it.

It could even rival the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder.

Upon approaching, Wen Jiu could see through the East Spring Undying Bone that these bone-white flames seemed endless, continually extending deeper, connecting to a place that even stirred a bit of fear within the East Spring Undying Bone. Wen Jiu speculated that the end of this bone-white fire might be the Six Abysses, the Yellow Springs.

And this fire is the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire. As for why he thought so, it is because the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse within had a similar aura. This had previously puzzled Wen Jiu as to what could have caused it.

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Now that I think about it, it must be the lingering aura refined by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire over a thousand years.

Wen Jiu tried to control the East Spring Undying Bone to move forward, while using the Corpse Fate Technique for divination. The result was immediately a minor misfortune. Even with the Li Long Dragon Bone at hand, it was the same result.

When Wen Jiu abandoned this idea and started moving towards the side of the Black Pool, the divination sign returned to a minor fortune.

"Sure enough, the end must be the Nine Abysses..." Wen Jiu looked deeply but saw and felt nothing.

Yet he had the feeling that the abyss was gazing back at him from afar, causing him to quickly avert his eyes after a few more glances.

"Don’t come over here!"

The voice of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses rang out again.

The dark impact intensified once more, causing the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire atop the Black Pool to flicker wildly.

The consumption of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder within the Li Long Dragon Bone also began to multiply, further confirming Wen Jiu’s suspicion that something was indeed on the side of the Black Pool.

"Don’t come over!"

"You’re doomed, you’re doomed!"

As the voice of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses roared, the East Spring Undying Bone’s steps suddenly stopped.

He saw the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

Saw the black child’s body hovering above the Black Pool, headless, covered in centipede-like pale secret patterns. Its body was so plump that all nine heads were crammed into its upper body.

Faces, clear and distinct, emerged from its chest, armpits, back, and belly. They squeezed and even bit each other, angrily roaring at the East Spring Undying Bone despite their anger.

"Is this the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses?"

Even though Wen Jiu had witnessed many bloody and bizarre scenes, this sight still gave him a slight shock.

"You’ll surely die!"

The Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses uttered a curse, afraid to advance, and instead retreated to the side of a black worm lying in the Black Pool, ignited by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, "Mother, eat him!"

It was answered by a gurgling sound, like the wailing of someone drowning underwater....

"Mother, we are the master’s plan for thousands of years, and also the key for father to tread the Path of Extreme Evil... We cannot have any mishaps... Quickly eat him... Move, you move... Such a useless creature, I finally understand why the master wanted to kill you right after marrying you... You deserve to die, not helping the master!"

The Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses suddenly pounced on the giant black worm, tearing and ripping it with fervor. At that moment, Wen Jiu suddenly heard a transmission.

A weak and painful transmission from a woman.

"Fellow Daoist..."

"Save me..."

It was from the black worm.

Demons cannot use Divine Sense Communication, as they lack a Divine Sense, only demon perception, and Divine Sense is unique to the Human Race. The fact that this giant black worm could use Divine Sense Communication proved that she was essentially human.

"Who are you?" Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to respond via transmission.

The answer came immediately. The giant black worm rolled continuously within the Black Pool, repeatedly begging the East Spring Undying Bone for help, "Fellow Daoist... I am of

the Wandering Soul Bright Void Domain... the sole daughter of Celestial Sword True Monarch... Hu Yue... As long as you save me... my father will surely reward you..."

Wandering Soul Bright Void Domain?

Isn't that the Floating Domain where the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect is located?

Wen Jiu did not answer, nor did he care about the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses; he only listened to the giant black worm's cries for help, "My father, Celestial Sword True Monarch... was once the leading Nascent Soul Sword Cultivator in the midstream of Heaven-Reaching River... If you are willing to pass this message to my father, he will also reward you generously... That Soulless True Monarch has refined me into the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother, nurturing the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses for thousands of years. If you don't save me... when Soulless True Monarch returns, he will feed me to the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, and once it devours the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse, the Nine-Child Corpse will be complete... You will end up like me... But my father can help us, Soulless True Monarch is not a match for my father..."

The giant black worm kept pleading for help, trying to persuade Wen Jiu to assist her, but Wen Jiu remained unmoved.

Because he was not a good person.

Helping others is something he prefers to leave to others.

He only wanted to see what benefits awaited him.

"Fellow Daoist... The Nine-Child Corpse is crucial to Soulless True Monarch's Path of Extreme Evil... Once the Nine-Child Corpse is complete, his Path of Extreme Evil will reach its pinnacle... Then he will have a chance to covet above the Nascent Soul... so he will not let anyone who knows about the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven survive..." The giant black worm still refused to give up, but this time it shook Wen Jiu.

Path of Extreme Evil?

Above Nascent Soul?

Even though he was still far from reaching this stage, Wen Jiu knew that entering the Nascent Soul was already as difficult as ascending to heaven when following the Heterodox Dao.

And above Nascent Soul, it must be even harder. A Heaven-Reaching Outer Dao Nascent Soul might at least give him hope, though it wasn't a certainty. And what if this Hu Yue was telling the truth?

So, to be cautious, he resolved to destroy them all!

The Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

And this Hu Yue.

Having made up his mind, Wen Jiu kept getting closer without any further suppression on the Li Long Dragon Bone.

Boom—

Hundreds of miles became a Sea of Thunder. The Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, which was still tearing and ripping at the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother, screamed and kept retreating, but just as it wanted to withdraw, the giant black worm leaped up and wrapped itself tightly around it, seemingly determined to perish together with the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

"Mother!"

"You'll die horribly!"

"Die horribly... Ah... Ah..."

"Mother, your child was wrong... your child was wrong... please let go of your child... Ah..."

Amid the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses' harrowing screams, the giant black worm wrapped even tighter, while the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder in the Li Long Dragon Bone raged wildly. Time flew by, an hour, five hours... a day, five days. Half of the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder in the Li Long Dragon Bone was consumed, unlike the inexhaustible claim of Longteng Liyi.

But on the tenth day, the giant black worm exploded with a bang, and the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses rolled out, its aura having diminished to the extreme, like a waning candle ready to extinguish at any time.

And that giant black worm, surprisingly, began to regroup in the Sea of Thunder, albeit very slowly.

Wen Jiu immediately used the Corpse Fate Technique for divination.

A great fortune!

The divination result surprised Wen Jiu.

Soon after, another transmission followed.

"Fellow Daoist... The Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses has long been fused with the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, injected with an immense amount of karma from the entire Ten Thousand Corpses Sect where not a single living being remains, it’s already indestructible... The Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder cannot completely kill it, but now is its weakest moment in a thousand years... Think fast... or we’ll all die..." The transmission carried a hint of urgency amid weakness.

As soon as Wen Jiu thought of the great fortune divination, the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi immediately surged forth, wrapping around the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

The Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses tried to struggle, but after being engulfed by a large amount of Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi, it became utterly still in moments.

But to Wen Jiu’s delight, the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses could be refined by the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi, enhancing the bloodline of the East Spring Undying Bone. The help was so immense that even without checking daily calculations, Wen Jiu could clearly feel it.

Furthermore, Wen Jiu could sense changes in the East Spring Undying Bone’s bloodline.

Indeed.

Changes.

The bloodline of the Undying Corpse Demon was being altered, progressing towards another direction, a completely unfamiliar evolutionary path.

"Could it be, after refining this Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, I can gain a new bloodline evolution direction?"

Despite staying composed, Wen Jiu couldn’t help but stand up suddenly with excitement, yet at that moment, a strong aura burst from within the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, and the East Spring Undying Bone felt as if being gazed at by the abyss.

Simultaneously, at the landing place of an endless Floating Domain upstream of the Heaven-Reaching River, an eyeless middle-aged cultivator suddenly stood up, staring fiercely in the direction of the lower Heaven-Reaching River, his killing intent and anger sweeping across a thousand miles.

"Who dares!"

"To ruin this old man’s Nine-Child Corpse!"

"To sabotage this old man’s Path of Extreme Evil!"

[A bit late tonight.

The home toilet leaked all day.

Helpless indeed.

Asking for monthly votes!

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Even in anger, he took no action, for he stood upon the blood-colored waters of the Heaven-Reaching River, merely perched atop the exposed peak of the Falling Floating Domain, as if taking a step forward would lead to his demise.

Not far from him on the "mountain peak," stood another figure. But the peak was no longer a peak, and the figure was not human either; it was a mass of humanoid black magic dressed in a black robe, with only a single vertical slit of a white eye peering from beneath, appearing exceedingly eerie and sinister.

"What nonsense are you speaking? My Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses are bolstered by immense karmic force and permitted by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, representing the ultimate evil corpse. There is no force downstream or midstream of the Heaven-Reaching River that can destroy them!"

"I am not speaking nonsense... Moreover, they are not yours; they are mine. What belongs to me will never be yours!" Soulless True Monarch spoke angrily, "It is exceedingly difficult for any power upstream of the Heaven-Reaching River to destroy the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses. Why would the Heaven-Reaching River have such a power? Moreover, within the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, if a Nascent Soul were to step in, the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire would instantly erupt, devouring and exterminating the Nascent Soul... unless it’s not a Nascent Soul?"

"What’s yours is mine, and what’s mine is yours, Soulless... You are me, and I am you. If I die, you must also die... We have no choice." The humanoid black magic spoke calmly and then reminded, "There’s no point in powerless rage here; when we escape from this

Falling Floating Domain and return, it will be clear. The Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses possess the entire karmic burden of the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect; even a Nascent Soul would be overwhelmed. The one who dares to destroy them will also be counterattacked and eroded by this karmic force. For you and I, finding a cultivator so deeply eroded by such a massive karmic force should not be difficult."

"Soon, when the borderless night rises, it will be the day I escape from this Falling Floating Domain. Even if I must spend another thousand years, I will turn the entire lower and middle reaches of the Heaven-Reaching River upside down to find the bastard who destroyed my path of extreme evil! I'll crush him to dust!"

Soulless True Monarch roared repeatedly.

The humanoid black magic remained calm, yet its next words were filled with joy.

"Foolish! I often wonder, why you? How can someone as foolish as you create me? To destroy the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, what kind of power does that person control? Surely it surpasses the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses?"

The words fell.

Soulless True Monarch was suddenly stunned.

"I can feel it... Corpse? No! That's a fiend! It's the aura of the Immovable Corpse Fiend! It's refining the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses!"

"Immovable Corpse Fiend!"

The humanoid black magic could no longer maintain its previous calm demeanor upon hearing those four words.

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Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

As the huge black worm slowly returned to its original form, sensing the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses being refined, its divine sense communication was filled with shock, "You can actually refine the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses... you actually can..."

Wen Jiu did not respond, but the huge black worm began to communicate frantically as if grasping for a lifeline.

"Fellow Daoist, as long as you save me..."

"Fellow Daoist, what I said is true..."

Reluctantly, Wen Jiu could only respond with a single sentence, "No need to speak further, and there's no need to plead with me, promising more won't help. I can't save you, nor can I report your still-alive status to that Celestial Sword True Monarch..."

Immovable Corpse Fiend and Nine-Child Corpse are things that Nascent Soul cultivators would go mad over. Even though that Celestial Sword True Monarch is a righteous sword cultivator, there's no such thing as absolute righteousness in this world. The human heart is never entirely righteous; only the law is truly righteous. If met after achieving the Nascent Soul in the future, perhaps then a warning could be given, but certainly not now.

Yet even if that Celestial Sword True Monarch arrived, it might be of no use, for Wen Jiu could sense that the huge black worm was no longer human, nor was it a demon, and it had no soul. The reason it kept communicating was due to an obsession, an obsession formed over thousands of years, akin to a soul.

No matter what tragic past this Hu Yue Female Cultivator had, it was already decided.

"Impossible... Absolutely impossible... How could I be an obsession?" The huge black worm suddenly began to squirm uneasily, continuously moving towards the East Spring Immobile Bone, but when the East Spring Immobile Bone retreated onto the black pool, the huge black worm barely attempted to reach the shore before it was consumed by the suddenly blazing Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire.

"Ah—"

Screams echoed endlessly.

Due to the pain, the huge black worm retreated hurriedly, causing the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire to gradually extinguish.

Wen Jiu also spoke at this moment, "Look... Ashore lies the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, and this black pool is already connected to the Sixth Abyss, linking to Yellow Springs. You have long been dead, which is why the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire prevents you from going ashore."

The words fell.

The giant red worm roared madly, "No... Impossible... How could I be dead..."

The shouts gradually grew smaller.

Finally fading into silence.

Wen Jiu ignored it and continued refining the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses. The refining of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses was not swift, but every time the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses regained some vitality, the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi would immediately

devour it, keeping the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses in a near-death state after being heavily damaged by the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder.

"Perhaps by devouring the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, one can become the Immovable Corpse Fiend." Wen Jiu was pleased, but what he anticipated more was the transformation of his bloodline.

However.

The daily settlement panel at midnight did not provide a result.

Obviously.

It wasn't enough yet.

However, before the daily settlement panel could give a result, on the fifth day, a surge of blood-red energy suddenly erupted from the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, and within its body, a valve seemed to open, causing the blood-red energy to surge ceaselessly into the body of the East Spring Immobile Bone like a tide.

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"Karmic Retribution!"

Wen Jiu recognized this energy. If a Qi Refining Cultivator or a Foundation Establishment Cultivator slaughters mortals, they will be corroded by karmic retribution, making it impossible to achieve Foundation Establishment. This is what cultivators often refer to as Heaven's backlash!

However, the karmic retribution brought by this Heaven's backlash is extremely rare. Seeing even a trace or ten traces is already the limit.

But the karmic retribution within the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses was like a vast lake, continuously pouring into the East Spring Undying Bone, and even the power of a Top-Grade Undying Golden Core could not resist, only allowing it to erode.

"With such massive karmic retribution entering the body, does it mean East Spring Undying Bone will never reach Tier Four in this lifetime?"

Wen Jiu attempted to rid himself of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, but to no avail.

In desperation, he could only control the Three Thousand Blood Inks to use the Corpse Fate Technique for divination, and the result was still auspicious.

"Still auspicious?"

