

## **Divine King 1001**

Chapter 1001: The Clever Shi Guangxu

Tianhen Star Domain, Tianbao Pavilion Headquarters.

Mei Ji's residence, Shi Guangxu was sitting together with Mei Ji.

"Xu Nian's been gone for almost three months. The day after tomorrow is the last deadline. I wonder if he got that Tao Trace Fruit or not," Shi Guangxu mumbled, shaking his head.

Mei Ji also furrowed her delicate brows, her eyes showing a solemn look.

In the Black Abyss, once people go in, few come out alive, and even if they survive, no one has managed to get out.

She had never wanted Xu Nian to go in, but Xu Nian simply wouldn't listen.

Seemingly noticing Mei Ji's thoughts, Shi Guangxu smiled slightly and said, "Miss Mei Ji, don't tell me you've taken a liking to Xu Nian. But it's natural to like that guy. Not only does he look handsome, his strength is also formidable, more than worthy of Miss Mei Ji."

Upon hearing this, Mei Ji's face turned red, and she glared at this unrestrained guy.

Shi Guangxu seemed indifferent.

"By the way, did your cultivation make a breakthrough?" Mei Ji changed the subject.

"Hmm, with the pills you gave me, I've recently broken through to the Late Stage Tribulation Crossing level. Heh, if Xu returns, he'll be in for quite a shock," Shi Guangxu bragged.

In these three months, he had obtained numerous pill treasures from Tianbao Pavilion.

His strength leaped two realms all at once.

He believed that even if Xu Nian cultivated fast, at best, his strength would be equal to a Middle Stage Tribulation Crossing.

Whereas he could completely show off in front of that guy.

Thinking of Xu Nian's face turning pale at being provoked by him, he felt particularly proud inside.

Mei Ji didn't speak, but in her heart, she murmured, "Can that guy really come back?"

The Black Abyss!

No one has ever come out of there alive.

At least she had never heard of it.

However, she hoped a little when she thought about Xu Nian always achieving the impossible.

"It's bad, Miss Mei Ji, Master Wu Hen is preparing to leave Tianbao Pavilion and head to the Mu Residence." At this moment, a guard rushed in urgently.

Mei Ji had sent him to keep an eye on Master Wu Hen's movements.

Now hearing that Master Wu Hen was leaving Tianbao Pavilion, he naturally rushed to report.

"Master Wu Hen is leaving? Why?" Mei Ji immediately furrowed her brows.

Then she seemed to think of something and, without waiting for the guard to respond, rushed out of the hall towards Master Wu Hen's residence.

Shi Guangxu thought for a moment, and then followed.

Soon, Mei Ji stopped Master Wu Hen outside his residence.

Indeed, Master Wu Hen was about to leave with his hands clasped behind him, heading for the Transmission Array.

"Master Wu Hen, please wait," Mei Ji approached and said.

"Miss Mei Ji, I know what you want to say, but my mind is made up. I must leave," Wu Hen stopped and said to Mei Ji.

Mei Ji frowned and quickly said, "Master Wu Hen, didn't you promise Xu Nian to wait for three months? Now the gambling date hasn't arrived, how can you leave just like that? What if he comes back and can't find you?"

"Come back? Do you really think he could come back from the Black Abyss?" Wu Hen snorted, questioning.

Mei Ji frowned and remained silent.

Seeing Mei Ji not speaking, Wu Hen lost patience and said, "Alright, Fairy Mei Ji, stop talking. If it weren't for your face, I wouldn't have agreed to such an unreasonable bet. No one has ever come out alive from the Black Abyss, and you know it. Let alone getting the Tao Trace Fruit. I've been delayed for three months. This time the Mu Residence offered me ingredients to make the Heavenly Crossing Pill. I need to go to make pills for the next Heavenly Tribulation. Although the Heavenly Crossing Pill isn't as good as the Tribulation Crossing Pill, it's still better than nothing."

After speaking, Wu Hen prepared to continue heading towards the Transmission Array.

Mei Ji still wanted to stop him, but didn't know how to persuade him to stay.

Yes, with only two days left, the hope of Xu Nian's return is very slim.

"Oh, Master Wu Hen, are you afraid of losing and planning to run away early?" However, just then, Shi Guangxu spoke up.

"Hmph, I'm going to lose? Apparently, that guy lost himself. How could I lose? Kid, stop wasting my time. Your provocation doesn't work on me," Wu Hen snorted coldly.

"Oh really? I think you lost. I just received a message from Xu Nian; he's already out of the Black Abyss and is on his way back now. The gambling date hasn't passed, yet you want to escape, isn't that because you're afraid of losing?" Shi Guangxu sneered with disdain.

Upon hearing this, both Wu Hen and Mei Ji were stunned.

"Xu Nian really came out of the Black Abyss?" It was not Wu Hen who spoke, but Mei Ji.

Her pretty face was filled with surprise.

"Yes, he just sent me a message that he's out of the Black Abyss, on his way back, and he's already got the Tao Trace Fruit," Shi Guangxu said.

Upon hearing this, Mei Ji finally breathed a sigh of relief.

She then looked at Master Wu Hen, "Master, now you can stay, right? Haven't you always wanted the Tao Trace Fruit to make the Tribulation Crossing Pill? Now that Xu Nian is back with the Tao Trace Fruit, it's a big event for you."

Hearing that, Master Wu Hen fell into silence.

Did that guy really come out of the Black Abyss?

And bring back the Tao Trace Fruit?

"Are you sure you're not lying to me?" Wu Hen looked at Shi Guangxu and asked.

"If you think I'm lying, go ahead and leave. Just hope you don't regret it later," Shi Guangxu sneered.

Hearing this, Wu Hen pondered for a while longer.

Then he spoke up, "Alright, I'll wait another two days. If I don't see the Tao Trace Fruit by then, I'll be the first to kill you. You must know, if I decide to kill you, no one can stop me."

"And if you lose, you better keep your promise," Shi Guangxu replied defiantly.

Upon hearing this, Wu Hen flicked his sleeve and left.

Although he didn't believe anyone could come out of the Dark Abyss, Shi Guangxu's words were so assured, it just might be true.

Seeing Master Wu Hen leave, Shi Guangxu let out a long sigh of relief.

Then he seemed to remember something and quickly turned to leave.

"Where are you going? To pick up Xu Nian?" Mei Ji quickly stepped forward and asked.

"Pick up Xu Nian? I'm fleeing for my life! Didn't you hear that old man say he was going to kill me?" Shi Guangxu said with an exasperated face.

Mei Ji was left utterly confused.

What's going on?

Kill you?

Suddenly, she seemed to realize something and quickly widened her eyes, "Are you saying all of that was...?"

"Of course it was fake. If I hadn't said that, would he have stayed? As for Xu Nian, who knows where he is? Damn, I really helped him out big this time. I wonder if that kid will ever pay me back?" Shi Guangxu cursed.

"..."

Beside them, Mei Ji was left in total dismay.

Chapter 1002: Xu Nian Returns

"Damn it, this guy is really an old fox. He actually sent people to watch me like a hawk. Now I can't leave this Tianbao Pavilion at all, and those assassins from the Mu Residence are hiding just outside Tianbao Star. As soon as I leave, they'll immediately intercept and kill me. If I had known, I wouldn't have messed with that old man." Shi Guangxu cursed angrily.

It's been a day and a half since Shi Guangxu lied to Master Wu Hen about Xu Nian coming out of the Dark Abyss.

Originally, Shi Guangxu wanted to slip away, but after all, he had already bought some time for Xu Nian.

But unexpectedly, Wu Hen seemed to anticipate he would run and actually sent someone to keep a close watch on him.

With things like this, he couldn't go anywhere.

When the agreed time comes, Wu Hen will definitely come to kill him.

His only hope now is that Xu Nian can make it back in the last couple of hours.

"Heavens, am I killing myself here? I wouldn't have helped Xu, it's like I'm giving my life away." Shi Guangxu lamented continuously.

Mei Ji beside him was speechless.

This guy is really daring, even daring to deceive a top-grade alchemist.

One should know that Wu Hen represents not just a cultivation expert at the peak of Tribulation Crossing.

With his status and influence as a top-grade alchemist, a mere word from him would make countless Earth Immortal experts willing to risk their lives for him.

Many Earth Immortal Realm experts have even received his favors.

Offending a top-grade alchemist is more terrifying than offending the Guihai Family.

After all, the entire Guihai Family doesn't even have one Earth Immortal.

But then again, if Shi Guangxu hadn't done this, Wu Hen would have definitely left.

If Xu Nian really returns in those last few hours, then Shi Guangxu will have accomplished a great feat.

But is it possible?

Will Xu Nian really come back?

"Xu Nian, you bastard, where the hell did you die? Even if you're dead, don't drag me down. I'm sacrificing my life for you. If you don't come back, I won't let you go even as a ghost." Shi Guangxu cursed.

With a look of despair.

Mei Ji was also helpless.

If Wu Hen really wanted to kill Shi Guangxu, she wouldn't be able to stop it even if she wanted to.

This time, Shi Guangxu is really in trouble.

"Who's wailing like a ghost here?"

But right at this moment, a light chuckle came from outside the hall.

The sound wasn't loud, but Shi Guangxu reacted as if struck by lightning, suddenly looking towards the outside of the hall.

Mei Ji beside him was also surprised, quickly looking towards the entrance of the hall.