Wen Jiu was a little puzzled. Such a massive karmic retribution, if it fell on a Master Dan with a Top-Grade Golden Core, the Nascent Soul Dao Fruit would be hopeless in this lifetime. But falling on the East Spring Undying Bone, how could it still be auspicious?

Just as Wen Jiu was stunned, the giant black worm, which had been silent for several days, suddenly transmitted sound, "Don’t worry... that was the Soulless True Monarch, who, despite everything, turned the entire Ten Thousand Corpses Sect, me—his Dao companion for hundreds of years—and even his unborn child, as well as all his blood relatives, into part of this Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven to condense massive karmic retribution.

I was refined into the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother, his blood relatives were refined into Half-Life Corpse Evil, and his unborn child became the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses. Among this karmic retribution, we’ve contributed a lot."

Wen Jiu heard this and had no reason to doubt its truth, for there was no sense in deceiving him on such matters.

However, he couldn’t understand why the Soulless True Monarch would do this. Isn’t the Nine-Child Corpse just a corpse?

Is it worth it for a corpse?

The Soulless True Monarch doesn’t practice the Yinzhou Heterodox Record, even if the Nine-Child Corpse is completed, it can’t become an External Nascent Soul, at most, it’s just a helper, only making him stronger.

Is it worth exterminating everyone just to become stronger and make oneself utterly isolated in this vast world?

"Aren’t you curious?" The giant black worm seemed to anticipate Wen Jiu’s curiosity and continued to explain, "That’s because a Nascent Soul is essentially a giant cage. Don’t be

misled by the Nascent Soul True Monarchs living for over ten thousand years; in essence, they are no different from the Golden Core Zhenrens. A Golden Core Zhenren struggles for a thousand years, failing to gain a Nascent Soul Dao Fruit, facing an unwilling death... while the Nascent Soul True Monarchs can just struggle for more years. They also meet the same end as those Golden Core Zhenrens, unwillingly facing death."

"So, what does this have to do with the Nine-Child Corpse?" Wen Jiu inquired, unsurprised by the words.

This had always been laying the groundwork for his Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul. Without assurance of transforming his Golden Pill into a Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul, Wen Jiu couldn't touch the Nascent Soul Dao Fruit, even if it meant needing to cultivate the Fifth, Sixth, or even Tenth Corpse. While external matters might halt at Tier Four, he absolutely couldn't allow himself to simply halt at the Nascent Soul.

The giant black worm continued explaining, "Because the Nine-Child Corpse is the Soulless True Monarch's only hope to break the predicament."

"Why? The Nine-Child Corpse is nothing more than a corpse?"

"Have you ever heard the abomination mention the Path of Extreme Evil?" The giant black worm suddenly asked in return.

"I have heard."

"That is the key to breaking the predicament."

"The Path of Extreme Evil is the key to breaking the predicament?"

"I also don't know... but perhaps you can understand it as the Path of Perfection, a road walked to its extreme. The Soulless True Monarch considers himself an Evil Cultivator, so he wants to pursue his own Path of Extreme Evil. That bastard once said, only at the end of the Path of Perfection can one see the scenery beyond the Nascent Soul."

"So, is the Path of Extreme Evil just extreme wickedness?"

"Exactly... that's why he annihilated all his blood relatives for the karmic retribution, wiped out all the Ten Thousand Corpses Sect cultivators he cultivated, as well as me, his Dao companion, and even his unborn flesh and blood."

"So, he actually doesn't want the Nine-Child Corpse?"

The giant black worm explained once more through transmitted sound, "No, no, no, he does want it, as it can make him stronger. These are merely protective means, but fundamentally, it's for the Path of Extreme Evil, for this massive karmic retribution.

Only the Nine-Child Corpse can contain so much karmic retribution, enabling him to travel further down the Path of Extreme Evil. Certainly, you, this Half-Undead Corpse, can also do so. Therefore, this karmic retribution can instead assist you in reaching an unexpected height in the Path of Extreme Evil.

However, he may have already sensed your interception of his five-thousand-year scheme, and even if he overturns the entire lower Heaven-Reaching River, he will surely find you! That abomination was already at the Early Stage of Nascent Soul five thousand years ago, and with so much time elapsed, no one knows what heights he has reached."

Wen Jiu was speechless.

Five thousand years, he’s probably at the Late Stage of Nascent Soul by now?

At least the Middle Stage of Nascent Soul!

Immediately, the giant black worm again transmitted sound, "You don’t need to worry, he may already be dead. Given that the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses hasn’t been completed earlier, his absence could be justified. But now that the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses has been finalized for hundreds of years, nearing a millennium, and he still hasn’t returned, it suggests he might be dead."

"Why are you telling me this?" Wen Jiu did not answer but asked another doubt in his heart.

"Because I want to die," the giant black worm added, "You are quite right; I am already dead. It’s merely a lingering obsession living on. Rather than being trapped in this Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, endlessly burned by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, I’d rather completely perish... but after telling you all this, I just wish to ask you a favor."

"Wouldn’t asking for a favor with just a few words be too rash?" Wen Jiu retorted.

The black giant worm transmitted sound, "You could refine me; perhaps I could still be of some use to your Half-Undead Corpse."

Upon finishing.

Wen Jiu fell silent.

He truly considered this.

This Yellow Springs Corpse Mother could gestate the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses and even possesses the undead characteristic of the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses; it certainly isn’t a simple entity. However, this thought only stirred a little and was not concluded.

Because he wasn’t a person of extreme evil.

"And the matter I want you to do isn’t difficult," the giant black worm spoke again, "With your foundation and caution, future attainment of the Nascent Soul isn’t a problem. I only hope that one day, when you meet my father, the Celestial Sword True Monarch, you can have someone relay a message to him... Tell him his daughter never hated him, only regretted not listening to him and stubbornly forming a Dao bond with that bastard Soulless!"

"Alright, I promise you,"

Wen Jiu nodded.

Having someone relay a message is not a problem.

"Thank you..." The giant black worm ceased to communicate through sound, and gradually became totally silent.

The obsession akin to the Divine Soul also slowly dissipated, leaving behind the empty shell of the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother. However, just as Wen Jiu was reaching out with Divine Sense, a thought suddenly struck him.

This Yellow Springs Corpse Mother, could it be turned into an external item, wouldn’t it be a waste to simply refine and devour it?

But the biggest problem was that it seemed the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother couldn’t leave the black pool; once attempting to leave the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, it would continue to burn. The previous pain from the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother being burned by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire was still fresh in his mind, that pain pierced the soul and was not something a person could endure.

"Wait, the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother no longer has a Divine Soul, its obsession has dissipated, leaving only an empty shell, and this shell isn’t incinerated to ashes by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire; does this mean I can directly pull it out?" With this thought, Wen Jiu immediately started to take action.

After all, trying wouldn’t cost him anything.

If it didn’t work, he could refine it as Corpse Nourishing Materials.

If it succeeded.

He could try to use it as an external artifact, or for something else.

What he obtained was displayed in concise information during daily settlements, clarifying its potential uses at midnight.

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First, Wen Jiu attempted to wrap the East Spring Undying Bone with Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi, trying to pull it out of the black pool. The result was that the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire flared up instantly, once again igniting the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother.

Although the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire couldn’t completely destroy the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother, the flames grew more vigorous, as if warning the East Spring Undying Bone, or as if threatening to spread ashore at any moment.

Wen Jiu had to temporarily abandon the idea of pulling it out of the black pool by force and then used the Corpse Fate Technique for divination to see if forcibly pulling out the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother would result in any consequences.

The result surprised Wen Jiu, as it was the first time since perfecting the Corpse Fate Technique that a non-benevolent, non-malevolent sign appeared.

In the Dark Realm, neither the Earth Destiny Star nor Celestial Destiny Star shone, rendering the entire realm as silent as stagnant water.

Wen Jiu immediately used the Life Plate for analysis, and the result was as he expected—the matter stood between fortune and misfortune.

"Between fortune and misfortune requires extreme caution. One wrong move could mean peril." Wen Jiu fell into deep thought, pondering what to do next, "The Yellow Springs Corpse Mother already belongs to the Sixth Abyss, and the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire refuses to let it ashore. If I want to bring it up, I must first resolve the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, but I know nothing about it..."

To be cautious, Wen Jiu withdrew the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi and stopped forcibly pulling the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother’s body ashore. Instead, he carefully studied the

Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, confirming that it couldn’t ignite the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi, meaning that something could be done with it.

Next, Wen Jiu tried again to see if only the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi wouldn’t ignite or if anything not belonging to the Sixth Abyss would remain untouched. He took some talismans and magical artifacts from the storage pouch on the East Spring Undying Bone and tossed them, one by one, into the black pool ahead.

Without exception,

All were ignited.

Even the Tier Three Spiritual Artifact was quickly set ablaze by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, turning into a muddy mess within the black pool.

"Not right. There’s still the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, which also wouldn’t ignite by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire, but the East Spring Undying Bone couldn’t refine magical artifacts or the Li Long Dragon Bone, only suppress its agitation."

Wen Jiu fell into prolonged contemplation, also attempting to use the Corpse Fate Technique to divine the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire.

Trying to obtain some information.

However,

The result was disappointing.

The Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire’s involvement with the Sixth Abyss made it impossible for the Three Thousand Blood Inks to divine celestial secrets through the Corpse Fate Technique. Even if it could, the Life Plate’s analysis was extremely vague and entirely useless.

It was at this moment that Wen Jiu suddenly realized a problem: in the area where the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, released by the Li Long Dragon Bone, had struck, the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire seemed to be extinguished.

"Why not try using the Li Long Dragon Bone in conjunction with Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi?" Wen Jiu came up with a bold idea.

With this thought, Wen Jiu used the Corpse Fate Technique for divination, testing the feasibility of this method.

When the Celestial Destiny Star shone, Wen Jiu couldn’t help but feel delighted, "A small fortune, meaning this method is feasible. Although there are some risks, missing the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother would be unrealistic without taking some risk."

Having said that,

Wen Jiu no longer suppressed the Li Long Dragon Bone and threw it out, allowing it to release the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder within a hundred miles, covering the black pool. The burning Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire was seen extinguishing rapidly to the naked eye. When the hundred-mile Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire was completely extinguished, Wen Jiu immediately wrapped the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother with Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi, fiercely pulling it toward the shore.

Boom—

In the next moment, the previously extinguished Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire surged up fiercely but was immediately suppressed by the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder. However, as a portion of the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother's body was already ashore, the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire's burst flames grew more intense, with waves of Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire surging from the depths of the black pool. Yet, it was held back by the hundred-mile Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, though it consumed the divine thunder's energy at a much faster rate than when dealing with the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

"Hold on!"

Wen Jiu focused all his attention on controlling the East Spring Undying Bone to pull the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother ashore, but the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother seemed to have merged with the black pool, moving with turtle-like speed regardless of the effort exerted.

As time passed, the hundred-mile Thunder Pool released by the Li Long Dragon Bone had been compressed by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire waves, tens of feet high, to only ten miles. Yet they were still attacking fiercely.

At this moment, only about thirty percent of the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder within the Li Long Dragon Bone remained.

Fortunately, most of the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother's body had already been dragged ashore, and victory was within reach.

"Come up!"

"Get up here!"

Wen Jiu couldn't help but exert all his strength, and as the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother's body was about to be completely ashore, Wen Jiu was overjoyed. However, the smile had not lasted even a breath when the already massive Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire suddenly surged to a height of a hundred feet, swiftly overwhelming the ten-mile Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder.

"It’s angry," Wen Jiu was startled, but there was no time to worry. As the Li Long Dragon Bone’s Thunder Pool was compressed to a mile radius, when the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother finally made it ashore, Wen Jiu immediately wrapped both entities with Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi and, with the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, sprinted frantically toward the dark exit.

In an instant, the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire reached the edge of the black pool, roaring like a tidal wave.

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But in the end, it still couldn’t reach the shore.

It seemed to be blocked by some force.

"Fortunately..."

Wen Jiu glanced at the Li Long Dragon Bone, which was completely depleted of the Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder, and couldn’t help but breathe a sigh of relief. All of this was thanks to the great benefactor Longteng Liyi; this Li Long Dragon Bone was indeed quite useful.

Although it couldn’t become his Magical Artifact, it had helped him multiple times at critical moments.

Wen Jiu’s gaze then fell on the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother. Noticing that it could be stored in a storage bag after leaving the black pool, Wen Jiu didn’t hesitate to put it away to avoid unnecessary complications and continued to refine the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, waiting for the midnight settlement each day.

As for the Li Long Dragon Bone, Wen Jiu directly stored it within the East Spring Undying Bone Corpse Body. The scant amount of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder was very easy to suppress. As for why it wasn’t stored in a storage bag, it was because Wen Jiu still

needed that small amount of Jinhua Evil-Slaying Divine Thunder to fuse with the Demon Corpse.

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Soon.

Midnight arrived, and the simple information about the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother appeared before his eyes.

[Yellow Springs Corpse Mother]

[A special Heaven and Earth Spiritual Object born in the Sixth Abyss, it is also an Undying Evil Object that only exists in the Sixth Abyss, possessing the powerful ability to turn all evil origins into nourishment for its embryonic contents. Unranked and untiered, undying and immortal, it can never leave the Sixth Abyss, forever imprisoned by the Yellow Springs Undying Shadow Fire.]

[Note: Nothing is absolute. When the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother breaks free from the Sixth Abyss, it too gains liberation, correspondingly losing its undying and immortal abilities, but its other abilities remain unchanged, and it becomes a tiered object.]

Then, Wen Jiu saw the experience bar of the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother.

[Yellow Springs Corpse Mother (Tier Four Middle Grade——0/1000000)]

"Having lost the undying and immortal abilities but gained freedom and the ability to ascend in rank, its ability to process evil origins and nourish its contents should grow stronger as its rank increases. Overall, the gains outweigh the losses." Wen Jiu sighed. It is worth mentioning that nothing in this world seems absolutely undying and immortal. Take the Demon Soul, for example, which claims to be undying and immortal, yet it can be devoured by the Soul Capturing Divine Techniques. Furthermore, the summary above also indicates that nothing is absolute.

Replacing absolute lack of perishability with an experience bar that can be increased, the benefits definitely outweigh the losses.

"However, for the moment, it doesn’t seem suitable to become an external entity but is fit to be a container for Ghost Cultivation, Corpse Nourishing, and Gu Cultivation. The ability to convert all evil origins means it can devour evil qi, Yin spiritual qi, and other origins of evil techniques, turning them into nutrients to nourish its contents. This is a boon to the Five Ghosts and the Law-Devouring Yin Insect, meaning they no longer need to be picky about their nourishment grounds... however, it’s uncertain if the nourishment efficiency will surpass specialized objects like the Ghost-faced Butcher and the Earth Demon, which are tailored to Ghost Cultivation and Gu Cultivation."

Putting aside these thoughts, Wen Jiu decided that the actual effect could only be determined when the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother is brought back to the Celestial Yin Mountain Range. However, being a Tier Four Middle Grade object, the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother should handle Ghost Cultivation and Gu Cultivation better than the Ghost-faced Butcher and Earth Demon.

Following this, Wen Jiu continued reading on, finally seeing the changes he had anticipated for so long.

When all that karmic power violently poured into the corpse body of the East Spring Undying Bone, the bloodline of the Undying Corpse Demon in the East Spring Undying Bone finally changed, embodying the path of extremes mentioned by the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother before its death.

The Soulless True Monarch intends to pursue the path known as the Path of Extreme Evil, and the evolution direction of the East Spring Undying Bone's bloodline has also become the Extreme Undying Corpse Demon. The term "extreme evil" is likely closely related to that enormous karmic power.

"Is this truly a good thing, or a bad thing?" What was certain was that the bloodline evolution direction was undoubtedly stronger, yet the Path of Extreme Evil undertaken by the Soulless True Monarch required so much murder, it was utterly inhumane. Could it be that in the future, the East Spring Undying Bone would need to embark on this path and obtain a large amount of karmic power?

With such doubts and concerns, Wen Jiu sought out more information. However, the simple information displayed for the daily settlement did not showcase any for the Undying Corpse Demon or the Extreme Undying Corpse Demon either.

"Since the bloodline evolution direction is confirmed, there's no turning back now. I trust the daily settlement panel will allow for progress, even if the Extreme Undying Corpse Demon truly requires a large amount of karmic power to break through, there should naturally be a way to achieve that." The biggest benefit of the daily settlement panel was avoiding bottlenecks; even if the experience gain slows down, as long as one is willing to grind, improvement is inevitable.

It's simply a matter of speed.

As long as the main body's improvement remains unproblematic, then even if the External Nascent Soul encounters issues, they'll remain manageable.

At worst, one doesn't advance to Tier Five.

Or one can hijack others, just like this time. The Soulless True Monarch must have had precedence in taking the Path of Extreme Evil. Thus, others may also choose this path.

When the time comes and one’s strength is substantial enough, they can be the yellow bird once again, turning the evil cultivators into Corpse Nourishing Materials.

A win-win situation, indeed.

Of course.

This issue requires pondering beyond the Nascent Soul stage, but by then, wouldn’t there already be better solutions available?

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Clearing his thoughts, Wen Jiu walked away from the darkness, choosing not to continue refining the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse, but instead intending to make a trip back to the Celestial Yin Mountain Range. The aims were twofold: test the effects of the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother on Gu Cultivation, Ghost Cultivation, and Corpse Nourishing.

And to also examine the situation with the Lu Family, meeting with Nangong Huan to boot. This Divine General Nangong Huan, by now, had sure trampled over the Lu Family’s threshold already. However, seeing him wasn’t the main objective.

Seeing him was merely incidental.

Because he and Wen Jiu shared the same goal—the core area of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

Yet, just as Wen Jiu was about to control the East Spring Undying Bone and leave the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, he discovered two people kneeling respectfully outside the Grotto Heaven. The two were, in fact, Lin Hai and Pei Wuxing.

Clearly.

The two had been kneeling outside the Grotto Heaven for some time.

"Junior Pei Wuxing, pays respects to the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor!" Upon seeing the East Spring Undying Bone emerge from the Grotto Heaven, Pei Wuxing hurriedly bowed his head in greeting.

Lin Hai followed suit, hastily offering an explanation: "This junior has already made Pei Wuxing swear a Heart Demon Oath and a Silencing Spell; he will not disclose anything about this place, I plead for the Corpse Ancestor’s forgiveness."

Lin Hai was visibly nervous and trembling, reminiscent of a child who had done something wrong and was now deeply anxious.

"You sure have some sense of loyalty, to expose this place to others for the sake of your fellow sect Golden Core's injury." Wen Jiu's expression darkened, even though he understood Lin Hai's reasons, it was still unforgivable.

He brought Pei Wuxing today,

Who else might he bring next time?

This precedent must not be set!

Amidst Wen Jiu's rebuke, Pei Wuxing swiftly bowed again, admitting his wrongs, "I implore the Corpse Ancestor not to blame, it is all the fault of this junior. The Great Elder could no longer endure the junior's pleading... it's all the junior's fault."

Even though he was banging his head loudly on the ground, the flame of hope within Pei Wuxing's heart burned even brighter.

Li Family Corpse Ancestor had so little acquaintance with him, yet had already discerned his injuries. Because of that, the hope for his relief grew greater.

As Pei Wuxing furiously admitted his mistake, Lin Hai beside him quickly took full responsibility.

With a wave of his hand, Wen Jiu stopped them, merely warning Lin Hai, "Remember, the relationship between me and Qi Guang Sect is purely transactional, should anything happen to this transaction, Longteng Liyi's fate will be yours."

Lin Hai was shocked, cold sweat breaking out over his back, "Corpse Ancestor, please forgive me..."

Just as Pei Wuxing wished to assume further blame, the cold gaze of the East Spring Undying Bone fell upon him.

Previously, he indeed had no way, but post acquiring the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother, multiple solutions occurred to aid Pei Wuxing. For instance, the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother could nurture the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, certainly restoring an injured Golden Core.

Alternatively, Pei Wuxing could become a Ghost Cultivator; Wen Jiu could employ the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother to assist him in cultivating a Ghost Pill, reconstructing a Golden Core Zhenren. However, the ultimate concern lay in why Wen Jiu should expose the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother to assist Pei Wuxing?

Even though they were once acquaintances, could be considered past friends, the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother, a Tier Four Middle Grade object, how could it be revealed to others?

"To be honest, there are many ways I can help you, but when Lin Hai first sought me out, I never demanded the Qi Guang Sect's ancient mechanisms of two to three thousand years, nor did I take anything from the Qi Guang Sect's treasury. Why, then, should I help you?"

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The words fall.

Pei Wuxing, trembling like a cicada in the cold, pressed his forehead tightly against the barren wasteland. Amidst fear and anxiety, his desire to survive suddenly soared.

Because Lin Hai and Red Fire Zhenren once said that the old ancestor, due to his Golden Core injury, had roamed through the surrounding Floating Domains and met Tier Three Top-Grade Pharmacists and Alchemy Masters, but ultimately found no solution.

The Heaven and Earth Spiritual Objects needed to heal a Golden Core injury are exceedingly rare, existing only in legends and chronicles.

Now that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor openly said there were many ways, how could he not be overjoyed, and how could his survival desire not surge?

Soon after, Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to cast a cold glance at Lin Hai, scaring him into bowing deeply and lowering his head.

Wen Jiu couldn't be bothered to say more, as he couldn't really kill Lin Hai and Pei Wuxing on the spot today. After today, he believed that Lin Hai would not be foolish enough to bring a third person to the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

Just as Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to turn away, Lin Hai quickly bid farewell, relieved.

"Farewell, Corpse Ancestor!"

But just as he breathed a sigh of relief, Pei Wuxing's words made him tremble all over again, "The Hidden Techniques and treasury of Qi Guang Sect may not catch the eye of the Corpse Ancestor due to your transcendent realm and strength, but I know of something

that’s being contested over by the Outer Hidden Demon Sect and the Domain Lord’s Mansion, which is sure to be worthy of your Dharma Eye."

The words fall.

Pei Wuxing struck his head to the ground again, then closed his eyes tightly, listening anxiously to the movements around him.

Beside him, Lin Hai saw the "Lu Family Corpse Ancestor" stop moving away, quickly bowed again, standing aside without daring to breathe loudly. However, his previously suspended heart was gradually calming down.

He believed that Pei Wuxing was not one to speak recklessly.

If Pei Wuxing really could provide information that interested the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, gaining an opportunity to heal the Golden Core, Qi Guang Sect would have a stronger pillar for the future, and they would better handle the future changes in the West Mountain Floating Domain.

Now that his transaction with the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor had ended, bringing Pei Wuxing here nearly severed the relationship between the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor and Qi Guang Sect, so the future Qi Guang Sect could only rely on themselves.

Meanwhile, though Wen Jiu didn’t turn the East Spring Undying Bone around, he didn’t doubt Pei Wuxing’s words.

After all, Pei Wuxing once controlled the Little Demon Realm, and the Dark Evil God’s Cave Heaven was his usual lair.

Whatever was there, Pei Wuxing should be clearer than anyone.

Unfortunately.

He had no intention of returning to the Divine Fall Mountain Range, no matter what was in the Dark Evil God’s Cave Heaven, it was most likely a trap set by the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch. It’s unlikely that the Dark Evil God’s Cave Heaven contained a True Spirit Divine Tree, right?

"No matter how great a treasure, I care not to contend with the Outer Hidden Demon Sect or the Domain Lord’s Mansion." With that said, the East Spring Undying Bone was about to leave again.

Pei Wuxing panicked, as if his lifeline had slipped from his grasp, "Corpse Ancestor, to speak frankly, the Demon Sect and Domain Lord’s Mansion are not just contending for the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch’s legacy; they’re also vying for something else.

I once controlled a Little Demon Realm in the Divine Fall Mountain Range, beneath which was a Secret Realm Grotto Heaven named the Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven. The thing that helped the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch achieve Nascent Soul Dao Fruit with a Middle-Level Demon Pill is within!"

The words fall.

The East Spring Undying Bone showed no intention to stop, disappearing thousands of meters away in an instant.

As Pei Wuxing watched the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's figure fade into the distance, he became more anxious, quickly using Divine Sense Communication, "Corpse Ancestor, I know of an unknown passage leading from the Heaven-Reaching River in the West Mountain Floating Domain directly to the Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven, enabling you to silently claim what the Demon Sect and Domain Lord's Mansion are fighting over... it's a tree, a True Spirit Divine Tree that exists only in legends!"

Upon hearing this, Wen Jiu's intention to leave halted abruptly.

Lin Hai's eyes also narrowed sharply. Though Lin Hai didn't know the use of a True Spirit Divine Tree, he knew it was one of the legendary Divine Trees rumored to come from beyond the Heaven-Reaching River.

In what he read, thousands or even tens of thousands of years ago, the Nascent Soul large sects had records of this treasure. Although brief, it was unforgettable because even Nascent Soul True Monarchs coveted it.

If indeed there was a True Spirit Divine Tree in the Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven, and it truly helped the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch achieve Nascent Soul Dao Fruit, it explained why the Domain Lord's Mansion would go to war with the Traceless Mountain Range.

Involving Nascent Soul Dao Fruit.

Who wouldn't go mad?

Especially someone like the Domain Lord, one step away from the Nascent Soul Realm.

While Lin Hai was in shock, Wen Jiu also fell into thought, "Does the Divine Fall Mountain Range have another True Spirit Divine Tree? Could my previous intuition be correct? Did I really sense the presence of another True Spirit Divine Tree's master?"

This was his worst plan before; although the sensed True Spirit Divine Tree was very, very far away, there was a high chance it wasn't simple. Once encountered, he estimated he would have no choice but to flee.

"If this is truly the case, then my first task is likely to remain forever distant from the sensed True Spirit Divine Tree. Until I am confident, I absolutely cannot let that entity get close to me.

However, this is still speculation, and whether it's true or not, I would need to see inside the Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven to know. If there's truly an unknown passage, there's no harm checking it out. Now, the East Spring Undying Bone already has the confidence to face Golden Core Perfection, and even if it's a trap, it has the ability to escape..."

After pondering for a moment, Wen Jiu made up his mind. Of course, he would only go after refining the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses.

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Only with absolute confidence will it work.

After refining the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses, the East Spring Undying Bone should complete its bloodline transformation, turning into the Extreme Undying Corpse Demon.

The next moment.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to return.

Upon seeing the East Spring Undying Bone, Pei Wuxing's face immediately bloomed with a smile of surprise and delight.

He bet correctly!

But what he didn't know was that just now, the "Lu Family Corpse Ancestor" almost had the thought of capturing his soul.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone and asked, "Regardless of whether what you said is true or false, could that True Spirit Divine Tree really exist, and I fear that little known passage would not be so easy to traverse, right?"

"That passage is located within the Heaven-Reaching River, and although it has been eroded by the river water for years, it is still stable. The dangers it poses may require

extreme caution for the younger generation, but for you, Corpse Ancestor, they are insignificant." Pei Wuxing replied quickly, while making a Heart Demon Oath to prove that he was speaking the absolute truth.

Wen Jiu asked again, "Since you've sworn that not a single word was false, how do you know it's the True Spirit Divine Tree, and that it is what helped the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch to achieve the Nascent Soul Dao Fruit?"

"It was personally mentioned by the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch's remaining image, and furthermore, I have seen the True Spirit Demon Race, and I've seen fake True Spirit Divine Trees. Having seen the real tree, I am seventy to eighty percent sure I won't mistake it." Pei Wuxing spoke with certainty.

"If so, why don't you take it? Surely you have some desire for the Nascent Soul Dao Fruit?"

Pei Wuxing smiled wryly, "I am aware of my own limits. What the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch left behind is not something I can take. Moreover, I'm merely a low-rank Golden Core cultivator; it would be a blessing in this life just to reach the middle stage of Golden Core, and I dare not desire anything else. Currently, my only wish is to heal my Golden Core injuries and avenge my junior sister and disciples."

Wen Jiu asked no further, only glanced at Lin Hai. Lin Hai immediately understood and took a Silencing Spell and a Heart Demon Oath without delay. Seeing this, Wen Jiu's rising intent to kill and silence faded away.

"You two will come with me to the Lu Family." To be cautious, Wen Jiu still decided to exert control over their souls.

Why not kill them?