They saw a young man in a black robe walk inside, with a familiar, handsome face and a wicked smile.

He really came back?

Mei Ji was full of surprise.

"Xu Nian, no, Uncle Xu, you're finally back, I've missed you so much."

But before Mei Ji could gather her wits, she saw Shi Guangxu's figure blur and instantly appear in front of Xu Nian, grabbing Xu Nian's leg.

Mei Ji was stunned!

That's a bit too much, isn't it!

Even if Xu Nian really came back, there's no need to get so excited.

But when thinking about how Shi Guangxu would lose his life if Xu Nian didn't return, Mei Ji understood.

But in her heart, she still thought that Shi Guangxu had no moral compass.

Actually, she didn't know that Shi Guangxu had no moral compass to begin with.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have committed theft using Xu Nian's name before.

Xu Nian also looked puzzled.

Did Shi Guangxu bend in the three months he was away?

Thinking of this, Xu Nian quickly kicked Shi Guangxu away.

Shi Guangxu, after being kicked away, glared fiercely at Xu Nian.

This guy, he almost lost his life for him, and he is so ungrateful.

But he also knew he overreacted, adjusted his clothes, and looked at Xu Nian saying, "Xu, how are you going to repay me this time?"

"Repay you for what?" Xu Nian asked puzzledly.

"Two days ago, that old guy Wu Hen wanted to leave, it was me who spoke on your behalf to make him stay. Otherwise, you wouldn't even see him now." Shi Guangxu said proudly.

"There's such a thing?" Xu Nian turned to look at Mei Ji.

Mei Ji was speechless.

This Shi Guangxu really has no moral compass, he clearly lied to Wu Hen yet speaks so self-righteously.

There are not many with a skin that thick.

But she still nodded and responded, "Yes, Master Wu Hen was indeed about to leave, and it was Shi Guangxu's little trick that made him stay. Otherwise, you wouldn't have met Master Wu Hen. By the way, did you get the Tao Trace Fruit?"

"Got it." Xu Nian nodded.

After speaking, a dazzling red fruit appeared in his hand.

"Is this the Tao Trace Fruit?" Mei Ji looked surprised, her eyes fixed on the red fruit.

She could feel a rich wave of Profound Argumentation resonating within it, as if echoing with heaven and earth.

The pure energy fluctuations on it were extremely thick.

If consumed, it would definitely result in a massive increase in strength.

"Tao Trace Fruit, it's really good stuff. Xu Nian, how many did you get this time? If you have more, give me three to five Tao Trace Fruits as a thank you." Shi Guangxu also looked eager, his eyes burning.

Xu Nian couldn't help rolling his eyes at him.

Does this guy think Tao Trace Fruits are cabbages?

He risked his life to snatch three Tao Trace Fruits, and this guy casually asks for three to five, without even feeling a bit ashamed.

As for Shi Guangxu holding Wu Hen off, he didn't need to think to know that this guy must have tricked Wu Hen.

Otherwise, when he returned, he wouldn't have been so emotional.

"No fruits, but I have a top-grade spiritual artifact here, want it?" Xu Nian looked at Shi Guangxu.

"I still want the Tao Trace Fruit." Shi Guangxu replied with a grin.

"Then forget it. Sister Mei Ji, I'll give this top-grade spiritual artifact to you instead." Xu Nian said, ready to toss the spirit sword in his hand.

"Don't, I want it! I won't say no to a free gift." Shi Guangxu quickly said.

Then he grabbed Xu Nian's arm and snatched the top-grade spiritual artifact made from Black Origin Iron.

Xu Nian gave him a look of disdain.

But Shi Guangxu pretended not to see, happily playing with the top-grade spiritual artifact in his hand.

Top-grade spiritual artifacts might not be the most precious treasures, but they are still treasures.

Especially given the quality of this top-grade spiritual artifact, it's relatively high.

Taking it into battle would be quite impressive.

After expressing his disdain for Shi Guangxu, Xu Nian took out a top-grade spirit armor and handed it to Mei Ji saying, "Sister Mei Ji, I still have to thank you. This top-grade spirit armor is for your protection."

Mei Ji looked at the top-grade spirit armor in Xu Nian's hand with surprise.

Top-grade spirit armor?

That's an extremely valuable gift.

Still feeling proud, Shi Guangxu suddenly felt like spitting blood when he saw Xu Nian giving top-grade spirit armor to Mei Ji.

This guy gives me a spirit sword and gives someone else a spirit armor.

The value of the spirit armor at the same level is three to four times that of the artifact.

And top-grade spirit armor is even more precious, as not many in the Cultivation World can even refine it.

This guy is extremely biased!

"Xu Nian, did you find some ruins in the Dark Abyss?" Shi Guangxu suddenly thought of something and asked eagerly.

Mei Ji also showed a curious look.

This Xu Nian just gave away such precious treasures, maybe he really found some ancient inheritance.

Xu Nian just lightly nodded.

Shi Guangxu and Mei Ji both widened their eyes, looking at Xu Nian, and asked in unison with an unbelievable tone, "Did you say that you refined this yourself?"

But Xu Nian just nodded slightly.

Shi Guangxu and Mei Ji were both taken aback.

Is he still human?

Chapter 1003 Everything Pavilion

Xu Nian quickly sought out Master Wu Hen.

When Xu Nian appeared before Master Wu Hen, Wu Hen was taken aback.

As soon as Xu Nian took out the Tao Trace Fruit, Wu Hen's expression changed immediately.

He greeted Xu Nian with a cheerful face and even patted his chest to promise that he would help Xu Nian refine a Heavenly King Pill within ten days.

In principle, exchanging the Tao Trace Fruit for a Heavenly King Pill was a loss for Xu Nian.

However, Xu Nian didn't mind, as long as he could awaken Emperor Ye Tian, even if he had to suffer a bit of loss, so be it.

Wu Hen also realized this and proactively proposed that, besides refining the Heavenly King Pill for Xu Nian, he would also owe him a favor.

A favor from a top-grade alchemist is extremely valuable.

Even if Wu Hen weren't an alchemist, given his imminent breakthrough to the Earth Immortal Realm, it would still be a considerable favor.

Xu Nian was naturally happy to accept, and both parties were elated.

Next, Wu Hen began refining the Heavenly King Pill for Xu Nian.

Xu Nian found himself with some free time.

During this period, Shi Guangxu boasted to Xu Nian about his strength, saying he wanted to spar with Xu Nian.

But upon seeing Xu Nian's aura of the late stage of Tribulation Crossing, he ran away without a word.

In the following days, he would avoid Xu Nian whenever he saw him.

Oh man, what's there to spar about now?

Xu Nian, who could kill a Tribulation Crossing expert in the early stage of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm, was now in the same realm as him. You can guess with your nose that Xu Nian could easily trash him.

But he just couldn't understand how this guy cultivated.

In just three months, he had advanced from the middle stage of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm to the late stage of Tribulation Crossing.

In reality, he didn't know that Xu Nian had actually spent not just three months, but a full thirty years in the Dark Abyss.

Given Xu Nian's cultivation speed,

to only advance one major realm in thirty years was actually quite slow.

The following days were relatively peaceful.

Xu Nian's main goal was to wait for the birth of the Heavenly King Pill.

And just as the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar emerged from the Dark Abyss, Xu Nian's true self had also reached the Tianhen Star Domain.

At this moment, Xu Nian was standing on a bustling cultivation planet.

Most of the passersby were cultivators, and the items sold on the streets were all things cultivators needed.

But Xu Nian frequently shook his head.

Although there were many cultivators here, after walking for half a day,

he hardly saw any at the Tribulation Crossing stage, and even those at the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm were rare.

Not to mention Earth Immortal-level experts.

Even the cultivation goods were far inferior to those in the Denor Star System and the Tianhen Star Domain.

Even the concentration of Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy was vastly inferior to other star domains.

Denor Star System is one of the five major superpowers, after all.

Both the Tianhen Star Domain and the Tianhen Star Domain are home to loose cultivators, so why is the disparity so great?

The number of Earth Immortal experts in the Denor Star System can reach tens of thousands.

In the Tianhen Star Domain, although Xu Nian hadn't seen many,

he believed that the Earth Immortal experts of the Tianbao Pavilion and Mu Residence would not be significantly fewer than those in the Denor Star Domain.

But the Tianhen Star Domain was different. Xu Nian believed that Earth Immortal experts in the Tianhen Star Domain were truly few and far between.

"Perhaps it's due to a lack of cultivation resources. Earth Immortal experts need a huge amount of spiritual energy to refine their Zifu or Immortal body. With the scarcity of resources in the Tianhen Star Domain, even if someone becomes an Earth Immortal, they'd probably leave," Xu Nian thought helplessly.

Take the Denor Star System, for example. The Earth Immortals on Slaughter Star might not all be from the Denor Star System.

Perhaps some were drawn by the Heavenly Immortal Pond of Slaughter Star.

Thinking this way, it all made sense.

Xu Nian continued walking forward.

His destination this time was a place called the Everything Pavilion.

In the cultivation world, there are people who do all sorts of things, including gathering intelligence.

And the Everything Pavilion was the most famous intelligence spot on this planet.

It was said to know everything so long as it happened on this planet.

It even knew most of what happened in the Tianhen Star Domain.

Even though Xu Nian knew the Everything Pavilion was probably exaggerating, he still decided to give it a shot.

Because returning to the Tianhen Star Domain this time, besides rescuing Xuan Hong, he also wanted to find out about his Master Bai Tianhan.

Zhao Yunshen mentioned that remnants of the Divine Demon Sect had appeared in the Tianhen Star Domain, and Xu Nian suspected it was his Master.

But the fact that his Master's whereabouts were exposed suggested he might have been injured.

Otherwise, with his Master's strength, how could he have been discovered so easily?

Soon, Xu Nian arrived at the Everything Pavilion.

However, there were many people in line, so Xu Nian waited patiently.

After waiting for six hours, it was finally Xu Nian's turn.

A maid led Xu Nian into the backyard. Upon entering, Xu Nian immediately sensed the fluctuation of a formation.

This formation was quite extraordinary, likely a top-grade spirit array.

But it wasn't a killing array; instead, it was an array to shield spiritual sense.

Xu Nian became even more curious about the Pavilion Master of the Everything Pavilion could be.

To lay down such a top-grade spirit array?

Filled with curiosity, Xu Nian soon arrived at a small courtyard.

The backyard was extraordinarily elegant, without a trace of ostentation.

However, in the backyard sat a fat man.

This was no ordinary fat man; his weight was probably three or four times that of an average person.

At first glance, he looked like a meatball sitting there.

Xu Nian was also taken aback when he saw this guy.

Cultivators are generally able to control their weight.

This guy's cultivation was quite high, having reached the middle stage of Tribulation Crossing.

To have such a physique with that level of cultivation was extremely rare.

Seeing Xu Nian's surprised expression, the fat man was unfazed and didn't mind.

Instead, he directly said, "Ten thousand top-grade spirit stones per question?"

Without a word, Xu Nian tossed a storage ring to the fat man.

Inside were not just a few, but a full million top-grade spirit stones.

The fat man was startled, then overjoyed.

He had encountered a big client!

He quickly said with a smile, "Sir, feel free to ask any questions. I even know how many times a month the Sect Master of the Green Sword Sect and his wife have intercourse."

Xu Nian was speechless. The Green Sword Sect was a major sect on this Green Cold Star.

This fat man dared to use the Green Sword Sect as an example; wasn't he afraid the Sect Master of the Green Sword Sect would come seeking vengeance?

But these were not his concerns.

"Has anything major happened on the Green Cold Star recently?" Xu Nian pondered before asking.

He didn't want to reveal his intentions, so he aimed to ask indirectly.

"Major events? There are plenty," the fat man replied with a grin.

"What are some of the major events?" Xu Nian asked quickly, feeling a bit tense.

The fat man thought for a moment and then began to list: "Recently, there have been quite a few major events on the Green Cold Star. For instance, the Oiran of the Tiannv Pavilion is about to be sold, the eldest daughter of the Wang Family is going to the East Sea Lake to cultivate the Heartless Sword, the Xie Family's daughter secretly met the son of the Zhao Family at East Wind Lake, and was beaten and had her leg broken by the Head of the Xie Family..."

As the fat man continued, Xu Nian's face gradually darkened.

Damn, he wouldn't call these major events!

But then, the fat man's next words made Xu Nian's body suddenly shiver.

"And a few days ago, a group from the Tiancang Sect arrived on the Green Cold Star, including a woman as beautiful as an immortal who once slew the Young Sect Master of the Green Sword Sect with a single sword," the fat man said.

"What is the woman's name?" Xu Nian asked hurriedly.

"I think it's Murong Xue. Word is she's a top talent from the Tiancang Sect!" the fat man answered.

Xu Nian's eyes widened in astonishment.

Murong Xue came to the Tianhen Star Domain?

Chapter 1004: Mistaken Identity

"Where are they now?" Xu Nian hurriedly asked.

Although Murong Xue had lost her memory, Xu Nian still wanted to see her.

"I don't know. The Tiancang Sect's whereabouts are very hard to track. If they find out, I won't have a life." The fat man quickly shook his head and said.

Xu Nian immediately frowned.

The power of the Four Great Sects was extremely strong, even though he hadn't contacted them yet, he could already feel it.

"Then do you know their purpose for coming here?" Xu Nian thought for a moment and asked again.

"I do know a little about that. They came here for training. Besides them, many geniuses from the Four Great Sects have come to our Tianhen Star Domain." The fat man began to say.

"Training?" Xu Nian frowned.

What is there to train for in the Tianhen Star Domain?

It's probably just a pretext. In reality, they're here to search for the remnants of the Divine Demon Sect, aren't they?

As if seeing through Xu Nian's doubts, the fat man smiled slightly and said, "You know, although our Tianhen Star Domain is the weakest among the Nine Great Star Regions, it has the most relics and Immortal Treasures in all of the Nine Great Star Regions. Many people have discovered traces left by Immortals on some uninhabited planets."

Xu Nian nodded.

He had indeed heard a bit about this.

It was true that there were many opportunities in the Tianhen Star Domain.

Once, someone found an Immortal Treasure left by an Immortal. With originally unimpressive talent, they quickly ascended from the Cave Void Realm to the Transcendence Tribulation Stage, and then skyrocketed, directly stepping into the Earth Immortal Realm.

And such cases were not uncommon, happening occasionally in the Tianhen Star Domain.

However, even with all this, Xu Nian still didn't believe these so-called opportunities could attract the genius disciples of the Four Great Sects.

"I fear this isn't the main reason. The genius disciples of the Four Great Sects wouldn't travel such a long distance here just for these so-called opportunities." Xu Nian looked at the fat man and said.

The fat man looked at Xu Nian for a while, then smiled, "Brother, as expected, you are a person with extraordinary vision. When you first entered, I could see you were no ordinary person. Since you've asked to this extent, I might as well reveal a big secret to you."

"What big secret?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

The fat man chuckled and said, "This secret is definitely worthy of the Spirit Stones you spent because it's of great significance."

"Hurry up and tell me!" Xu Nian said impatiently.

Seeing this, the fat man no longer beat around the bush and began to speak.

Two hours later, Xu Nian walked out of the Everything Pavilion.

His face carried a trace of surprise.

The things that fat man had just told him did indeed catch him off guard.

Now he finally knew why the geniuses from the Four Great Sects had all come to this Tianhen Star Domain.

It turned out these guys had come for a Treasure.

The Treasure was said to be an Immortal Artifact of no low grade.

It was once the sword of a powerful Immortal.

The Immortal Sword itself was secondary; the key point was that this powerful Immortal Sword bore the lifetime insights of that Immortal.

Insights from an Immortal, that's an extremely valuable thing.

That means that obtaining this, one's future path of Insight Cultivation would become very smooth.

It's said that this Immortal Sword came from the depths of the universe, breaking through space barriers, crossing several major star regions, and finally landing in the Tianhen Star Domain.

As for where it landed, that remains unknown.

Within the Four Great Sects, a strong practitioner at the Earth Immortal Peak Level once encountered this Immortal Sword.

Attempting to intercept it, they were injured by it instead.

It caused a great sensation among the Four Great Sects, which is why they sent their genius disciples to find it.

As of now, where this Immortal Sword landed is still a mystery.

Xu Nian had no great interest in the so-called Immortal Sword or in the Sword Immortal's legacy.

He walked his own path of cultivation, and borrowing from others recklessly would only disrupt him.

Of course, getting that Immortal Sword would still be a good thing.

After all, he could gain insights from the Sword Immortal and still gain something.

Maybe he could learn a bit and incorporate it into his own Swordsmanship.

Of course, whether he could obtain it depended on fate.

Besides, Xu Nian also indirectly asked about the matter of the Divine Demon Sect remnants.

The fat man said that the Divine Demon Sect remnants were indeed rumored, but no one had seen them so far.

So naturally, the matter went nowhere.

Hearing this, Xu Nian sighed in relief.

No news meant that no one had found traces of his Master.

His Master Bai Tianhan should be safe.

For now, Xu Nian decided to return to the Tianlan Star first.

As for Murong Xue, with the Tianhen Star Domain being so vast, without concrete news, finding someone would be like searching for a needle in a haystack.

Hence, Xu Nian could only choose to set this matter aside and headed towards the Transmission Array on this planet.

He wanted to use the Transmission Array of this planet to directly transport to the Tianlan Star.

"Die!"

However, just as Xu Nian was about to reach the Transmission Array, he suddenly felt a strong killing intent behind him.

Without thinking, Xu Nian turned around and threw a punch.

The True Essence surged on his fist, instantly sending the attacker flying.

The attacker flew backward, crashing into the wall behind.

The wall shattered, and blood spewed from his mouth.

His eyes, however, were fixed on Xu Nian, filled with intense killing intent.

Xu Nian frowned slightly as he sized up the young man in front of him.

The man didn't look very old, appearing youthful, and probably hadn't been cultivating for more than a hundred years.

However, his cultivation was indeed not low, having reached the Peak of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm.

With such strength, he was considered a formidable expert in the Tianhen Star Domain.

Yet his face was very unfamiliar, and Xu Nian was certain he didn't know this person.

"Why did you ambush me?" Xu Nian coldly questioned.

If he hadn't purposely held back just now, this young man would already be a bloody mess.

"Hmph, I not only want to kill you, I wish I could gnaw your bones and drink your blood." The young man was filled with rage, his eyes fierce.

Xu Nian was speechless for a moment.