Because it would be truly a waste to do so.

After all, they are both Golden Core.

"Yes!"

"Yes!"

The two nodded in unison.

Lin Hai still wanted to leave a message for Red Fire Zhenren, but reconsidered; if the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor intended anything, why would he travel fifty to sixty thousand miles to the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, needlessly attracting attention?

Actually, at this moment, Lin Hai was also a bit expectant, thinking perhaps the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor was interested in giving him an opportunity when he himself was also requested to head over.

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Upon leaving the Lake Bottom Grotto Heaven, Wen Jiu led the two towards the Celestial Yin Mountain Range. Along the journey, Wen Jiu asked about the Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven, and upon learning that the True Spirit Divine Tree was also covered by a large array, he immediately thought of the True Spirit Divine Demon Array from before.

If so, perhaps he could once again rely on the True Spirit Divine Tree to enter without barriers and easily take it away.

Soon.

The East Spring Undying Bone returned to the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

However, from a distance, Wen Jiu felt something was amiss; within a thousand miles of Cold Pool Mist Valley, there wasn't a single loose cultivator in sight. Proceeding further, it was only at five hundred miles from Cold Pool Mist Valley that Wen Jiu saw Lu Family cultivators.

But unlike before, Lu Family cultivators stood guard around Cold Pool Mist Valley like sentinels. With a scan of the East Spring Undying Bone Divine Sense, Wen Jiu found that there were no fewer than a thousand guards stationed around Cold Pool Mist Valley.

Among them, there were also two Fake Pill Zhenrens.

And upon reaching Cold Pool Mist Valley, there wasn't even a single Lu Family cultivator, even Lu Chan's line was nowhere to be found. Lu Chan was missing, only Lu Feng was still guarding the Mist Valley.

The original buildings in the market had been mostly dismantled, leaving only a few dozen Qi Cultivation Foundation Establishment cultivators residing within and cultivators from the City Lord's Mansion tasked with setting up an array.

And among the remaining Lu Family cultivators, the majority were female cultivators, all youthful and beautiful.

Wen Jiu instantly understood, the Lu Family was preparing to make Cold Pool Mist Valley and Qi Mountain his personal domain. Those still in Cold Pool Mist Valley were meant to serve him as retainers left by the Lu Family.

Wen Jiu took a careful glance; their spirit roots were all quite high, and though young, they were already at the late stage of Qi Cultivation, some even at Qi Cultivation

Perfection, considered geniuses within the Lu Family. Seeing this, Wen Jiu couldn’t help but smile wryly.

Never thought he would also have a day to become an ancestral figure, that even the talented female cultivators of the Lu Family were suited only to be his servants.

Although Wen Jiu harbored no thoughts of romance and had little interest in such matters, this kind of treatment moved him to some extent. No wonder those Golden Core cultivators couldn’t part with their family foundations, likely some of it for reasons like this.

"Corpse Ancestor!"

Lu Feng immediately saluted upon seeing the East Spring Undying Bone, and nodded to Lin Hai and Pei Wuxing who followed.

Wen Jiu nodded, "These days have been hard on you. Carry on with your tasks."

"Being able to serve the Corpse Ancestor is old man’s honor." Lu Feng spoke respectfully, and then continued, "Corpse Ancestor, now Cold Pool Mist Valley and Qi Mountain, have been emptied, except for just a few of us including myself and Lu Chan, everyone else entering without permission is considered as betraying the clan. I have left some main lineage cultivators from the Lu Family in the market, they are people I watched grow up, absolutely trustworthy, and they are no older than twenty, Corpse Ancestor, you can instruct them at any time, they can do anything."

"Take them all away, having Lu Xinghe is enough." Even though each of those retainers were beautiful as flowers, Wen Jiu didn’t want to keep them.

As for mentioning Lu Xinghe, it’s simply because Lu Xinghe is Lu Chan’s disciple, and Lu Xinghe took good care of Fang Qian’s Eight Directions Treasure Gathering Trading House, so Wen Jiu naturally intended for the Lu Family to focus on nurturing Lu Xinghe.

Lu Feng nodded, "I understand."

Wen Jiu spoke no further, taking Lin Hai and Pei Wuxing towards the Cold Pond. And just as they entered the Cold Pond, Feng Jue suddenly looked up towards the entrance, gazing at the person entering the Cold Pond. Upon seeing Pei Wuxing, his expression froze.

Pei Wuxing also sensed Feng Jue’s presence at that moment, bowing his head and locking eyes with Feng Jue.

"Feng... Jue..."

Feng Jue too spoke in surprise, "Master Pei..."

Neither expected to meet here.

In that moment, Pei Wuxing's mind exploded because he clearly remembered, Feng Jue's Spirit Contract was taken by Master Du, accompanied by Master Du accepting him as a disciple, yet why had they met here today?

At this moment, Pei Wuxing's eyes held an incredulous look at the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor once more.

He originally thought it was just a mistake.

How could Master Du possibly be the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor?

The difference between them was as vast as heaven and earth.

Now it seemed, even if the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor isn't Master Du, Master Du must have a close relationship with the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor.

Otherwise, how could an outsider like Feng Jue practice in the core region of the Yin Vein when even the Lu Family people have been cleared from the Mist Valley?

At this moment, Wen Jiu naturally noticed the exchange of looks between the two but paid no mind.

For from today onward, there was no harm in letting Pei Wuxing know he was Master Du.

And just when they landed in front of the cave dwelling, about to enter, Pei Wuxing finally couldn't help but ask, "May I ask, Corpse Ancestor, do you have a disciple with the surname Du?"

"No."

Wen Jiu replied.

Pei Wuxing was taken aback.

Beside him, Lin Hai hadn't yet reacted when a tremendously powerful soul-capturing force suddenly descended.

The familiar sense of oppression descended upon Pei Wuxing as well. It was at this moment that Pei Wuxing knew exactly who Master Du was.

"Du..."

As the word fell.

His consciousness began to blur.

Under the shock and surprise, Lin Hai also gradually lost consciousness, and when they reopened their eyes, respect and loyalty towards the East Spring Undying Bone filled their gaze. Of course, Pei Wuxing's consciousness wasn't erased.

"So, it's all you..." Pei Wuxing saluted respectfully.

Wen Jiu nodded and said, "No need to dwell on past matters, where is the passage to the Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven?"

"It is right below that Heaven-Reaching River entrance where you first encountered your subordinate, Corpse Ancestor. It was precisely because I discovered that passage, I was able to discover that entrance." Pei Wuxing spoke truthfully, "It has now been occupied by the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect, but they are unaware of the passage beneath the Heaven-Reaching River."

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"Are you sure?"

Wen Jiu pressed on.

Pei Wuxing confidently replied, "I am certain, because that passage is located a hundred miles beneath the Heaven-Reaching River Water. Not only is there nothing there, but even a Golden Core Body Cultivator entering would be a near-death experience, so no one would venture there."

"Then how did you manage to escape?" Given that it was a near-death experience for an average Golden Core Zhenren, Pei Wuxing's safe return piqued Wen Jiu's curiosity about his methods.

Pei Wuxing did not hide anything and spoke truthfully, "In my youth, I obtained a skeleton in the Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven, left behind by a Golden Core Perfection Body

Cultivator. Since then, I spent some time refining it into a Protective Spiritual Artifact. However, because my strength is lacking, I cannot use it often, so I only treat it as a life-saving final resort."

Saying this, Pei Wuxing retrieved the skeleton, and Wen Jiu inspected it with the East Spring Undying Bone in hand. Just as Pei Wuxing claimed. However, this skeleton's surface was covered in scars, no longer possessing the capabilities of a Tier Three Peak, now merely equivalent to a Tier Three Upper Realm, useless to him.

"Put it away, and continue to detail what you know, without omitting any details."

As Wen Jiu cultivated the Corpse Concealing Elixir, he quietly listened to Pei Wuxing's narration, with Lin Hai listening beside him.

After controlling the soul with the Five Ghosts Soul Control, Wen Jiu was unafraid of Lin Hai's betrayal. Even if a Demon Cultivator attempted to control his soul with evil arts, the Five Ghosts could instantly restore Lin Hai's freedom, erasing all memories during that period.

In the following hour, Pei Wuxing detailed the situation within the Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven.

Indeed.

The most crucial element was the True Spirit Divine Tree.

It was certain that within the Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven, there existed a massive True Spirit Divine Demon Array, resembling the arrangement within the Grotto Heaven at the Divine Extinction Thousand Peaks Main Peak Celestial Sword Peak.

If one were to venture there, they might indeed secretly obtain the True Spirit Divine Tree.

The True Spirit Divine Tree could increase the formation probability of the Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul and even help Spirit Roots evolve into True Spirit Roots.

An existence surpassing True Spirit Roots was beyond Wen Jiu's current imagination, but True Spirit Roots were crucial to the development of a Second Nascent Soul, and even a Third Nascent Soul.

However, he did not know how to make the True Spirit Root flower and bear fruit.

All he could do was seize this opportunity to observe whether the True Spirit Divine Tree devouring another True Spirit Divine Tree could enhance the formation chance of the

Heaven-Reaching External Dao Nascent Soul, improve the quality of the True Spirit Root, and possibly make the True Spirit Root flower and bear fruit.

Therefore, this True Spirit Divine Tree had to be taken, as encountering it again would not be so easy.

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Having acquired all the information Pei Wuxing knew, Wen Jiu was just about to test the effects of the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother's Ghost Cultivation and Gu Cultivation, when Nangong Huan seemed more eager to meet with him than anyone.

As soon as Pei Wuxing finished speaking, the Communication Stone stirred, "Fellow Daoist Lu, do you have time to chat privately?"

Compared to before, Nangong Huan's tone was notably more polite.

Wen Jiu simply replied with a yes, neither warm nor cold, avoiding conveying too much information to Nangong Huan.

In short, Wen Jiu positioned himself as someone being sought out for assistance, rather than seeking a collaboration.

Only in this way could he maintain the initiative and not be dragged into Nangong Huan's schemes inescapably.

Upon receiving Wen Jiu's agreement, Nangong Huan immediately summoned Deng Lai, "Has the item been delivered?"

"Sir, it should arrive today."

Deng Lai hurriedly replied.

Nangong Huan urged, "Hasten them, the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor has returned to the Cold Pool Mist Valley and has agreed to meet with me."

"Sir, I will hurry them shortly, but..."

Deng Lai hesitated.

"But what?"

"I just feel, sir, that you've survived a near-death experience, battling three late-stage Demon Cultivators alone to merely obtain that item. Over the years, you've wanted to exchange it for a Tier Three Top-Grade Extreme Essence Moon Concealing Pill to push for

Golden Core Perfection, and now to offer it to the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, isn't it too much...?"

As a confidant, he deeply understood the principle of shared prosperity, so witnessing his master seemingly sever his own prospects baffled him.

Nangong Huan dismissed it, "I have waited for the Extreme Essence Moon Concealing Pill for so many years with no luck. Countless others besides myself are waiting for it in the lower Heaven-Reaching River, likely not just a hundred. If it were that easy, would several from the East Splendor Divine Palace still be stuck at this stage for centuries?

Moreover, the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor can slay Longteng Liyi and even eludes the scrutiny of Tier Three Top-Grade Divination Masters, signifying formidable strength and foundation. If my guess is correct, he is likely not at the Middle Stage of Golden Core but rather at the Late Stage. With the Late Stage of Golden Core coupled with a Tier Three Upper Realm Spirit Body, such power could possibly be suppressed only by the Domain Lord across the entire West Mountain Floating Domain.

If I could gain his assistance with the plans within the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, I might not have ten percent certainty in success, but at least seven or eight. That's the key to my Realm Breakthrough, and exchanging it for the Tier Three Top-Grade Celestial Yin Food Seed is just right!"

The Celestial Yin Food Seed, nurtured by the Yin Spiritual Qi from the Heaven-Reaching River for three millennia, greatly enhances the affinity with the Heaven-Reaching River Water upon consumption, enabling one to move within it as easily as a fish.

For him, it was useless, as he was not a Body Cultivator. His Spirit Body remained at Pseudo-Tier Three, and even with this item, significant enhancement was unlikely, at most bringing his Spirit Body's capability within the Heaven-Reaching River Water to a true Tier Three level, almost approaching the Tier Three Middle Realm, yet ultimately he remained at the Early Stage of Golden Core.

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For someone as powerful in body cultivation as the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, it's like adding wings to a tiger. Moreover, the capabilities of the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor will surely not be confined to the West Mountain Floating Domain for long. Once he leaves the West Mountain Floating Domain, the deeper he ventures into the lower reaches of the Heaven-Reaching River, the more opportunities and dangers await. The enhancement brought by this object becomes more significant.

If a battle occurs within the same realm, this object is enough for the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor to gain a few advantages before the fight even starts, securing an undefeated position.

"I see, it was my oversight." Deng Lai quickly bowed and dared not speak further. After leaving Nangong Huan, he immediately sent a message to urge those transporting the Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed, while setting off to assist.

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In the Cold Pool Mist Valley.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to extract Pei Wuxing's Golden Core, intending to try nurturing it with the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother.

Despite losing his Golden Core, Pei Wuxing's realm did not fall, maintaining the Golden Core Realm, because the Golden Core was not removed by force, destroying the veins and body.

Under normal circumstances, Pei Wuxing simply cannot use Golden Core techniques for the time being.

After trying to nurture it with the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother by absorbing Yin Spiritual Qi and Celestial Yin Qi, Wen Jiu found that Pei Wuxing's Golden Core was indeed recovering at an extremely fast pace, and the demonic qi within it was completely devoured by the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother.

Furthermore, after being nurtured by the Yellow Springs Corpse Mother, Pei Wuxing's Golden Core Yin techniques became even more refined.

For righteous cultivators, it's akin to directly becoming a heterodox cultivator, rendering previous cultivation efforts wasted.

Everything has to start anew.

But for genuine heterodox Golden Cores, it's a rare opportunity, allowing one's strength to reach another level.

This made Wen Jiu consider trying to nurture his own Undying Celestial Yin Golden Core in it.

Of course.

It’s just a thought.

The Undying Celestial Yin Golden Core would likely produce little effect if nurtured in it, and even if it were effective, it would take a long, long time.