Could this guy have mistaken him for someone else?

What kind of deep hatred did he have with him to make him so angry?

"I say, brother, you couldn't have mistaken me for someone else, could you? It seems we haven't met before." Xu Nian said with amusement.

"I won't mistake you. Yan'er said the one who bullied her wore white robes, was eight feet tall, had black long hair, sword-like eyebrows, and a mole in the middle of his brow. Tell me, who else could it be besides you?" The young man yelled angrily.

Xu Nian was immediately speechless.

That's enough to determine it was him?

This seems too hasty.

Sure, people with moles in the middle of their brow are rare, but that doesn't mean it's him!

"You bullied my sister, I want you dead!" The young man shouted, then swung his blade, again attacking Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was speechless for a moment.

He was about to make a move, but when he saw the young man's Sword Light, his face showed a hint of surprise.

This guy's understanding of the Wind Attribute Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation had actually reached the Peak of Great Success, only a step away from the Domain Realm.

Even this slash already vaguely had the shadow of the Domain Realm.

"Interesting!"

Xu Nian's heart was immediately filled with surprise.

He immediately reached out and, using two fingers, caught the young man's slash.

The sharp Wind Blade on the edge of the blade was instantly crushed by Xu Nian.

The young man was shocked; his most powerful slash had been blocked?

And intercepted bare-handed. How is this possible?

Chapter 1005 Ouyang Yun

"Who exactly are you?" The young man stared wide-eyed at Xu Nian.

The surrounding crowd was also full of astonishment.

Just now, even a typical early-stage Tribulation Crossing expert might not have been able to handle Ouyang Yun's sword stroke.

Yet this young man had only used two fingers to catch it. What terrifying power is this?

"Your Sword Intent is enough, and its sharpness is sufficient, but the cohesion of the Wind Blade isn't there. Feel it for yourself." Xu Nian said sternly.

After saying that, the fingers pinching the blade flicked the sword's surface like lightning.

"Clang!"

Ouyang Yun's expression instantly changed drastically.

He hurriedly retreated backward.

In that moment, the Top-Grade Spiritual Artifact in his hand completely exploded.

Turning into countless blades, shooting towards him violently.

Each blade carried an extremely sharp aura.

He was certain that if any of these blades hit him, he would be instantly killed.

"I can't die, Yan'er is still waiting for me, I can't die..."

Ouyang Yun muttered rapidly, watching the approaching blades.

Bloodshot eyes appeared as his anxiety reached its peak.

"Boom!"

At this moment, something seemed to suddenly explode in Ouyang Yun's mind, and his mind cleared instantly.

He entered a marvelous state entirely.

Looking at the blades flying towards him like a storm, his eyes focused, extending a hand.

"Buzz!"

The blades stopped inexplicably with the retreat of his hand, suspended in mid-air.

What is happening?

The surrounding people were dumbfounded.

Ouyang Yun was also full of astonishment.

How did he make the blades stop just now?

Xu Nian, seeing this scene, had a faint smile on his lips.

Then he shouted loudly, "Gather power with Intent, invoke the Wind Power of heaven and earth, infuse the Sword Intent into these blades, and send them out with a single palm."

The voice thundered in Ouyang Yun's mind.

Ouyang Yun instinctively followed Xu Nian's method and sent out a palm.

In an instant, the fierce blades, under Ouyang Yun's push, turned and shot violently towards Xu Nian.

Thousands of blades were filled with incredibly sharp Sword Intent.

Watching the blades fly towards him, Xu Nian also showed a satisfied smile.

His figure flickered and appeared to the side.

The giant structure behind him shattered into pieces under the bombardment of those blades.

"Such a strong attack!" The surrounding crowd exclaimed.

Even Ouyang Yun was surprised that he could unleash such a powerful attack.

Xu Nian was not surprised and looked at Ouyang Yun.

This guy's comprehension ability is very strong.

He just forced him, directly helping him take that step.

Allowing him to step into the Domain Realm.

That move just now was the power of the Domain Realm.

With just that move, he could sweep through an early-stage Tribulation Crossing with the Peak of Heavenly Phenomenon.

Even once he mastered the domain, he could still kill a weaker mid-stage Tribulation Crossing opponent.

"I've stepped into the Domain Realm?" Ouyang Yun looked at his hands, only now realizing what that wonderful feeling just now was.

And this feeling didn't disappear, as long as he willed it, he could enter that wonderful state.

The so-called domain is a feeling of being integrated with heaven and earth.

Within a certain space, integrating with heaven and earth to a very high degree, thereby unleashing immensely powerful force, this is the domain.

The wonderful state that Ouyang Yun felt was the feeling of merging with the Heaven and Earth Profound Argumentation.

"It was him, he helped me break through. Why did he help me? Since he could guide me, it means he has at least stepped into the Domain Realm. He could kill me with ease." Various thoughts suddenly emerged in Ouyang Yun's mind.

He was sure that if the white-robed youth in front of him wanted to kill him, it would be a matter of lifting a finger.

However, this guy didn't do that and instead guided him in comprehending the realm.

This made Ouyang Yun feel conflicted inside.

After a long while, Ouyang Yun seemed to have made a decision and looked at Xu Nian coldly, saying, "You can kill me. Your strength is very strong, I'm not your opponent. Since I can't avenge my sister, living is meaningless. Don't expect me to repay you for helping me break through the Domain Realm."

Xu Nian was amused.

He helped Ouyang Yun break through out of a whim.

He simply saw that this guy's comprehension ability was not weak and thought he was a genius, so he intervened.

As for repayment, he really hadn't thought about it.

Of course, Xu Nian also had the idea of recruiting him into the Heavenly Court Gang, but if he refused, that was fine too.

"I told you, you've got the wrong person. I never harmed your sister. I just arrived in the Tianhen Star Domain today." Xu Nian explained again.

"Really?" Hearing Xu Nian say this, Ouyang Yun began to doubt if he'd mistaken the identity.

Xu Nian was speechless; this guy with such strong comprehension has a mindset like a wooden head, so single-minded?

However, Xu Nian still seriously answered, "Really!"

"Brother, you've got the wrong person. He's not the guy who bullied me yesterday. I remember the guy's appearance and it's not him."

At this moment, a young girl ran out from the crowd.

This young girl bore quite a resemblance to the young man in front of them.

Upon hearing his sister's words, Ouyang Yun finally realized he had mistaken the identity.

He quickly apologized, "Sir, I was momentarily confused and mistaken. If you wish to blame, feel free to punish me."

When Ouyang Yun spoke, his expression was sincere.

Xu Nian's strength far surpassed his, so calling him "sir" was not out of order.

"Sir, my brother didn't mean it. If you must punish someone, please punish me instead." Ouyang Qingqing also looked at Xu Nian, pleading.

Xu Nian was again at a loss for words.

What is this situation?

I never said I wanted to punish them!

"Did I say I would punish you? If I really blamed you, I would have killed you already, rather than helping you break through. Now that the misunderstanding is cleared, I'll be on my way." Xu Nian said and prepared to turn and leave.

Ouyang Yun hesitated for a moment but quickly caught up with Xu Nian.

Then, to Xu Nian's shock, knelt directly in front of him with a thud.

"Sir, please accept me as your disciple!" Ouyang Yun said sincerely, ready to bow.

"Stand up!" Xu Nian quickly stopped him.

"If you don't take me as your disciple, I won't rise." Ouyang Yun insisted.

Xu Nian was at his wits' end.

This guy is really dead set on sticking with him!

"Get up first, taking a disciple isn't necessary. I'm younger than you, and if you encounter any issues in cultivation, I can guide you. If you're still not at ease, you can join the force I've established." Xu Nian said.

"I am willing to join!" Ouyang Yun answered without hesitation.

Xu Nian was taken aback.

This guy really is foolishly earnest.

Chapter 1006 Ouyang Qingqing

Inside a restaurant, Xu Nian and the Ouyang siblings sat across from each other.

Ouyang Yun was somewhat excited, looking at Xu Nian with a sense of reverence.

As for Ouyang Yun's sister, Ouyang Qingqing, she appeared reserved, occasionally raising her head to glance at Xu Nian.

Upon discovering Xu Nian watching her, she shyly lowered her head immediately.

Xu Nian was indeed looking at Ouyang Qingqing, but not because of her appearance.

Rather, Ouyang Qingqing gave him a strange feeling.

This feeling was peculiar, as if a powerful life force was hidden within her.

"Ouyang Yun, why do you want to apprentice under me?" Xu Nian shifted his gaze from Ouyang Qingqing to Ouyang Yun, asking.

Although he had previously guided Ouyang Yun, this alone did not suffice to make him so eager to become Xu Nian's disciple.

After all, Ouyang Yun's own talent was not weak, and he was a genius who could rise quickly upon joining any force.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's question, Ouyang Yun's face turned serious, seemingly hesitant.

"It's fine, if you don't want to talk about it, I won't force you." Seeing Ouyang Yun's difficulty in speaking, Xu Nian said.

"No, Gang Leader, actually it's nothing much. The reason I want to be your disciple is because I wish to become strong, so I can protect Qingqing well, and let those who have designs on her perish." Ouyang Yun said with determination.

Xu Nian nodded.

The reason he helped Ouyang Yun initially was because of his loyal and righteous nature.

His ability to care so deeply for his sister meant he wasn't a bad person.

"But with your talent, joining any force would absolutely safeguard your sister even more." Xu Nian asked again, puzzled.

"The Gang Leader may not know, I once joined other forces, just hoping to give my sister and me some dependability. But unexpectedly, when they discovered Qingqing's secret, they all wanted to kill her. I had no choice but to take Qingqing and flee everywhere. Since then, I haven't dared joining any force." Ouyang Yun said.

"Qingqing's secret?" Xu Nian showed a look of surprise.

Indeed, Ouyang Qingqing seemed special, indicating that there really was a secret hidden within her.

"Brother!" Ouyang Qingqing timidly looked at Ouyang Yun.

"Don't worry, the Gang Leader is not a bad person; I can feel it." Ouyang Yun reassured her.

Hearing her brother's words, Ouyang Qingqing also nodded gently.

Xu Nian remained silent, pondering why Ouyang Yun trusted him so much?

Was he truly not afraid that Xu Nian would discover their secret and turn against them?

Ouyang Yun turned to Xu Nian and said earnestly, "Gang Leader, I will tell you Qingqing's secret, but I hope you will keep it confidential."

Xu Nian nodded, signaling him to continue.

Ouyang Yun took a deep breath and said, "Qingqing was born with a strange illness, an illness very peculiar. Since childhood, she couldn't cultivate, nor could she absorb spiritual energy, destined to remain a mortal forever. However, her illness has one characteristic: she can see Life Law Trace."

"Life Law Trace?" Xu Nian's pupils shrank instantly.

"Indeed, it's Life Law Trace, not Profound Argumentation Trace." Seeing Xu Nian's surprise, Ouyang Yun reiterated.

Xu Nian inhaled sharply.

The Power of Laws was something only Immortals could touch.

And the Profound Argumentation understood by cultivators in the Cultivation World was merely a fragment of the Law Trace.

What does it mean for Ouyang Qingqing to be able to see Life Law Trace?

It means should she cultivate Wood Attribute High-level Profound Argumentation Skill Life Devouring, her cultivation speed would be multiple times faster than ordinary people.

Even upon entering the Immortal Realm, her cultivation in Life Law would be much quicker than most.

After all, seeing the Law Trace clearly has tremendous benefits for comprehending the Heaven and Earth Laws.

All things in the universe are evolved from Law Trace, thus the universe is filled with Law Trace.

They just cannot see it with the naked eye and can only perceive it with their mind.

However, this perception is extremely vague.

"No wonder her inner life force is so abundant, it's due to long-term cultivation of Life Profound Argumentation." Xu Nian thought to himself.

Even though Ouyang Qingqing cannot cultivate, it does not prevent her from comprehending the universe.

She can see the manifested Life Law Trace, and inevitably has some insight.

But this power, she cannot utilize herself.

"But this secret, if you don't reveal it, shouldn't nobody know? And what if they find out?" Xu Nian continued asking.

"Indeed, I thought so initially too, but reality isn't so. Every three years, Qingqing's body erupts with an incredible surge of life force, which causes plants and demon beasts within a hundred-mile radius to grow frenzy-like and even cultivators to become significantly younger. Thus, Qingqing's matters can no longer be concealed, and those people knew about Qingqing's body's peculiarity, wishing to keep her captive to excavate her secrets." Ouyang Yun said with great agitation.

Xu Nian furrowed his brows, looking at Ouyang Qingqing.

"Senior Wentian, Senior Wentian, come and see what is special about this young girl." Xu Nian called urgently to the Wentian Demon Sovereign within him.

"Bastard, disturbing my sleep, believe it or not I'll... Huh, Life Origin Stone?" Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"Life Origin Stone? What is that?" Xu Nian hurriedly asked, knowing Wentian Demon Sovereign might be referring to the reason behind the life force eruption in Ouyang Qingqing's body.

"Boy, this girl has a Life Origin Stone in her body. Only three exist in the entire Divine Demon Realm; one is held by the Life God Emperor, one was destroyed in the Divine Demon war, and another fell into the depths of the universe, whereabouts unknown, looks like this must be the third Life Origin Stone." Wentian Demon Sovereign replied.

Xu Nian was astonished, using Spiritual Sense to probe Ouyang Qingqing's body but found nothing.

"Boy, you won't be able to find it. Once a Life Origin Stone enters a person's body, it merges with the bloodline, and unless the person dies, it cannot be extracted. This little girl is lucky to obtain a Life Origin Stone; perhaps in the future, she can grow into the next Life God Emperor." Wentian Demon Sovereign explained further.

Xu Nian was startled, becoming a Divine Emperor?

"Is this Life Origin Stone so remarkable?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Hmph, boy, you know nothing. The Life Origin Stone is a divine object of heaven and earth, immensely powerful, but since it fell into a mortal's possession, most abilities cannot be unleashed. As her cultivation grows higher in the future, she will naturally unearth the potential of the Life Origin Stone, and then you will realize how lucky one is to possess a Life Origin Stone." Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice rang again.

Xu Nian could discern a hint of envy in Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice.

This made Xu Nian even more shocked, for a treasure that even Wentian Demon Sovereign envied was surely extraordinary.

"But why can't she cultivate?" Xu Nian continued to inquire.

Since Wentian Demon Sovereign claimed the Life Origin Stone was so strong, then why couldn't Ouyang Qingqing cultivate?

Chapter 1007 Provoking Shao Chengfeng

"Kid, it's simple. This Life Origin Stone is so powerful that the little girl's physical body cannot bear its force. Even her Dantian and Zifu are filled with rich Life Energy, making it impossible for her to absorb the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy," explained Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Xu Nian fixed his gaze and indeed found it to be true.

Ouyang Qingqing's Dantian was full of Life Energy, and it had even liquefied.

Not only that, her meridians were the same.

Xu Nian was speechless. He had seen blocked meridians before, but this was the first time he had seen meridians and Dantian blocked by Life Energy.

"So you're saying, if we want her to cultivate, we must suppress the Life Energy within her?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

Now he understood why Ouyang Qingqing's Life Energy exploded every three years; it turned out that her body was too saturated, and if it doesn't explode, it might burst her entire being.

"That's secondary. To make her cultivate, you must stack seals on the Life Origin Stone, allowing the Life Energy released to be within her controllable range," said Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Do you have a method for sealing, Senior?" Xu Nian pursued further.

"Kid, who is this girl that you're so concerned about? Why not take her in, she'll at least be a Divine Emperor someday," Wentian Demon Sovereign suggested.

Xu Nian was momentarily speechless.

Ouyang Qingqing was just a kid, appearing to be only in her teens.

He had no inclination towards cradle-robbing.

Helping Ouyang Qingqing was purely out of pity for her and her brother.

Of course, if her sibling grew strong in the future, it would be a significant boost for Xu Nian.

"I knew you were a coward, never mind, I do have a sealing method, but you will need to reach the Earth Immortal Realm to perform it. I'll teach you then," Wentian Demon Sovereign said, leaving this statement before going back to sleep.

Xu Nian didn't bother with him and informed the siblings Ouyang Yun and Ouyang Qingqing that he had a way to cure Qingqing's strange illness.

Upon hearing this, Ouyang Yun was incredibly excited.

He immediately expressed that he would give his life to Xu Nian if he could cure his sister.

Ouyang Qingqing, however, looked at Xu Nian with a hint of skepticism.

Xu Nian did not explain but merely stated that his Cultivation was insufficient at the moment; he could only help them when he reached a breakthrough.

Ouyang Yun quickly expressed his willingness to wait.

Xu Nian left the matter at that and suddenly thought of something, asking, "By the way, Ouyang Yun, you mentioned someone bullied your sister earlier. What's that about?"

Upon hearing Xu Nian's question, anger surged once more on Ouyang Yun's face.

"Yesterday, my sister and I stayed at an inn, but unexpectedly, someone broke into my sister's room at midnight, intending to commit a crime against her. Fortunately, I arrived in time, and that man fled through the window upon seeing me. I didn't see his face, only his back, which looked much like you, Gang Leader, hence the mistaken identity today."

Xu Nian fell into contemplation upon hearing this.

That guy likely sought Ouyang Qingqing not to commit a crime but to investigate her body.

However, with Ouyang Yun's timely arrival, the person chose to leave to avoid raising suspicion.

It seemed the person would definitely come again.

Suddenly, Xu Nian noticed Ouyang Qingqing's evasive eyes and peculiar expression.

Xu Nian instantly understood that she was likely hiding something.

Perhaps Ouyang Qingqing already knew the person's identity but hadn't told her brother.

She feared her brother's anger would send him to his death.

"Look, Green Cold Sect's Young Sect Master Shao Chengfeng, he has emerged from seclusion. It's said he has reached the Tribulation Crossing Peak Level and even sensed the time limit of the Heavenly Tribulation, surpassing his father. Once he crosses the tribulation, Green Cold Sect will have an Earth Immortal expert."

"Yes, Shao Chengfeng is indeed a renowned genius of Green Cold Star. It's said he entered the Zifu at sixteen, Cave Void at twenty-four, Unity Realm Stage at thirty-six, reached Heavenly Phenomenon at fifty-four, ascended to Tribulation Crossing Level at seventy-two, and now, at ninety-eight, he stands at the peak of Tribulation Crossing. If successful, he'll become the first Earth Immortal in Green Cold Star under a hundred years old."