His true body cannot go to the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, nor return to the western West Mountain Floating Domain, so this thought remains just a thought.

Subsequently, Wen Jiu also tried the effects on ghost cultivation and Gu cultivation. By midnight, the combined results were somewhat surprising, three times as effective compared to using Ghost-faced Butcher and Earth Demon.

The effect on corpse nourishing was even better, reaching more than five times the daily effect. Instead, the Yin Spiritual Qi and Celestial Yin Qi of the Cold Pool Mist Valley seemed to hold it back, otherwise the daily nurturing effect would be even greater.

"In this way, the Ghost-faced Butcher and Earth Demon can be discarded." Wen Jiu smiled with satisfaction.

Of course.

The focus isn’t on discarding old items.

It’s about gaining an excellent object for ghost cultivation, corpse nourishing, and Gu cultivation starting today. Supplemented with the accelerated nurturing Blood Corpse Mushroom, future Corpse Concealing Elixirs, and resources for ghost and Gu cultivation, his "protective means" will rapidly increase, reaching the Tier Three Peak faster.

The following day.

Nangong Huan arrived at the Cold Pool Mist Valley. His courteous visit outside made waves in the hearts of the Lu Family female cultivators preparing to leave.

It also made Feng Jue and Han Tianxing sigh with emotion.

For the Lu Family female cultivators, the Divine General of the Spirit Suppressing Army is as unattainable as the sky, higher than the so-called Qi Guang Sect and Longteng Family’s great cultivators.

In the past, they could only hear of him through others' conversations, but never expected to see such a great cultivator today, treating the Corpse Ancestor with courtesy and respect.

At this moment.

They felt limitless regret.

Had they been able to stay in the Cold Pool Mist Valley to serve the Ancestor, they'd be willing to pay any price.

Feng Jue couldn't help but sigh at this moment, while Han Tianxing remained silent for a long time, unsure of what to say. Upon hearing Feng Jue's lament, he felt helpless inside, thinking that if the youngster knew the so-called Lu Family Corpse Ancestor was merely a possession of Han Li, he wondered how he would react.

In the Little Demon Realm, they were once of the same realm. Currently, Feng Jue is still at the Late Stage of the Foundation Establishment, but Han Li's possession is already at the Late Stage of the Golden Core, soon reaching the realm he had attained in life.

"Fellow Daoist Nangong, how have you been?" As the voice from within the Cold Pool sounded, the figure of the "Lu Family Corpse Ancestor" appeared above the Cold Pool Mist Valley.

This time, Wen Jiu did not conceal the Late Stage Golden Core cultivation status of the East Spring Undying Bone, because if he continued to present as Middle Stage Golden Core, it would inevitably raise suspicions. Fighting opponents of the same realm is already difficult; defeating those of higher realms is near impossible.

If this reached the Domain Lord's ears, he would likely be the first to investigate the East Spring Undying Bone in the Cold Pool Mist Valley.

Nangong Huan, sensing the Late Stage cultivation of East Spring Undying Bone, although mentally prepared, couldn't help but be secretly astonished. In his perception, East Spring Undying Bone's aura was robust, not like someone new to the Late Stage, but more like an elder cultivator who had cultivated in the Late Stage Golden Core for two or three centuries.

"Fellow Daoist, could I have a word?" The more astonished he was, the more delighted Nangong Huan felt inside.

"Certainly."

Wen Jiu nodded.

Nangong Huan presented the mountain pavilion scroll once again, making a gesture of invitation but did not enter first.

"Please, Fellow Daoist Lu!"

Without much courtesy, Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to enter directly. Upon entering the mountain pavilion scroll once more, Wen Jiu found that this Tier Three Top-Grade Spatial Treasure no longer felt as it initially did, his divine sense could easily pierce through the mountain pavilion scroll.

Currently, East Spring Undying Bone's divine sense detection range had increased to thirty thousand miles, roughly triple its previous range.

The enhancement was remarkable.

Even for a Golden Core Perfection Cultivator, such divine sense was comparable. Therefore, this Tier Three Top-Grade Spatial Treasure was insignificant before East Spring Undying Bone's divine sense. The so-called spatial imprisonment capability, even if the mountain pavilion scroll truly absorbed East Spring Undying Bone within, he was confident he could control East Spring Undying Bone to easily escape.

"Fellow Daoist, have a seat." Upon entering the pavilion, Nangong Huan quickly spoke and with a wave of his hand produced Tier Three Top-Grade Spirit Tea prepared in advance. The quality of the tea, even just smelling it, made the divine soul instantly clearer.

The better the tea, the more complex the intentions of Nangong Huan's visit.

Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone to sit down calmly, "Fellow Daoist doesn't seem to be like those Golden Core Masters, coming to specifically congratulate me, right?"

"Not at all." Nangong Huan quickly stopped his admiring thought, "How could I be as vulgar as those Golden Core Masters? Your victory is only natural. I came today to inform you of some matters."

"Oh?"

Wen Jiu pretended to be curious.

Nangong Huan took a sip of the spirit tea from his cup, saying solemnly: "Do you know the current situation in the Divine Fall Mountain Range?"

"The Domain Lord's Mansion is currently at a disadvantage," Wen Jiu honestly replied.

Nangong Huan laughed bitterly: "If only so, it wouldn't be too bad. It's already beyond remedy; currently, General Lin Zhuo is like a turtle in a jar, only surviving by retreating into the Secret Realm Cave Heaven."

"Has the situation really deteriorated to this extent?" Wen Jiu feigned surprise, though inside, he felt no disturbance.

He always thought that Lin Zhuo's survival itself was a miracle.

Nangong Huan continued: "And in the Traceless Mountain Range, the Celestial River Guard cannot contend with the Demon Dao's assault; even if they wish to rescue General Lin, they lack the capability."

"You probably didn't come just to tell me these things," Wen Jiu retorted.

Nangong Huan clarified: "That's true, but not entirely. I just want to inform you that the situation will become increasingly difficult. If the Demon Dao plans to invade the West Mountain Floating Domain, we might struggle to resist. In that case, the western West Mountain Floating Domain, the mountains and rivers stretching twenty to thirty thousand miles, might become engulfed in warfare."

Wen Jiu controlled East Spring Undying Bone, feigning a grave demeanor, staying silent, merely sipping tea quietly.

He was waiting, waiting for Nangong Huan to continue speaking.

Since Nangong Huan had said so much, it was expected he wanted to position himself not to be too passive. Hence, Wen Jiu listened to Nangong Huan to get informed about the situation in the Divine Fall Mountain Range and West Mountain Floating Domain to better prepare.

After all, some situations could not even be ascertained by Lu Changyin.

"Currently, in the Divine Fall Mountain Range, the Demon Dao runs rampant, not just with the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect's four veins of demon cultivators, there are already seven or eight upper realm demon pill cultivators, not to mention a dozen or so Demon Sect cultivators. It won't be long before they no longer confine themselves to the Divine Fall Mountain Range and strike out. Fellow Daoist Lu, you probably need to prepare in advance."

Upon hearing this, Wen Jiu, although partly expecting it, couldn't help but marvel at the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect's extravagance for the Blood Phoenix Demon Monarch's legacy. Deploying seven or eight upper realm demon pill cultivators, no wonder the Traceless Mountain Range couldn't hold them off.

With the foundation of the West Mountain Floating Domain, it would probably require the entire resources of the Spirit Suppressing General and Celestial River Guard to match them. But the West Mountain Floating Domain isn't just this one region; mobilizing the entire foundation is clearly unrealistic.

Following this, Nangong Huan further mentioned, "If you are considering leaving the West Mountain Floating Domain to avoid disaster by going to the surrounding Golan Floating Domain and Wuling Floating Domain, I'm afraid that idea must also be shelved. The situation there is worse than that of the West Mountain Floating Domain. Take the nearest Golan Floating Domain for example, three-tenths of the land has already been reduced to scorched earth."

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"Wasn't it just a slight upper hand before?" Wen Jiu asked curiously.

Nangong Huan sighed, "It's just rhetoric to avoid causing panic. If we claimed it was an even match, it would be absurd. Our external stance is that the West Mountain Floating Domain holds a solid upper hand."

"I see."

Wen Jiu suddenly understood.

He couldn't help but feel deeply satisfied with his plan to establish himself in Donghua Immortal City. If things reached an irreparable stage, boarding the ship of the East Splendor Divine Palace would be impossible.

Before Wen Jiu could collect his thoughts, Nangong Huan spoke again with difficulty, "To be honest, if the Demon Dao truly attacks from the Traceless Mountain Range, the situation in the West Mountain Floating Domain would be far more severe than in the Golan Floating Domain. The entire West might even fall. Of course, this has nothing to do with whether you kill Longteng Liyi or not; even if Longteng Liyi were alive, it wouldn't change the overall situation."

Wen Jiu remained silent.

He understood the implications of Nangong Huan's words, that talking about this now was merely an attempt to take the initiative.

But the truth was, as Nangong Huan said, the situation in the West Mountain Floating Domain was indeed grim. Chances are the Soulless True Monarch hasn't returned yet, but the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect already made their move.

If an ordinary cultivator knew about this situation, they would naturally seek a path for themselves and their family. And the best path now is the Domain Lord's Mansion, for although it can't withstand the Demon Dao, it has Golden Core Perfection overseeing it, while the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect's Demon Lord is only at Demon Pill Perfection.

Unfortunately.

He wasn't an ordinary cultivator.

The only place he felt any sense of belonging was Deadman Peak, which wasn't here, and he hadn't formed an attachment to any place since.

If it truly came to that, whether it be the Qi Guang Sect or the Lu Family, even if the Eight Directions Treasure Gathering Trading House were gone, then so be it. He would only take action to protect those close to him, like Fang Qian, Wen Ya, Feng Jue, and others.

Nangong Huan took another drink, putting on a solemn appearance, watching for a reaction from the "Lu Family Ancestor." But the ancestor remained calm, just frowning in thought, prompting him to consider whether he should change his strategy.

"What are your plans, Fellow Daoist?" Nangong Huan ventured to make one last probe.

Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to frown and respond, "I originally returned to the Lu Family to rest and observe the family's situation. Unexpected troubles came upon my return. It seems the Lu Family lacks this fortune. Under the circumstances dictated by fate, I can only return from where I came."

"Fellow Daoist Lu plans to abandon the Lu Family?" Nangong Huan was somewhat surprised by the "Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's" answer.

The key point was, over a thousand years of foundation was being abandoned just like that?

Wen Jiu nodded, "I originally only returned to see, and would have been unwilling to act if not pressured by the Brute Puppet Sect."

"I see." Nangong Huan echoed, inwardly astonished.

Even for late-stage Golden Core cultivators, establishing a large, deeply-rooted power takes hundreds of years. Like the Lu Family, it requires five or six hundred years of accumulation.

For a Golden Core Zhenren can determine a power’s upper limit, but not its lower limit.

Otherwise, why are there so many Golden Core wanderers?

Do they not want to establish a power, to be lofty ancestors with abundant cultivation resources?

Not necessarily.

Most powers gradually decline after establishment due to talent dwindling.

Therefore, the idea that the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor would directly abandon a large power providing abundant cultivation resources was unexpected to him. Helplessly, he had to hastily adjust his strategy.

"Regarding the second matter, it’s about the Celestial Yin Mountain Range." Nangong Huan changed the subject, no longer continuing the previous topic.

Wen Jiu listened quietly.

He didn’t interject.

Nangong Huan, seeing this, continued, "You may know a bit about the Celestial Yin Mountain Range’s situation. Currently, the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect intends to make a move, inside and out, starting with the Celestial Yin Mountain Range. What you may not know is that most of the Dark Altar lineage in the West Mountain Floating Domain has already infiltrated the Celestial Yin Mountain Range. The situation is far more severe than I previously thought. It might not be long before disaster erupts in the core area of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, igniting this war prematurely."

"So you’re planning to break into the Celestial Yin Mountain Range?" Wen Jiu immediately followed the topic.

The groundwork was sufficient.

It was time to discuss serious matters.

"The Domain Lord entrusted the West’s safety to me. I can’t let internal chaos lead to allies outside the Traceless Mountain Range being besieged, so I must break into the Celestial Yin Mountain Range." Nangong Huan responded, producing the Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed he had prepared.

The East Spring Undying Bone Divine Sense probed, prompting Wen Jiu in Donghua Immortal City to exclaim in admiration.

"A Tier Three Top-Grade Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed, such a treasure is only possessed by those in the Domain Lord's Mansion." In Longteng Liyi's soul memory, there was information about this heavenly and earthly treasure — not because it was important to Longteng Liyi, but because this treasure once auctioned within the East Splendor Divine Palace.

Common Tier Three Top-Grade Heavenly and Earthly Treasures might only fetch fifty thousand Middle-grade Spirit Stones, or five million Low-grade Spirit Stones.

But this Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed started at one million Middle-grade Spirit Stones, with a final price that left late-stage Golden Core cultivators feeling penniless — a whopping six million Middle-grade Spirit Stones.

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This is now equivalent to half of Wen Jiu's current fortune.

As for its effects, Wen Jiu is well aware. If East Spring Undying Bone consumes it, the Lower Tongtian River can be freely traveled. Even though it can't traverse the majority of the Lower Tongtian River, it is enough to completely ensure safety within the river.

It's important to know, the difficulty in crossing the Tongtian River mainly lies in the dangers within. Those creatures living in the river have long been tuned to its power, akin to fish in the water. If a cultivator gets dragged into the river water, their power would diminish by at least thirty to fifty percent.

In a battle of the same realm, losing thirty to fifty percent would be disastrous, wouldn't it?

Yet this Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed can perfectly solve this problem, allowing a cultivator to navigate the Tongtian River like fish in the water. If you encounter tribulation cultivators, you might even mimic the river creatures by dragging them underwater, securing half the victory even before the fight starts.

"Absolutely not, absolutely not." Wen Jiu controlled the East Spring Undying Bone to quickly snatch the Jade Box containing the Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed.

Fearing Nangong Huan might regret it.

With this Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed, boarding the East Splendor Divine Palace ship, even if halfway through, conflicts arise with East Splendor Divine Palace, he could easily and safely depart, finding shelter nearby.

Avoiding disaster and death.