"The first is uncertain; I've heard Wang Family's Miss Wang Yuhuan's Heartless Sword has reached Great Success and sensed the Heavenly Tribulation. Xie Family's Young Family Head Xie Haixing has sensed it too, but who'll be the first to cross it and successfully enter the Earth Immortal Realm?"

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Surrounding people discussed fervently.

Everyone looked towards Shao Chengfeng with awe.

The female cultivators even batted their eyes, hoping to catch the future Green Cold Sect leader's attention and become his Young Sect Master's wife, ascending in status swiftly.

Yet, Shao Chengfeng ignored them and walked in the direction of Ouyang Qingqing.

The ladies were left disappointed and helpless.

Seeing Shao Chengfeng, Ouyang Qingqing showed a trace of fear in her eyes.

Clearly, his appearance startled her.

This fleeting fear vanished quickly.

Ouyang Yun didn't notice his sister's expression and observed Shao Chengfeng's approach with admiration.

Ouyang Yun was deeply impressed by Shao Chengfeng's genius.

Hence, he paid no attention to his sister beside him.

However, Xu Nian captured Ouyang Qingqing's changing expression entirely.

Xu Nian was almost certain that Shao Chengfeng was likely the one who searched for Ouyang Qingqing the previous night.

Seeing Shao Chengfeng approach, Xu Nian knew he was targeting Ouyang Qingqing.

"May I sit here?" Shao Chengfeng asked with a harmonious demeanor upon reaching Xu Nian's group.

His face wore a gentle smile.

"Please, of course..." Ouyang Yun quickly replied.

Before he finished, Xu Nian interrupted him.

"Sorry, no room here. Please find elsewhere," Xu Nian straightforwardly refused.

Ouyang Yun was stunned and refrained from speaking further upon hearing Xu Nian.

He couldn't understand why Xu Nian targeted Shao Chengfeng. Did they have enmity?

He pondered who would win if his Gang Leader fought Shao Chengfeng.

After thinking, he felt Shao Chengfeng had a higher chance.

After all, Shao Chengfeng had previously killed an Early Stage Earth Immortal expert.

Though his Gang Leader was formidable, he might not match Shao Chengfeng.

Shao Chengfeng was also stunned by Xu Nian's straightforward refusal.

Soon, he smirked, directing his gaze to Xu Nian, saying, "Sir must be joking, there's still room at your side."

Xu Nian chuckled, responding, "I like to occupy two spaces, what's it to you?"

With these words, silence ensued.

Everyone turned to Xu Nian.

Thinking: Who is this guy daring to challenge Shao Chengfeng? Is he courting death?

## Chapter 1008: Insidious Villain

Shao Chengfeng also looked at Xu Nian, a hint of anger flashing in his eyes.

He was, after all, the Young Sect Master of the Green Cold Sect and a prodigy among the younger generation on Green Cold Star.

This guy actually dared to speak to him in such a tone—it was simply courting death.

Looking at the opponent's cultivation level, it was just the Middle Stage of Tribulation Crossing.

If it weren't for Ouyang Qingqing, he would have slapped this arrogant fellow to death long ago.

So Shao Chengfeng didn't get angry and merely snorted with a smile.

Ignoring Xu Nian, he turned to the Ouyang siblings.

"Ouyang Yun, you should know me. My purpose for coming today is simple: to invite you to join our Green Cold Sect. As long as you join us, I can ensure the safety of you and your sister. Not only that, but I can even grant you an elder position in the sect," Shao Chengfeng said, looking at Ouyang Yun.

Ouyang Yun was taken aback, not expecting Shao Chengfeng to extend such an invitation.

It was well known that he had joined some forces in the past, but none were as influential as the Green Cold Sect.

If he did join Green Cold Sect, he and his sister would genuinely be safe on Green Cold Star.

What surprised him even more was that Shao Chengfeng personally invited him.

Xu Nian did not speak, only quietly looking out the window.

Whatever decision Ouyang Yun made was his own business.

If Ouyang Yun chose to follow Shao Chengfeng, Xu Nian would definitely leave without hesitation, disregarding his previous assistance and promises.

After all, he wouldn't care about someone who would betray him for a bit of profit.

"Sorry, Mr. Shao, I've already joined another force and can't join the Green Cold Sect, but thank you for your kindness," Ouyang Yun said in refusal.

Ouyang Qingqing, upon hearing this, seemed to breathe a sigh of relief.

When Shao Chengfeng made the offer earlier, she was extremely nervous, fearing her brother would accept.

Because she knew better than anyone that the man in front of them was definitely not a good person.

"Oh? Joined another force? What kind of force? Is there a better choice than the Green Cold Sect?" Shao Chengfeng said arrogantly.

He had investigated the siblings earlier; they were orphans.

Having wandered onto this planet, there was absolutely no force behind them.

But now, Ouyang Yun claimed to have joined another force, which indeed surprised him.

Ouyang Yun, upon hearing Shao Chengfeng's question, instinctively glanced at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian understood his intent and gestured that it was okay for him to speak.

With Xu Nian's permission, Ouyang Yun said, "I've joined the Heavenly Court Gang, and this person here is our gang leader."

"Heavenly Court Gang? Never heard of it. A gang founded by someone at the Middle Stage of Tribulation Crossing probably doesn't have much power, right? Ouyang Yun, are you sure you want to join this so-called Heavenly Court Gang and give up the opportunity to enter the Green Cold Sect?" Shao Chengfeng glanced at Xu Nian before looking back at Ouyang Yun.

Ouyang Yun frowned and immediately responded, "Mr. Shao, I, Ouyang Yun, may not be a great figure, but I always keep my word. Having promised Xu Gang Leader to join the Heavenly Court Gang, I absolutely won't regret it. Besides, Xu Gang Leader has done me a favor, and I would prefer you not speak of him like that."

Originally, Ouyang Yun admired Shao Chengfeng, but hearing him mock Xu Nian made Ouyang Yun somewhat displeased.

Shao Chengfeng hadn't expected Ouyang Yun to get angry over this.

Nothing but an ant.

If it weren't for that person's request, he wouldn't have lowered himself to personally make the trip.

Now, seeing Ouyang Yun's firm stance, Shao Chengfeng felt quite unhappy.

If he simply returned like this, that person would surely blame him.

At that time, the demands he had made would likely evaporate.

It might even anger that person, which would not be consequences that the Green Cold Sect could bear.

"Since he wants to join the Heavenly Court Gang, I'll simply kill the Heavenly Court Gang leader—then how can he join?" A thought suddenly surfaced in Shao Chengfeng's mind.

The more he thought, the more reasonable it seemed.

Clearly, Ouyang Yun rejected him because of this Xu Nian guy.

If this guy were dead, the Heavenly Court Gang would cease to exist.

By then, even if Ouyang Yun wanted to join, there would be nowhere to go.

So he once again turned his gaze on Xu Nian, patted Xu Nian's shoulder, and said, "Brother, I've heard you're the Heavenly Court Gang leader. I've never heard of such a gang in the Tianhen Star Domain. Are you from another Star Domain?"

As Shao Chengfeng spoke, his eyes emitted a cold light.

Simultaneously, a strong surge of True Essence emanated from his hand resting on Xu Nian, attacking Xu Nian's Zifu.

In his view, being at the Peak of Tribulation Crossing and having cultivated strong Spiritual Formulas, his True Essence entering the opponent's Zifu would certainly crush the guy's Zifu.

People around them secretly pitied Xu Nian, seeing that Shao Chengfeng was ready to strike this guy.

It was possible Shao Chengfeng had already struck.

Poor fellow—whom did he provoke but Shao Chengfeng?

This guy was young but notorious for holding grudges.

People around shook their heads, believing Xu Nian would soon be in trouble.

Shao Chengfeng, sensing their expressions, felt even more smug.

This guy was arrogant before him; it's time to let him know that some people are not to be trifled with.

But just as he was inwardly proud, waiting to see the guy become crippled...

His face suddenly changed, a look of astonishment appearing on his face.

Because he found that his True Essence vanished without a trace upon entering the opponent's Zifu.

How could it be?

Logically, his True Essence should have ignited the opponent's, causing a Zifu explosion.

How did it suddenly disappear?

Shao Chengfeng was utterly perplexed.

Xu Nian, beside him, had a faint sneer at the corner of his mouth.

He grabbed Shao Chengfeng's hand on his shoulder and, with a laugh, said, "Mr. Shao, you're indeed smart. You guessed right. The Heavenly Court Gang I founded is not in the Tianhen Star Domain. I've heard Sect Master Shao is one of the top prodigies on Green Cold Star, and meeting you today proves your reputation well-deserved."

While speaking, Xu Nian's face bore a particularly bright smile, entirely like one seeking favor.

"Is this guy backing down? He was so arrogant before; now he knows fear?"

"Hmph, I think he's just a coward, only daring to show off, really confronting Shao Chengfeng, and he won't even know how he died."

"Even if he tries to curry favor now, it's probably too late. Given Shao Chengfeng's personality, he absolutely won't let him go."

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The crowd around discussed endlessly, all pointing at Xu Nian, their faces full of disdain.

However, they didn't see Shao Chengfeng's face was already livid.

Because he felt his True Essence rapidly draining, being absorbed into this guy's body.

And his hand felt like it was pressed down by a huge mountain, impossible to pull away no matter what.

Damn!

How could this happen?

Shao Chengfeng cursed angrily in his heart.

Yet no matter how he struggled, it was all in vain.

Chapter 1009: A Heart of Innocence

Xu Nian looked at Shao Chengfeng, whose face was ashen, with a slight cold smile at the corner of his mouth.

This Shao Chengfeng actually wanted to sabotage his Zifu, which was just courting death.

The cultivation he practiced was none other than the legendary Dan Sea Species Green Lotus technique created by the Green Emperor.

It can absorb and devour any energy.

This guy actually wanted to suppress him with the level of True Essence and explode his Zifu.

Now, he grabbed Shao Chengfeng's hand, forcibly using the previously opened meridians to devour his True Essence.

Even if he wanted to stop, he couldn't, and could only watch helplessly as his True Essence got devoured.

"Mr. Shao, what's wrong, why do you look so off?" Ouyang Yun asked in surprise, seeing Shao Chengfeng's unusual expression.

At that moment, a myriad of curses ran through Shao Chengfeng's mind.

Damn it?

This is the face of pain, can't you see?

If his limbs weren't so weak, he would really want to slap Ouyang Yun flying.

It was intentional, definitely intentional.

"Mr. Shao is just excited; he feels my words hit a chord with him, and he might even cry out of emotion later," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Splutter!

Shao Chengfeng nearly spat out a mouthful of blood.

This is not excitement; clearly, it's because this guy forcibly devoured my True Essence and immobilized me.

Don't let him get a chance, otherwise he will surely tear this damn guy to pieces.

"Oh, I see. Mr. Shao still has a sentimental nature, no wonder he could become a genius of Green Cold Star; he surely possesses a pure heart," Ouyang Yun said in realization.

Pure heart, my ass!

Shao Chengfeng cursed angrily in his heart.

I am restricted, being devoured of True Essence, and you call it a pure heart?

Xu Nian saw the venomous anger in Shao Chengfeng's eyes and understood he was infuriated by Ouyang Yun.

With a gentle smile, he pushed the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus technique to its limit.

In an instant, Shao Chengfeng felt the True Essence in his Zifu converge crazily towards his arm.

The meridians in his arm instantly felt like they were going to burst.

The swelling pain was simply unbearable for Shao Chengfeng.

Coupled with the extraction of True Essence, Shao Chengfeng's body became weak.

Shao Chengfeng actually cried from the pain.

"Look, Mr. Shao is really crying," Xu Nian quickly pointed at Shao Chengfeng and said to Ouyang Yun.

Ouyang Yun's face displayed an immediate look of surprise, hurriedly comforting, "Mr. Shao, don't be too emotional. Xu Nian was merely speaking some truths; maybe people only know you as a genius without knowing the effort behind, but I can understand the feelings you have."

Shao Chengfeng's face turned completely black.

He was ready to vomit blood from frustration.

He just wanted to tell Ouyang Yun one thing: No, you can't, you can't feel my feelings.

Previously, those who mocked Xu Nian were also confused.

What's the situation?

Did Shao Chengfeng convert?

Has he become broad-minded and stopped being bloodthirsty?

"I get it, I know why Mr. Shao became so generous; he must have had some breakthrough recently during seclusion, hence the insight raised his Tao Heart, achieving a pure heart," someone exclaimed in the crowd.

Those nearby, hearing this, showed expressions of surprise and doubt.

Could it really be a breakthrough in Tao Heart?

But beyond this explanation, there's probably no other reason why Shao Chengfeng suddenly appeared so magnanimous.

Not only did he not blame this guy named Xu Nian, but he was moved by his words.

"It seems it really is a pure heart. Over these years, Mr. Shao's cultivation must have been tough, so when this guy praised him, Mr. Shao felt touched and cried out emotionally," someone in the crowd remarked again.

Those around nodded in agreement, all exclaiming, "Mr. Shao's Tao Heart breaking through to pure heart level, and hence in Insight Cultivation could skyrocket, possibly becoming the top genius of Green Cold Star."

Upon hearing this, the crowd nodded again, deeply convinced.

"Splutter!"

Shao Chengfeng angrily spat a mouthful of blood immediately.

If anyone dared mention the phrase "pure heart" in front of him again, he would undoubtedly kill them.

Xu Nian saw Shao Chengfeng's face turning pitch black, and felt amused.

Only when he drew the last thread of True Essence from Shao Chengfeng did he let go of his hand.

Once Xu Nian released his grip, Shao Chengfeng collapsed on the table.

All of his True Essence had drained away, leaving him as nothing more than a physically strong mortal being.

Suddenly, Shao Chengfeng seemed to think of something, quickly leaving the table to distance himself from Xu Nian.

If this guy wanted to kill him now, it would be incredibly easy.

He didn't want to die here.

"Mr. Shao, don't get too excited; you've come this far with your own efforts. The past is now behind; don't dwell on it too much." Xu Nian said with a smile upon seeing Shao Chengfeng take a step back.

As soon as the words came out, Shao Chengfeng's face turned black once more.

This guy was still speaking sarcastically.

If not for the loss of his True Essence right now, he really wanted to fight this guy.

"That's right, Mr. Shao, you've achieved a pure heart; your future in Insight Cultivation will be smooth. So, you don't need to be too agitated," Ouyang Yun sincerely advised.

Those around nodded, although they felt Shao Chengfeng's excitement was a bit exaggerated.

But with a pure heart, it was understandable.

"Shut up!" Upon hearing Ouyang Yun's words, Shao Chengfeng, nearby, screamed in anger.

Ouyang Yun was bewildered.

Those around also looked at Shao Chengfeng in surprise.

Shao Chengfeng fiercely glared at Xu Nian, saying maliciously, "Just you wait!"

Then he flicked his sleeve and walked out of the tavern.

Xu Nian watched Shao Chengfeng leave without stopping him.

Those onlookers also looked puzzled.

What's going on?

Xu Nian then explained with a smile, "I think Mr. Shao has just broken through to a pure heart, so his emotions are a bit unstable, but as his Tao Heart strengthens over time, it could get better."

Upon hearing this, the crowd nodded in sudden realization.

"So that's it!" the crowd understood.

Shao Chengfeng had just stepped down from the stairs, hearing Xu Nian's words, nearly blacked out, almost collapsing.

Looking back upstairs, his eyes flashed with malice.

"Why did you let him go?" The one speaking was not Ouyang Yun, but Ouyang Qingqing.

Her brother might be foolish, but she was not.

Shao Chengfeng's expression earlier was clearly painful, not excited.

So she was sure that this guy could easily kill Shao Chengfeng.

But she couldn't understand why he let him leave.

Xu Nian heard Ouyang Qingqing's question, but was not surprised, smiling, he responded, "Fishing with a long line."

Ouyang Qingqing nodded at this, saying no more.

"What are you talking about?"

Ouyang Yun was entirely puzzled, not understanding the conversation between Xu Nian and his sister.

Chapter 1010: The Headache of Shao Chengfeng

Soon, the news of Shao Chengfeng's breakthrough with the Heart of Innocence spread like a storm across the Green Cold Star.

Green Cold Star, Heartless Lake.

A woman with ordinary looks but an extraordinary bearing sat on the lake with a sword.

The breeze caressed her face, and the water rippled.

The woman suddenly opened her tightly shut eyes.

"Clang!"

The sound of a sword resounded, and a sharp sword shot up into the sky beside the woman.

The woman also leapt up, instantly appearing above the clouds.

Her hand grasped the sharp sword, and she struck out with it.

With a merciless blow, a thousand miles of clouds were shattered in an instant.

Leaving behind a long, large ravine.

"Heart of Innocence? Shao Chengfeng, I never expected your Tao Heart to advance before crossing the Heavenly Tribulation. Since that's the case, using you to practice my sword would be most fitting." The woman looked eastward and spoke coldly to herself.

The east of Heartless Lake was precisely where the Green Cold Sect's mountain gate was located.

After speaking, the woman stepped into the void, heading east with a swift motion.

Meanwhile.

A handsome young man from the Xie Family exited the Scripture Pavilion, with sword energy soaring skyward, heading straight for the Green Cold Sect.

Immediately, the entire Xie Mansion buzzed with excitement.

All the servants and disciples were abuzz with discussion.

The Young Family Head of the Xie Family, who had been in seclusion for ten years, had emerged from the Scripture Pavilion.

They all knew that the Young Family Head had left the Scripture Pavilion because of the breakthrough of Shao Chengfeng, the Young Sect Master of the Green Cold Sect.

Xie Haixing, Shao Chengfeng, and Wang Yuhuan, known as the three prodigies of Green Cold Star.

All of them had Peak Tribulation Crossing Cultivation.

Now that the time for their Heavenly Tribulation was approaching.

The entire population of Green Cold Star was discussing who among the three would be the first to cross the tribulation and who would be the number one person on Green Cold Star.

With news of Shao Chengfeng's Tao Heart breakthrough, the other two naturally could not sit still.

They naturally had to rush to the Green Cold Sect to compete.

Soon, the news of two major geniuses heading to the Green Cold Sect spread across Green Cold Star.

Not only were the low-level cultivators concerned, but even the powerful elders paid great attention.

This not only concerned who would be the first among the younger generation of Green Cold Star but also the face of their three major powers.

Hence, many elders also went to the Green Cold Sect.

All at once, the entire Green Cold Sect became lively.

At that moment, inside the Green Cold Sect, Shao Chengfeng was almost on the verge of tears.