Nangong Huan paused, about to speak, but the Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed in his hand was already gone. "This item I obtained from several late-stage Demon Core cultivators, surviving nine deaths. Intended for a Pill Breaking Realm exchange, but considering West Mountain Floating Domain's current situation and my own Golden Core shortcomings, I'd rather give it to Fellow Daoist for a cooperation opportunity."

"Sounds good, sounds good." Wen Jiu accepted graciously.

He wanted to tell Nangong Huan, even without the Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed, he would cooperate.

"In that case, let me thank Fellow Daoist on behalf of West Mountain Floating Domain cultivators." Nangong Huan smiled contentedly and said, "With your aid, I'm sure we will successfully invade the Celestial Yin Mountain Range!"

"All for West Mountain Floating Domain," Wen Jiu echoed. You feign righteousness, but I'll do even better.

Nangong Huan smiled again, satisfied, "Please keep communication open these days. Once the date is set, I will immediately inform you."

"You should prepare thoroughly. Since you're here, Demon Sect might already know, and they might be preparing to counter." Wen Jiu reminded, intending to use Nangong Huan to explore the Celestial Yin Mountain Range's core.

If Nangong Huan is unprepared, it would be troublesome.

Nangong Huan nodded, "Don't worry, Fellow Daoist. To invade it, we must be prepared to destroy Demon Sect's plots."

"Then I will await your update."

Wen Jiu put away the Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed, having no desire for Spirit Tea anymore.

"Farewell!"

Wen Jiu, controlling East Spring Undying Bone, stood to leave.

"Take care," Nangong Huan said, with no desire to linger since the goal was achieved.

Yet, after East Spring Undying Bone departed, a wisp of smile emerged on Nangong Huan’s lips.

He glanced at the depths of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

While also taking a look at the grand array within Cold Pool Mist Valley.

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Upon leaving, Nangong Huan immediately mobilized a large number of Spirit Suppressing Army troops, directing them toward the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

Wen Jiu, on the other hand, controlled East Spring Undying Bone, refining the Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed. Though not gaining Corpse Nurturing Experience daily, it did alter the Thunder Spirit Demon Blood Body of East Spring Undying Bone.

Originally, Thunder Spirit Demon Blood Body was just beginning Tier Three Middle Realm, but after refining it, it significantly gained experience, heading toward Tier Three Upper Realm.

This wasn’t crucial, as the power of East Spring Undying Bone’s Top-Grade Undying Golden Core had surpassed the corpse body. Thunder Spirit Demon Blood Body was just icing on the cake.

Upon refining the Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed, East Spring Undying Bone’s Thunder Spirit Demon Blood Body gained a special ability.

It’s called Heaven-Reaching Unity.

No enhancement.

Similar to the Avoidance Technique of Soul Capture.

Its sole ability is immunity to Lower Tongtian River Water erosion, and can even nurture the corpse body with Lower Tongtian River Water. But instead of delight at seeing Heaven-Reaching Unity’s ability, concerned arose.

Because the simplified information marked the six words: Lower Tongtian River Water.

Could it be the Middle and Upper Tongtian River Water is completely different?

"Perhaps it is, otherwise why differentiate lower, middle, upper?" Wen Jiu suddenly thought of something—Ten Thousand Corpses Sect is in the Wandering Soul Bright Void Domain, which fell into the Middle Tongtian River.

Could a massive Floating Domain suddenly fall?

Attacked by cultivators?

How powerful must one be to throw a Floating Domain into the river?

Surely it wasn't a Nascent Soul True Monarch, otherwise why not a Demon Dao Nascent Soul directly throw it into the river?

Above Nascent Soul?

Would they randomly toss a vast Floating Domain into the middle Tongtian River?

Likely not.

"Could it have something to do with the Tongtian River's water?" Wen Jiu speculated. Of course, it's just speculation.

After some conjecture, Wen Jiu didn't dwell further, as these matters were distant, he could observe in time.

"By the way, refining the Heaven-Reaching Yin Food Seed makes entry through the passage described by Pei Wuxing into Dark Evil God's Cave Heaven much safer." Wen Jiu was quite pleased with this unexpected boon.

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Two days later, at Cold Pool Mist Valley, Wen Jiu began controlling East Spring Undying Bone, heading toward Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven.

This time he brought Three Thousand Blood Inks, Formless Demon Corpse, along with Five Ghosts, Law-Devouring Yin Insect to the site, abandoning Qi Mountain, leaving Cold Pool Mist Valley to cultivate Blood Corpse Mushroom and Celestial Yin Demon Blood Medicine.

As East Spring Undying Bone quietly left Cold Pool Mist Valley, in the core depths beneath Celestial Yin Mountain Range, a mid-stage Demon Core Formless Demon Cultivator swiftly approached the vast Black Hall.

Before Black Hall, beneath a giant True Spirit Demon Tree, numerous demon cultivators sat on the ground, their bodies swaying alongside the True Spirit Demon Tree's branches. Anyhow, within the caves too was resounding Demonic Sound, and at the tree's roots, sinister Demonic Qi spread, eroding everything around.

Where it eroded, Spiritual Qi vanished, while hills and streams became thoroughly demonized, devoid of spirit.

By now, the demonically eroded area spanned ten thousand feet into the depths, linking with several other True Spirit Demon Trees within numerous caves, where demon cultivators sat beneath, reciting Demonic Sound, seemingly performing some ritual.

Atop Black Hall, the Dark Altar Lineage Master, Anchaosheng quietly watched, his blood-red eyes filled with zeal.

Unexpectedly.

A mid-stage Demon Core demon cultivator suddenly flew rapidly from the shadows, landing beneath Black Hall, "Lineage Master, indeed Nangong Huan met with the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor, and they've likely formed an alliance. Meanwhile, the Western Spirit Suppressing Army is now extensively mobilized, though the Spirit Control Department shows no response, and the Fate master overseeing the West hasn't appeared. But Nangong Huan likely also allied with him."

"Three late-stage Golden Core cultivators... It's a pity Longteng Liyi died, otherwise there'd be four kinds of late-stage Golden Cores." Anchaosheng remarked wistfully, keeping his gaze on the giant True Spirit Demon Tree before him. "If they're insufficient, then I'll sacrifice myself, all for the True Spirit Demon God's baptism."

"All for the True Spirit Demon God's baptism!" The mid-stage Demon Core Formless Demon Cultivator proclaimed with determined madness.

As their words fell.

Underneath the True Spirit Demon Tree, thousands of demon cultivators simultaneously spoke, accompanied by arising Demonic Sound.

"All for the True Spirit Demon God's baptism!"

"All for the True Spirit Demon God's baptism!"

"All for the True Spirit Demon God's baptism!"

The True Spirit Demon Tree began to sway wildly, excited as if a demon god trembling with anticipation.

Then Anchaosheng's cold voice sounded again, "Everyone, Demon Dao takes pride in you. When the Demon Dao's deathlight envelops the entire West Mountain Floating Domain, your souls will attain immortality in the Demon Realm! Now... stand... depart the caves accompanying True Demon, and meet those fools sending themselves to death!"

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As the words fell.

Tens of thousands of demon cultivators rose in unison before the ten-odd True Spirit Demon Trees, their eyes sharp and their grinning faces let out bursts of roars. Followed by this, tens of thousands of Pseudo-Tier Three True Demons that were crouching on the ground in the underground cave also stood up at that moment, transforming into wisps of black smoke and entering one demon cultivator after another.

After merging with the True Demons, the spirit bodies of the demon cultivators rapidly transformed into true demonic forms. Some cultivators sprouted spike after spike from their backs, each spike’s sharp murderous intent was comparable to a Tier Two High-grade Spiritual Artifact fully driven by a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, and such spikes were too numerous to count.

Some demon cultivators’ faces began to take on beast-like features, their originally slender faces started to swell, pairs of scarlet eyes emerged one after another from their foreheads, and their hands unconsciously turned into elongated sharp claws.

This process lasted only for a moment. When the transformation ended, and a wisp of demonic qi descended into their bodies from the True Spirit Demon Tree, these tens of thousands of demon cultivators successively turned into black startled swans, surging out of the underground cave with great momentum.

As they made their move, the originally vast Demon Realm of ten thousand feet began to expand rapidly at a visible pace, transforming the celestial yin mountain range into a Demon Realm under the swaying of the True Spirit Divine Tree.

"True demon body fusion, human-demon integration, creating tens of thousands of demon cultivators comparable to false dans. No matter how many people the Spirit Suppressing Army sends, they will all die here in the Celestial Yin Mountains, becoming nourishment for the spread of the Demon Realm." Anchaosheng smiled with satisfaction, turned around, and his gaze fell on the many late-stage demon core cultivators waiting in the Black Hall.

Among the over a hundred demon core cultivators, the strongest were the late-stage demon cultivators who had fought in Lin Yingyun Mountain against Longteng Liyi.

At this moment.

They were also eager to make a move.

Anchaosheng grinned, a rather frenzied smile, "Fellow daoists, you have been lurking here for a hundred years. Now, the demonic war blooms everywhere, firmly occupying the upper hand. The Divine Fall Mountain Range is already in the hands of the other four veins, and next, it will be time for you to take down the West Mountain Floating Domain."

With those words.

Everyone’s faces showed expectant smiles, and after exchanging glances, they all flew deeper into the stone cave, except for Lin Yingyun Mountain, who, after a nod from Anchaosheng, entered the True Spirit Demon Tree step by step.

When Lin Yingyun Mountain’s soul body entered the True Spirit Demon Tree, the tree seemed to suddenly gain intelligence, and the already rapidly spreading Demon Realm began to expand even faster.

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Seven days later.

A million-strong Spirit Suppressing Army arrived on flying ships outside the core area of the Celestial Yin Mountains, completely surrounding the core area with their grand flying ships, spirit beasts, and puppets.

The cultivators who originally entered the Celestial Yin Mountains to hunt demons had long since dared not venture into the mountains three or four days ago. Even though they didn’t know what had happened, such a formation still caused panic among the Immortal Cities and Markets around the Celestial Yin Mountains.

The Lu Family Ancestor Lu Feng, as well as the Lu Family Elders, who were joining forces with other Golden Core influences to besiege the Longteng Family, understood that a storm was coming upon receiving the news. In the future, the situation in the West Mountain Floating Domain would only become more chaotic.

So, they immediately issued an order to frantically increase the number of participants in the war, striving to solve the issues with the Longteng Family and the Brute Puppet Sect as quickly as possible.

The Qi Guang Sect did the same.

However, for safety's sake, Lu Feng was still the first to send a message to the East Spring Undying Bone. Since communication with the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven was impossible, Wen Jiu had long handed the Spirit Stone used to communicate with the East Spring Undying Bone to the Blood Demon Undying Bone.

When Wen Jiu controlled the Blood Demon Undying Bone to check the messages, Lu Feng's slightly worried voice slowly emerged.

"Corpse Ancestor, within the Celestial Yin Mountains, the Divine General Nangong Huan suddenly deployed a massive Spirit Suppressing Army, numbering in the millions. Such a large-scale move, no matter who wins or loses, will likely destablize the West Mountain Floating Domain in the future.

After we solve the Longteng Family and annex the lands of the Brute Puppet Sect, what should we plan next? Should we arrange for part of the Lu Family to leave the west to expand outward, seeking a refuge in future upheavals?"

Before Wen Jiu could respond, another message followed, "Corpse Ancestor, now that the anomaly in the Celestial Yin Mountains has been noticed by other Golden Core influences, today more than a dozen of them have sent messages to me, inquiring if they can ally with the Lu Family. Some Golden Core influences even near the Celestial Yin Mountain Range and the Traceless Mountain Range are willing to become our Lu Family's vassals. Clearly, although the West Mountain Floating Domain is not yet in flames, it's already filled with anxiety. They wish to use our Lu Family's strength to deal with future changes.

Those influences willing to ally with the Lu Family appear to have made an agreement, each willing to annually tribute high-quality essence blood worth two million middle-grade Spirit Stones. And those Golden Core influences willing to become vassals, though relatively weaker, are also willing to annually submit evil yin spiritual medicine and corpse nourishing items worth a million middle-grade Spirit Stones.

If you nod, Corpse Ancestor, all the cumulative influences will ensure you an annual income of at least twenty to thirty million middle-grade spirit stones' worth of corpse nourishing and cultivation resources, and it will only increase, not decrease."

Upon hearing the potential income of twenty to thirty million middle-grade Spirit Stones, Wen Jiu was momentarily stunned.

In the campaign against the Brute Puppet Sect and the defeat of Longteng Liyi, numerous spoils had been delivered by the Lu Family, and Wen Jiu himself had gained quite a few trophies, yet his total wealth barely exceeded ten million middle-grade spirit stones.

If he nodded, he could earn twice his current wealth annually in the future, and the vast majority were corpse nourishing essence blood. If all used to cultivate Blood Corpse Mushrooms and Celestial Yin Demon Blood Medicine, the efficiency of corpse nourishing would be beyond imagination.

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Even if the East Spring Undying Bone did not break through to Tier Four and transform into an External Nascent Soul to enhance the efficiency of nourishing its other corpses, it would not take two or three years to cultivate the remaining Three Corpses to Tier Three Peak, including the transformation of the bloodline into an Undying Corpse Demon. Unfortunately, these things are not so easy to acquire.

Taking support makes one short-handed. After this battle in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, regardless of the outcome, the situation in the Western Xishan Floating Domain will rapidly deteriorate. If those Golden Core influences each require my intervention, how can I find the time to refine the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse?

"The fate of the Extreme Undying Corpse Demon, and the first External Nascent Soul, prioritize the East Spring Undying Bone," Wen Jiu decided, hypothesizing his acquiescence, while simultaneously performing a Corpse Fate Technique divination.

The result was somewhat unexpected for Wen Jiu. If he agreed, in a year, a great misfortune would occur.

Wen Jiu sighed, "Nine out of ten, it’s due to attracting unwanted attention from the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect’s Perfect Demon Cultivator."

After controlling the Three Thousand Blood Inks to put away the Life Plate, Wen Jiu communicated to Lu Feng, "The Lu Family doesn’t need allies, nor any vassals. If there are any now, sever ties immediately; from today onwards, just preserve your own interests."