What Heart of Innocence?

What Tao Heart breakthrough?

It was all fake!

His True Essence was completely devoured, and he still hadn't fully recovered.

Under normal circumstances, if Xie Haixing and Wang Yuhuan came knocking.

He naturally wouldn't be afraid.

But now, it made his head as big as a bull's.

"Mr. Liu, you have to help me. If you don't, the face of our Green Cold Sect will be completely lost."  
Shao Chengfeng cried as he looked at the young man sitting in the Hall Master's seat.

Although this young man was even younger than him, Shao Chengfeng dared not show a hint of disrespect.

Not to mention his identity, just the aura inadvertently emanating from him was enough to make Shao Chengfeng feel fear.

The young man lazily sat in the main seat.

Upon hearing Shao Chengfeng's words, he didn't even lift his head, intently playing with an ancient dagger in his hands.

Beside him sat another young man.

Though this young man was also very strong, the pressure on Shao Chengfeng was bearable.

Because his cultivation was of the same rank as Shao Chengfeng's, also at the Peak Tribulation Crossing Level.

Unlike the young man, whose body emanated the might of an Earth Immortal.

Although it was just the Basic Stage, it was not something Shao Chengfeng could compare to.

"You're saying that person not only restrained you but devoured your True Essence entirely, while his cultivation was only at the early-stage Tribulation Crossing?"

After a long while, Liu Changtian finally looked at Shao Chengfeng and inquired.

"That's right, Mr. Liu. That guy is extremely unusual. Despite his cultivation being inferior to mine, my True Essence entered his Zifu like a clay ox entering the sea, and when he caught me, I couldn't move at all." Shao Chengfeng answered truthfully, and at this point, a wave of anger surged in his heart.

He had gone to find Ouyang Yun and his sister precisely on Mr. Liu's command.

Now, not only was the mission unfulfilled, but he had also gotten himself into a mess.

Fortunately, Mr. Liu didn't blame him; otherwise, his fate would have been dire.

But even so, it couldn't dispel the anger he felt towards Xu Nian.

But what's most troubling now is that Wang Yuhuan and Xie Haixing had actually come knocking.

Chen Linfeng, sitting beside Liu Changtian, frowned and looked at Liu Changtian, clearly unable to discern what bizarre method this was.

Devouring a person's True Essence, even an early-stage Earth Immortal expert might not accomplish, only an Earth Immortal expert who had refined an Immortal Mansion within their Zifu could possibly do so.

But a youth not yet thirty reaching the middle-stage Earth Immortal?

Is that possible?

In Chen Linfeng's view, it was obviously impossible.

Even the number one of the Tiancang Sect, Jiang Shengtian, only stepped into the Earth Immortal Realm at forty-eight.

Liu Changtian remained silent and instead looked at Shao Chengfeng, asking, "What is his name?"

"I seem to have heard them call him Xu... Xu Nian, yes, Xu Nian." Shao Chengfeng thought for a moment and responded.

"Xu Nian?" Chen Linfeng's heart trembled, unable to suppress his exclamation.

"Liu Senior Brother, have you heard of Xu Nian?" Liu Changtian looked at Chen Linfeng in surprise and asked.

"Senior Brother Liu, I once met a guy named Xu Nian, and he seemed to have some connection with Junior Sister Murong, but that guy was merely an ant. When I saw him, he was only at the Zifu Realm. You and I, being from the Four Great Sects, have only risen several realms in a few years, and this guy, just a loose cultivator, achieving middle-stage Tribulation Crossing, is impossible. Hence, this Xu Nian must not be the one I know." Chen Linfeng replied.

He didn't believe this Xu Nian was the one he had encountered on Tianlan Star.

Among the countless cultivators, there must be millions with the name Xu Nian.

How could he possibly encounter that Xu Nian again?

And as mentioned, if it truly was that Xu Nian, reaching the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm would be his limit now.

How could he possibly reach the middle-stage Tribulation Crossing?

"Oh? A relationship with Junior Sister Murong? If Jiang Shengtian were here this time, just having the same name as that guy would mean death." Liu Changtian said with a smile.

Chen Linfeng also nodded, a cold smile appearing at the corner of his mouth.

Jiang Shengtian's affection for Murong Xue was well-known throughout the Tianlan Star Domain.

If not for Murong Xue maintaining a certain distance, they would likely have been an admired couple in the cultivation world.

But even so, everyone assumed that Murong Xue would eventually end up with Jiang Shengtian.

Because only Jiang Shengtian was a match for her, and only she was a match for Jiang Shengtian.

"Alright, Shao Chengfeng, I bestow upon you a top-grade Spirit Pill. Recover your cultivation quickly; once you've dealt with your troublesome matters, go complete your task. I don't care how you manage it, but you must bring that girl back for me. If you can't persuade her, use force. If you can't bring her back peacefully, then use force. Drive this girl over within three days, or bring her back by force." Liu Changtian laughed as he spoke.

Chen Linfeng also nodded in agreement, seemingly unable to figure out the mysterious technique either.

He couldn't believe the vast number of cultivators, but if it was really that Youth Xu that he had met on Tianlan Star, reaching the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm would have been the limit.

How could he possibly reach the Peak of Tribulation Crossing?

"Thank you, Mr. Liu. You are my savior, if you don't help me now, our Green Cold Sect will be thoroughly humiliated." Shao Chengfeng said to the youth sitting on the Hall Master's throne, close to tears.

Although this young man was younger than him, Shao Chengfeng did not dare give even a hint of offense.

Not to mention his identity, just the aura he inadvertently exuded was enough to make Shao Chengfeng feel afraid.

The youth sat lazily on the main seat.

Upon hearing Shao Chengfeng's words, he didn't even lift his head, continuing to play with an ancient dagger in his hand.

Another young man was sitting beside him.

Though this young man was also very strong, he did not exert as much pressure on Shao Chengfeng.

Because his cultivation level was the same as Shao Chengfeng's, both of them were at the Peak of Tribulation Crossing.

Unlike this young man, exuding an air of Earth Immortal might.

Though he was only at the Basic Stage, he was still beyond what Shao Chengfeng could compare to.

"You're saying that not only did that person restrain you, but he also completely devoured your True Essence, and his cultivation was only at the Early-stage of Tribulation Crossing?"

After a long while, Liu Changtian finally looked at Shao Chengfeng and questioned him.

"That's right, Mr. Liu. That guy is quite strange. Even though his cultivation is inferior to mine, my True Essence entered his Zifu like a mud cow disappearing into the sea, and after he caught me, I couldn't move at all." Shao Chengfeng responded truthfully, and as he spoke, a wave of anger surged within him.

He had gone looking for Ouyang Yun and his sister under the orders of this Mr. Liu.

Not only did he fail to complete the task, but he also found himself in a lot of trouble.

Luckily, Mr. Liu was not offended; otherwise, Shao Chengfeng's outcome would have been catastrophic.

But even so, he couldn't quell the anger he harbored towards Xu Nian in his heart.

Of course, his most pressing concern now was that Wang Yuhuan and Xie Haixing had come knocking on his door.

Sitting beside Liu Changtian, Chen Linfeng frowned as he looked at Liu Changtian, apparently unable to discern the strange technique.

Liu Changtian finally spoke up after a long silence and asked Shao Chengfeng, "So you're saying that not only did that person restrain you, but he also devoured all your True Essence, and his cultivation level was merely at the Early-stage Tribulation Crossing?"

"That's right, Mr. Liu. That guy is very bizarre. Clearly, his cultivation wasn't better than mine, but for some reason, when my True Essence entered his Zifu, it was as if it disappeared without a trace, and once he grabbed me, I couldn't move a muscle." Shao Chengfeng truthfully replied, a surge of anger welling up within him as he spoke.

He had gone to find Ouyang Yun and his sister under the orders of Mr. Liu.

Now, not only had he failed the mission, but he's also brought trouble upon himself.

Luckily, Mr. Liu did not blame him; otherwise, his fate would have been dire.

However, even with that being the case, he couldn't quell the fury in his heart directed at Xu Nian.

Of course, the most pressing issue now was that Wang Yuhuan and Xie Haixing had come looking for him.

Chen Linfeng, sitting by Liu Changtian's side, furrowed his brow and looked at Liu Changtian, apparently unable to discern the peculiar technique either.

"You mean that person not only restrained you but also devoured all of your True Essence, and his cultivation was only at the early-stage Tribulation Crossing?"

Chen Linfeng's heart trembled as he heard his Junior Brother Murong mention someone named Xu Nian, who also seemed to have a connection with Murong Xue.

In the vast Cultivation World, there are countless people,

Among them, he knew only one man named Xu Nian.

If this Xu Nian could reach the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm, it would already be extraordinary.

To reach the Peak of Tribulation Crossing?

"How is that possible?" Liu Changtian said with a smile.

Chen Linfeng also nodded, unable to see through this bizarre method either.

"Alright, set this aside for now, focus on the girl first, we have an important guest from the Tiancang Sect and must not let this opportunity slip," Liu Changtian said, finally looking up with a penetrating gaze.

He then relaxed back into his chair, his presence still heavily weighing on Shao Chengfeng.

"Thank you, Mr. Liu," Shao Chengfeng replied, offering a relieved bow before dashing out from the main hall.

"Xu Nian, just wait!" Shao Chengfeng muttered before directly crushing the Jade Bottle in his hand.