Immediately following, Wen Jiu continued, "Your guess was correct. The situation will only worsen as time progresses, but not too quickly. As for Lu Chan, you can allow her to leave the West, taking some people to the vicinity of Donghua Immortal City and buy a Tier Three Spiritual Vein for safety. As for everything else, you needn’t worry."

After communicating through the Blood Demon Undying Bone, Wen Jiu put away the Communication Stone and continued controlling the East Spring Undying Bone to quickly refine the Nine Corpse Infant Fetuses and the Thousand-Li Soul-Sealing Extreme Resentful Corpse. Regardless of how the situation changes in the future, as long as his

protective means are strong enough, he can withdraw anytime safely and protect those he wishes to shield.

Ultimately.

Strength is the foundation.

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Having already advanced to the front lines, outside a Tier Three Spiritual Vein of the Longteng Family, Lu Feng received the communication and did not shy away, sharing it with Lu Taixuan and others, who had just breached the Tier Three Array.

"The Corpse Ancestor has made it very clear, regardless of what additional ideas any of you have, withdraw them immediately. Our Lu Family has already benefited significantly from this; we still follow Changyin's previous plan, distributing the Longteng Family's territory as agreed, prioritizing the cultivation of the Corpse Ancestor."

Lu Feng spoke in a deep voice, his sharp gaze sweeping over the group, not as a warning but as a reminder.

He knew well that the entire Lu Family was eager to seize this opportunity to rise rapidly, partly due to being praised by those Golden Core influences, with many aiming to replace the Longteng Family as one of the two major powers in the Western Xishan Floating Domain. Furthermore, demon forces approached fiercely, promising chaos in the Xishan Floating Domain's future, which perhaps offered an opportunity. But only he, Lu Changyin, and Lu Chan knew that all of the Lu Family's opportunities stemmed from the "Lu Family Corpse Ancestor."

Others were unaware of the Corpse Ancestor's true identity, but the three of them knew clearly: there was no such Corpse Ancestor in the Lu Family.

The Lu Family had only ever had its sole ancestor.

"Yes!"

"We will strictly follow the orders of the Corpse Ancestor and the Ancestor."

The group nodded in succession, not daring to say more.

Lu Feng's reminder quickly spread throughout the Lu Family, and soon reached the ears of those Golden Core influences craving attachment to the Lu Family, leaving most feeling regret. Many Golden Core Ancestors felt helpless.

After all, outside the Domain Lord's Mansion, the only Late Stage Golden Core in the Xishan Floating Domain was the Lu Family Corpse Ancestor.

If they couldn’t affiliate.

Handling the changes in the Xishan Floating Domain would become notably difficult in the future.

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Outside the core area of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

On a Tier Three High-Grade Flying Ship, Deng Lai stood at the prow, clad in red armor. Behind him stood a proud Tier Three Spirit Beast that growled continuously. To his sides stretched an ocean of countless flying ships, as well as tens of thousands of Qi Cultivation and Foundation Establishment cultivators, flying across the sky.

"City Lord Deng, the million-strong Spirit Suppressing Army has been fully deployed outside the core area of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range. Every hundred miles has a pseudo-tier three Tihun Spirit Beast stationed, and the sky is constantly patrolled by pseudo-tier three Flying Spirit Beasts. Whether they come from underground or the sky, those demon cultivators will have nowhere to hide; any attempt to escape will be immediately detected." A Spirit Suppressing Army Golden Core Zhenren, formerly a subordinate of Lin Zhuo, reported, clasping his fists.

Deng Lai nodded, turning his gaze to another, "When will the rest of the forces be in place?"

Another Spirit Suppressing Army Golden Core Zhenren quickly replied, "Reporting to the lord, according to Nangong Divine General’s instructions, from the West and North, aside from those Spirit Suppressing Armies stationed at each Immortal City and Spirit Land, unable to be mobilized, there are about ten thousand Spirit Suppressing Armies above Foundation Establishment cultivation that can be mobilized, arriving in no more than five days, but possibly today itself."

"Keep pressing them to arrive as quickly as possible," Deng Lai turned, standing with hands at his back, gazing into the depths of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range. "The number of demon cultivators infiltrating the Divine Fall Mountain Range and Traceless Mountain Range is increasing; the Celestial River Guard has been forced solely to defend, so we must quickly resolve the hidden threat within the Celestial Yin Mountain Range to avoid surrounding threats for our men.

All nodes of the mountain array are fully arranged, and the Divine General has urged me multiple times, so push your people; don’t let me bear all the pressure alone. Most importantly, once the threat in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range is resolved, we must immediately support the Celestial River Guard.

The Domain Lord has ordered that we must drive into the Divine Fall Mountain Range, regardless of the cost, and the Domain Lord is already on the way back.

Do you understand what this means?"

The multitude of Spirit Suppressing Army Golden Core Zhenrens behind him hastily nodded.

"Subordinates will immediately urge their units to advance the flying ships at full speed, aiming to reach the Celestial Yin Mountain Range within three days."

"Rest assured, my lord, once the forces arrive and the mountain array activates, we will definitely resolve the Dark Altar demon cultivator issue before the Domain Lord returns, not disgracing you, nor leaving the Divine General without explanation for the Domain Lord."

Deng Lai nodded, "As long as you're aware is enough. This is the first gathering of the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect's Dark Altar Lineage in the Xishan Floating Domain, whatever they're plotting... they all must die here in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range!"

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Three days later.

A hundred thousand Early, Mid, and Late Stage Foundation Establishment cultivators, as well as Fake Pill cultivators, all assembled outside the core area of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

Such a number of Foundation Establishment cultivators, disregarding the Golden Core battle strength, could not be matched by any force within the Xishan Floating Domain.

Neither Longteng Family nor Qi Guang Sect, despite their long-standing foundations, had more than thirty to forty thousand Foundation Establishment cultivators. A hundred thousand such cultivators are equivalent to three Qi Guang Sects or Longteng Families.

This capability is one of the reasons why the Domain Lord's Mansion can become the master of the Xishan Floating Domain.

As the hundred thousand Foundation Establishment cultivators concluded their assembly, a smile of growing madness appeared on the face of Anchaosheng within the Black Hall, "Fellow Daoist Yun Shan, it's your turn next... Are you satisfied with so many Foundation Establishment cultivators?"

"Satisfied!"

From the enormous True Spirit Demon Tree at the front of the Black Hall, Lin Yingyun Shan's voice burst forth. Amid his nearly maniacal laughter, the True Spirit Demon Tree suddenly unleashed unparalleled Demonic Qi.

Boom——

Demonic Qi soared into the sky, bursting from the cave to reach the heavens, instantly covering a thousand miles of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range's core area. But it didn't end there; then, more than a dozen True Spirit Demon Trees released columns of demonic Qi, piercing the sky, intertwining with the demonic artifacts Lin Yingyun Shan had released, and then spreading like tentacles across the entire Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

The demonic Qi passed over the core of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, over the million Spirit Suppressing Army, and even Deng Lai's flying ship, then landed on the outskirts of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, passing above Cold Pool Mist Valley and Qi Mountain.

Boom——

Over a dozen demonic Qi columns slammed onto the ground, piercing the edges of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range. Towering stone pillars with flickering black glyphs rose from these spots, emitting vibrations and pouring out massive amounts of demonic Qi, creating a barrier around the edge of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, resembling a sea of clouds pressing upon it.

At this moment.

The entire Celestial Yin Mountain Range, whether peripheral or core, was engulfed in darkness, with only the surging silence and the heavens-resounding roars of True Demons.

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The Spirit Suppressing Army, originally sealing the core area of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range without a single gap, was now in a state of panic. Despite having Fake Pill Cultivators to stabilize morale, some unrest was inevitable within the Spirit Suppressing Army.

Meanwhile, the hundred thousand Foundation Establishment Cultivators that had just arrived for support were not in chaos but were anxiously gazing at the demonic qi that covered the sky. Upon dispatching scouts, they discovered there was no path for retreat.

The barriers blocking their retreat could not be broken even by the Golden Core Technique; any slight negligence would result in the Golden Core Cultivators being eroded by the demonic qi, unable to withstand it with the Golden Core Power, causing widespread fear and unease.

After receiving the news, Deng Lai immediately rushed to the edge of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range and attempted to break through using Magical Artifacts and Evil-Slaying Thunder Talismans, but despite expending tremendous effort, he couldn't create an opening.

Later, Deng Lai moved around to rally about ten Golden Core Cultivators to jointly break the barrier, but each attempt ended in failure without exception.

"How could this be possible?" A Golden Core Elder Cultivator found it simply unbelievable.

The expression of the Golden Core Female Cultivator beside Deng Lai was equally grave, "The Divine General's mountain array can only cover five to six thousand miles of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range's core area using twenty to thirty tier three spirit veins around the range. This demonic qi covers the entire Celestial Yin Mountain Range, more than a hundred thousand miles. Such a vast array, how could it be unbreakable everywhere?"

"We've tried seven or eight locations, and combined, we cannot make it budge. I'm afraid this would be the same if we tried anywhere else. The current strategy is to first establish contact with the Divine General. Ordinary Sound Transmission Talismans, Communication Stones, and secret techniques are entirely unusable; we likely have to resort to the Celestial Secret Infinite Technique."

Upon finishing those words, the gaze of the Golden Core Zhenren immediately fell on Deng Lai, as only Deng Lai had a Tier Three Celestial Secret Spiritual Artifact among them. More importantly, Deng Lai was now their only backbone.

Yet, Deng Lai hesitated, for using the Celestial Secret Infinite Technique came at too great a cost, unaffordable for ordinary Golden Core Zhenren, with the blood, spirit stones, and resources required. Even as the City Lord of East Pole Immortal City, his financial resources were thin as he lacked a supporting family.

Especially knowing that the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect had the upper hand in Traceless Mountain Range, potentially invading the West Mountain Floating Domain anytime, Deng Lai invested heavily in his cultivation, enhancing his spirit body and level, and acquiring protection and life-saving items.

But just as Deng Lai was hesitating and deliberating other options, a Golden Core Zhenren guarding the core area of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range suddenly transmitted a message.

A large number of Demon Cultivators emerged from the core area of the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

The Demon Cultivators were neither human nor complete demons.

They were neither entirely demons nor entirely human.

All had the power equivalent to Fake Pills.

And they were numerous!

At least several thousand!

Currently, within the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, bolstered by the demonic qi, they were slaughtering the Spirit Suppressing Army.

Even the Golden Core Zhenren could only suppress and force them back. The Golden Core Technique injures them, but they rapidly recover within a short time frame, even if decapitated, they can regenerate within a hundred breaths.

Upon receiving this transmission, the faces of the Golden Core Zhenren collectively changed, and Deng Lai, who was pondering other methods to break the demon array, dared not delay any further.

Several thousand Fake Pill cultivators represent an immense power, and their terrifying ability to regenerate, akin to growing back severed limbs in the Demon Realm, was too daunting for even a million Spirit Suppressing Army members and the hundred thousand Foundation Establishment Cultivators.

Because the million Spirit Suppressing Army troops were spread too thinly and would need at least three to five days to gather together.

Yet the current situation made gathering them even more difficult.

He had no fear of Fake Pill Demon Cultivators.

But he worried that this might just be the appetizer for the Dark Altar Lineage in dealing with them.

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At the same time.

Wen Jiu from Donghua Immortal City felt the situation outside Cold Pool Mist Valley through the Blood Demon Undying Bone.

The Blood Demon Undying Bone, being a demon corpse, was quite sensitive to demonic qi; it was this sensitivity that allowed it to perceive the extraordinary nature of this demonic qi more distinctly than ordinary Golden Core Zhenren.

Simultaneously, Wen Jiu sensed the aura of the True Spirit Demon Tree through the Blood Demon Undying Bone. This time, the aura of the True Spirit Demon Tree was stronger than when seen at the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect's Dark Altar previously.

And even more unique.

Without hesitation, Wen Jiu immediately controlled the Blood Demon Undying Bone to fly out of Cold Pool Mist Valley.

Just as it flew out of the cold pond, Feng Jue and the Domain Lord's Mansion's cultivators in the misty valley also followed, flying toward outside the Cold Pool Mist Valley.

Clearly.

The group wanted to investigate what exactly was happening.

"Return to your cave and don't come out." Wen Jiu advised Feng Jue, yet he did not concern himself with the people from the Domain Lord's Mansion.

Upon receiving the transmission, Feng Jue, who had just flown out of the cave, stopped abruptly and nodded before retreating back into his cave.

Asked by Han Tianxing, he simply said, "This time we have a big problem. I can sense a familiar aura. The true demon realm has taken root and is expanding, devouring the Celestial Yin Mountain Range."

"The true demon realm?"

Feng Jue was stunned.

Han Tianxing did not elaborate further, as some things Feng Jue did not yet need to know, they were far beyond his current understanding.

However, this information had to be conveyed to Han Li.

Han Tianxing immediately transmitted through the Blood Demon Undying Bone, "Fellow Daoist Han, this aura is similar to the demon realm aura I encountered upstream of the Heaven-Reaching River. Not to mention, there's also a trace of the True Spirit Demon God's aura. I'm sure there's a relic of it within the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, and it's already consuming it."

"The relic of the True Spirit Demon God?"

Wen Jiu emerged from the cold pond, gazing at the demon energy barrier overhead. While asking Han Tianxing, he controlled the Three Thousand Blood Inks to perform divination, to discern whether the Blood Demon Undying Bone left alone in Cold Pool Mist Valley faced fortune or disaster.

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Han Tianxing responded via the Communication Stone: "Regarding the True Spirit Demon God, I don’t know much either. All I know is that it is a transcendent being, coming from beyond the Hundred Floating Domains and the Lifeless Abyss, reaching the pinnacle of this world.

Its relics are said to be remnants of its body after it fell and died in the Heaven-Reaching River, each possessing unfathomable demonic evil energy. If my perception is not mistaken, the one in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range should be the True Spirit Demon Tree.

This tree is said to be formed from the hair of the True Spirit Demon God. Even Nascent Soul Cultivators find it hard to destroy it. After the fall of the True Spirit Demon God, they scattered in the Hundred Floating Domains, turning many places there into Demon Realms.

But according to ancient manuscripts of the Divine Wood Celestial Sect, thirty thousand years ago, they were already surpassed by great cultivators above the Nascent Soul level, who collectively borrowed the Heaven-Reaching River’s waters to flush them out of the river. The Hundred Floating Domains have not seen them for tens of thousands of years. Unexpectedly, they have now appeared in the lower reaches of the Heaven-Reaching River, which is not a good sign."

Han Tianxing’s tone became more grave as he spoke.

Though Wen Jiu had long known about the existence of the True Spirit Demon Tree, and knew it could transform the land into a Demon Realm, and further understood the Dark Altar Lineage’s purpose in the West Mountain Floating Domain, upon realizing the True Spirit Demon Tree was formed from the hair of the True Spirit Demon God, his heart was somewhat stirred.

Even though he possessed Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi, if it were other Golden Core Cultivators, the True Spirit Divine Tree would indeed be an immortal existence to them. Just a strand of hair can transform into such a terrifying evil entity, how powerful must the True Spirit Demon God have been when alive? And how strong must the entity that killed it have been?

However, there was no time to ponder this now. Wen Jiu focused his gaze into the Dark Realm, where his divination indicated great danger.

If the Blood Demon Undying Bone continues to remain in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, even without using the Life Plate for analysis, one can ascertain it leads to nine deaths and one life.

Upon obtaining this result, Wen Jiu hastily performed divination using the Corpse Fate Technique, to determine the fortunes of East Spring Undying Bone entering the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

Still, it was Zhongji (medium good).

"It's still only Zhongji. When East Spring Undying Bone was at Tier Three Middle Realm, the Corpse Fate Technique's divination showed Zhongji. Now East Spring Undying Bone has reached Tier Three Upper Realm, comparable to a Golden Core Perfection Cultivator, yet it's still Zhongji, not Daji (greatly good)... It seems that the so-called Zhongji doesn't stem from East Spring Undying Bone itself, but from the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi's restraint against the True Spirit Demon Tree."

Wen Jiu remembered clearly that previously, upon entering the darkness within the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, when East Spring Undying Bone reached Tier Three Upper Realm, it shifted from Xiaoji (slightly good) to Daji. Comparing the two, could the Celestial Yin Mountain Range be even more dangerous?

Realizing this, Wen Jiu quickly recalled the previous Life Plate analysis result, containing the sentence "It is both an opportunity and trouble; whether to avoid or embrace requires careful consideration. If handled properly, the dangers will be minimized, nearly nonexistent."

"In other words, even possessing Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi, if not handled properly, there can still be trouble."

With this thought, Wen Jiu immediately became alert, controlling East Spring Undying Bone to leave the Spiritless Death Secret Realm Cave Heaven, simultaneously attempting to use the Corpse Fate Technique for divination on Lin Yingyun Mountain, yet still unable to perform it.

After repeated deliberation, Wen Jiu guided the Blood Demon Undying Bone back to the Cold Pond, suppressing any emerging curiosity, waiting quietly for Nangong Huan.

Of course.

While waiting, Wen Jiu didn’t forget to inquire more about the True Spirit Demon Tree from Han Tianxing.

And Han Tianxing’s words made Wen Jiu even more cautious and further confirmed that Zhongji was owing to the Spirit-Extinguishing Corpse Qi.

Rather than the strength of East Spring Undying Bone.

"A single True Spirit Demon Tree isn’t frightening; multiple ones are terrifying. The Divine Wood Celestial Sect’s records mention that when many True Spirit Demon Trees gather together, if they further fuse with the soul of a strong cultivator, the True Spirit Demon Tree will unleash some powers of the True Spirit Demon God.

Although faint, the horror of the True Spirit Demon Tree is beyond anyone’s imagination. Unfortunately, even the Divine Wood Celestial Sect doesn’t have much record on this part. It’s said that only the founding ancestor of the Divine Wood Celestial Sect experienced that era, yet this founding ancestor did not elaborate on that period, so even though the sect has a heritage spanning nearly thirty thousand years, it only has a few pages on this matter.

In the Thousand-Mile Book Cave Heaven of the Divine Wood Celestial Sect, these few pages are like a needle in the sea."

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In the Celestial Yin Mountain Range.

During the period Deng Lai used Celestial Secret Infinite Technique to transmit messages to Nangong Huan, millions of Spirit Suppressing Army soldiers were slaughtered by over ten thousand Demon Cultivators, scattering and fleeing. The Fake Pill Zhenren who rushed to aid were like sheep entering a lion’s den, fighting to the death yet unable to escape demise. Even Golden Core Zhenren could only contend with them.

For a while, the Spirit Suppressing Army in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range suffered innumerable casualties. Every fallen soldier of the Spirit Suppressing Army merged seamlessly into the gradually expanding Demon Realm, becoming part of it.

As more cultivators perished, even Deng Lai and a group of Golden Cores realized the more they died, the faster the Demon Realm spread, and the Fake Pill Demon Cultivators grew stronger.

Thus, upon connecting with Nangong Huan, Deng Lai immediately reported the matter, and Nangong Huan, already en route, grew increasingly somber, "Over ten thousand inhuman, non-True Demon Fake Pill Demon Cultivators, I never thought the Dark Altar

Lineage's setup in the West Mountain Floating Domain would be so terrifying. The Spirit Suppressing Army's accumulation over several centuries amounts to nearly ten thousand Fake Pills. I can mobilize barely two to three thousand, and they must guard various locations. Currently, there are merely about a thousand in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range..."

A thousand versus ten thousand?

"It seems I still underestimated Anchaosheng." Nangong Huan muttered, immediately transmitting messages to Deng Lai using Celestial Secret Infinite Technique.

"I'm on my way, proceed to Cold Pool Mist Valley right away. The main array eye to activate the mountain range's giant array is there; Lu Family Corpse Ancestor should be at Cold Pool Mist Valley now as well. With him safeguarding the main array eye, even if Anchaosheng arrives personally, he won't gain any advantage." Nangong Huan felt incredibly fortunate he secretly placed the main array eye in Fog Valley; otherwise, their previous efforts would be futile.

The mountain range giant array remains usable as long as the main array eye isn't shattered, while other array eyes, even if Anchaosheng strikes personally, cannot be breached because the entire giant array is unified, only the main array eye's breach leads to collapse of other eyes. Attacking other array eyes equates to attacking the mountain range giant array.

Upon receiving the news, Deng Lai's face brightened with joy, immediately addressing the worried surrounding Golden Cores, "Right, I almost forgot, Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's domain is in Cold Pool Mist Valley. The entire Celestial Yin Mountain Range is enveloped by the Demon Array, Cold Pool Mist Valley included; we can directly seek Lu Family Corpse Ancestor. Even a Divine General cannot match Lu Family Corpse Ancestor's strength. With him, we are ensured safety. Along with the mountain range giant array, despite the one thousand Fake Pill Demon Cultivators being troublesome, handling them won't be difficult!"

With those words.

Deng Lai promptly led the Golden Cores toward Cold Pool Mist Valley in haste, wasting no time.

Meanwhile, Nangong Huan took out the Communication Stone.

Moments later, an aged and calm voice emanated from the stone, "Fellow Daoist Nangong, contacting me now, are you planning to start?"

"There are some unnatural changes in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range, somewhat unexpected, yet everything is within expectations. With Lu Family Corpse Ancestor

guarding the mountain range giant array, aberrant troubles cease to be troubles. Gu Si Ming, you can proceed."

Nangong Huan responded with a noticeably calmer tone than before, but the subsequent reply from the Communication Stone startled his expression.

"Wait."

Nangong Huan hastily inquired, "Gu Si Ming, are you possibly regretting now? If Anchaosheng's plan succeeds, the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect inside and out will unite, and the entire West will fall... How will you account to the Domain Lord then?"

"Hahaha... Fellow Daoist Nangong, don't talk such high-sounding sentiments, others might not know you, but this old man knows you well."

"Gu Si Ming, what do you mean?"

"Nothing much, just recently learned, it turns out you voluntarily requested this troublesome task in the West."

Nangong Huan's expression grew tense, remaining silent, soon hearing faint laughter from the Communication Stone.

Though absent of coldness.

Yet it caused Nangong Huan's face to gradually turn cold.

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"I'm a long-time associate of Lin Zhuo and also one of the Four Divine Generals of the Spirit Suppressing Army. Is it so strange for me to volunteer? Gu Si Ming, if at this moment we cannot be united in purpose, fellow Daoist, you need not make a move. Otherwise, when dealing with Anchaosheng later, I'll have to worry whether a blade will be thrust into my back."

"There's no need for such words, I understand your thoughts very well. And currently, with both the northern and southern regions needing to fend off the Demon Sect's

invasions, where would we find people to aid you? I just want to know one answer, the answer to why a fellow Daoist would volunteer. As long as you speak honestly, I will certainly assist you with all my might."

On the other end of the Communication Stone, the old voice carries a calm confidence.

Who is this cultivator with the surname Gu?

He is none other than Gu Qinghe, one of the four Fate heads of the Spirit Control Department in the Domain Lord's Mansion, and like Nangong Huan, a late-stage Golden Core cultivator.

Nangong Huan spoke coldly, "Fellow Daoist, everyone has their secrets. Have you thought about the day when you might need others' assistance by probing so deeply? Are you, Gu Qinghe, so certain that you can rely on yourself for your entire life?"

"Secrets, of course, are allowed. Under normal circumstances, even if you achieve the Realm of Perfection in Golden Core today, I wouldn't question you further. But the one coming this time is the branch master of the Dark Altar lineage, Anchaosheng. Under him, the death count of late-stage Golden Core cultivators is not just one or two. Yet you dare to face him directly with your cultivation..." Gu Qinghe did not continue.

The words 'overestimating one's capabilities' need not be spoken, he believes Nangong Huan understands what he means.

The voice falls silent.

Nangong Huan falls into a prolonged silence.

Gu Qinghe also remains silent, simply placing the Communication Stone aside and continuing to transcribe his ancient texts, quietly waiting for Nangong Huan to speak. A moment later, a smile slowly forms at the corner of Gu Qinghe's lips, as Nangong Huan's reminder finally slowly sounds in the Communication Stone.

"Gu Si Ming, some words need to be said face to face."

Gu Qinghe nodded in transmission, "Okay."

"However, you must be as quick as possible. The current situation in the Celestial Yin Mountain Range is far from good for the Spirit Suppressing Army."

"Naturally."

After putting down the Communication Stone, Gu Qinghe immediately stopped writing.

After giving a few instructions, he transformed into a Startled Swan and left Blessed Cave Heaven, heading straight to the meeting place mentioned by Nangong Huan.

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Half a day later.

A kindly old cultivator, with a benevolent smile and a kindly demeanor, dressed in a black and white long shirt, reunites with Nangong Huan two thousand miles outside Celestial Yin Mountain Range in a mountain stream. The old cultivator carries an air of scholarly elegance.

This person is precisely Gu Qinghe, one of the four Fate heads of the Spirit Control Department.

"Fellow Daoist Nangong, apologies for the wait." Gu Qinghe raises his hand in a salute, stroking his beard with a smile, his eyes squinting into slits.

Nangong Huan spoke, his tone indifferent, "Fellow Daoist, you must first swear a Heart Demon Oath and cast a Silencing Spell, not revealing a word."

"Okay."

Gu Qinghe nodded, once again stroking his beard with a smile, quickly swearing the Heart Demon Oath and casting the Silencing Spell.

But after the Silencing Spell was cast, Gu Qinghe’s squinting eyes fell on Nangong Huan, "Fellow Daoist, now it’s your turn. To prove your words are true, you also must make a Heart Demon Oath to be fair."

"You..."

Nangong Huan was somewhat irritated, but upon seeing Gu Qinghe’s seemingly smiling face while stroking his beard, he reluctantly agreed. Without hesitation, Nangong Huan immediately swore a Heart Demon Oath to prove the truth of his words.

Seeing this, Gu Qinghe squinted his eyes in a smile, "Apologies, Fellow Daoist Nangong, I’ve been deceived too many times. Nowadays, nobody can say how much longer the West Mountain Floating Domain can remain calm, so I must be cautious."

"No problem." Nangong Huan forced a smile, letting out a heavy breath, suppressing his displeasure.

Following closely, Nangong Huan continued, "Time waits for no one. The situation in Celestial Yin Mountain Range is fraught with danger, and it would be wise for us to set out sooner. I’m asking fellow Daoist to assist me in this endeavor. Our ultimate goal is not

only to deal with the Dark Altar lineage and prevent us from being besieged but also to acquire what Anchaosheng holds."

"What is it?"

Gu Qinghe squinted his eyes.

Nangong Huan continued, "True Spirit Demon Tree Seeds."

"True Spirit Demon Tree Seeds!" Gu Qinghe's smile faded, "The Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect possesses such an evil artifact? Are you saying that the anomaly in Celestial Yin Mountain Range was caused by Anchaosheng using the True Spirit Demon Tree?"

"Perhaps. The Dark Altar lineage is extremely difficult to infiltrate. I've spent fifty years and only obtained a small amount of information. From what I've gathered, Celestial Yin Mountain Range is gradually being engulfed by the Demon Realm, likely related to the True Spirit Demon Tree."

The voice falls silent.

Gu Qinghe falls into a contemplative silence, squinting his eyes into a line, repeatedly stroking his beard, his brows furrowing ever more tightly.

"If it truly is the True Spirit Demon Tree, then seeking me out is futile. The True Spirit Demon Tree is something that Golden Core cultivators like myself cannot deal with. Even if the Domain Lord were present, accepting this outcome would be inevitable."

Nangong Huan nodded, "Do your best, we can't just watch as the Outer Path Hidden Demon Sect's plot succeeds, can we?"

"What's the situation with the True Spirit Demon Tree Seeds?" Gu Qinghe pressed.

"Gu Si Ming, don't you think you're probing too much?"

Nangong Huan grew displeased again.

Gu Qinghe's solemn expression suddenly showed a hint of a smile, he asked, "Fellow Daoist Nangong, why do we need to hide things from each other like this? True Spirit Demon Tree Seeds, they are the most sinister items of the Demon Dao, whether Orthodox Dao or Heterodox Dao, none dare touch them. Once touched, one's heart and soul would be corrupted by the True Spirit Demon Tree, hard to find a path back. Fellow Daoist, you certainly aren't the kind to willingly fall into Demon Dao, so..."