

Divine King 1071

Chapter 1071: Breaking Into Fuyao Lake

At the same time the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar headed to the Hell Sea, Xu Nian himself had already remained by the Fuyao Lake for a full ten days.

During these ten days, they had repeatedly tried to break through Fuyao Lake's forbidden barrier and step onto the island at the lake's center, but ultimately all attempts failed.

Within Fuyao Lake lay a giant Demon Beast, the Fierce Sky Tiger Whale, whose strength was extraordinarily powerful.

Whenever anyone set foot on the lake's surface, it would immediately launch an attack.

Previously, Murong Xue was able to suppress it below the lake surface by using her Ice Attribute Profound Argumentation Domain.

But gradually, she found that the Fierce Sky Tiger Whale became more violent; whenever Murong Xue stepped onto the lake surface, it would immediately collide with it, to the extent that even Murong Xue's Ice Attribute Domain could not withstand the whale's frenzied impacts.

Moreover, what troubled Xu Nian and the others the most was the Sword Qi emitted from the center of the lake.

There were instances when Xu Nian and the others were shocked and flew back by this Sword Qi.

The power of this Sword Qi was extremely strong, completely overwhelming them.

"Damn it, why is it so hard to break through Fuyao Lake? That Sword Qi just now was terrifying; if I were any slower, I'd be in pieces," Feng Cheng couldn't help but curse.

For the past days, he too had continually attempted to traverse Fuyao Lake's barrier, but all efforts had failed.

And it wasn't just him; Xu Nian and Murong Xue didn't fare any better.

"In the end, our power is still a bit lacking. The strength of this Sword Qi can already threaten those with Immortal Body Completion," Xu Nian commented.

Although his strength rivaled a Middle Stage Earth Immortal, he still fell short compared to a Middle Stage Earth Immortal with Immortal Body Completion.

"Let's just give up," Murong Xue said, shaking her head.

She indeed had exerted her utmost efforts, yet the results remained the same, leaving her with no choice but to surrender.

Xu Nian, however, furrowed his brows, remaining silent.

He knew that the Token from Fuyao Lake was crucial for Murong Xue. Without it, her future prospects would inevitably be heavily limited.

This was something Xu Nian didn't want to see, especially since Murong Xue had previously expended her trump card for his sake.

Now, unable to aid her in obtaining Fuyao Lake's Token, Xu Nian refused to be resigned.

"I'll give it another try later; this time I'll use my Space Profound Argumentation," Xu Nian declared.

He had tried using Space Profound Argumentation before.

But the Space Profound Argumentation Domain was still at the First Level Domain realm.

The power unleashed by the Sword Qi caused the entire space to become unstable.

Therefore, Xu Nian found it impossible to conduct Space Shuttling; attempting it forcefully might land him in a spatial rift.

"Forget it; you've already tried Space Profound Argumentation," Murong Xue said, shaking her head.

She understood Xu Nian's intentions, but deep inside, she'd rather forgo the Fuyao Lake Token.

"It's okay, I can try again," Xu Nian smiled.

With that, he headed towards the lake surface once more.

"I'll go with you!" Murong Xue stated.

However, Xu Nian shook his head, and in the next moment, he shot out towards the lake surface.

"Roar!"

A loud roar emerged from the lake.

The next moment, a colossal shadow was about to breach the water surface.

Xu Nian's gaze suddenly sharpened, and he activated the Gravity Space Profound Argumentation, attaching all gravity to his feet.

"Go!"

Xu Nian stepped onto the black shadow, and in the next moment, the shadow that was about to burst out of the water was stomped back to the lake's bottom by Xu Nian.

It emitted a whimpering sound.

"You can handle it this way?" Feng Cheng exclaimed from afar.

If he were the one dealing with this Fierce Sky Tiger Whale, it would probably take him a long time.

But in front of Xu Nian, the Fierce Sky Tiger Whale couldn't cause even a ripple.

Xu Nian stepped on the tiger whale and sped toward the center of the lake.

Murong Xue's expression turned serious; they all knew that the next challenge was the truly daunting one.

Compared to the Sword Qi, the tiger whale was a trivial obstacle.

"Buzz!"

Sure enough, at this moment, an extreme radiance shot out from the cloud and mist at the lake's center.

Its speed was incredibly fast, and its power intimidating.

Xu Nian's gaze became intense, and he swiftly mobilized his True Essence, while a King Jing Sword appeared in his hand.

"Slash!"

At his loud shout, the sword in his hand fiercely slashed towards the Sword Radiance.

The extreme brilliance collided with Xu Nian's sword tip, sparking a dazzling flare.

Xu Nian's tiger mouth immediately burst open, making his hands a bloody mess in the next moment.

His face was contorted in pain.

Murong Xue, watching from afar, was shocked and covered her mouth, her eyes filled with concern.

Feng Cheng notably winced, feeling chills run down his spine.

He had personally experienced the power of that Sword Radiance, and it was indeed an unbearable sensation.

Choosing to endure it directly was reckless, even suicidal.

"Break for me!"

Yet Xu Nian showed no sign of backing down, roaring boldly.

The Sword Radiance in his hand suddenly erupted with a strange oscillation.

In the next moment, the Sword Radiance that clashed against Xu Nian's sword tip began to fade and finally vanished without a trace.

With the disappearance of the Sword Radiance, Xu Nian exhaled in relief.

"Eh, he actually blocked it? How did that Sword Radiance vanish just now?" Feng Cheng expressed in surprise.

Originally, the Sword Radiance had a distinct advantage, and if Xu Nian had persisted momentarily, he wouldn't have managed to withstand it.

Yet the Sword Radiance vanished in an instant.

"It was Space Profound Argumentation. He applied the Space Shuttle Profound Argumentation to his sword tip, using the instability of space to nullify the power of the Sword Radiance," Murong Xue remarked in amazement.

"It can be done like that? Truly, Space Profound Argumentation is formidable," Feng Cheng said in astonishment.

Murong Xue didn't reply, instead focusing on Xu Nian, who continued moving forward.

Undoubtedly, the execution of that move had drastically depleted Xu Nian's energy.

Redirecting such a powerful attack naturally required immense self-exhaustion.

At this moment, Xu Nian's True Essence was nearly drained.

Nevertheless, Xu Nian showed no intention of retreating; his focus sharpened as he rushed toward the island at the lake's center once more.

"Buzz!"

Another Sword Radiance emerged from the mist.

Xu Nian's gaze turned cold, and he repeated the technique.

In the next instant, his arm's flesh burst open, exposing the stark white bone, a harrowing sight.

Just observing caused Feng Cheng and the others to share in the agony.

"Ahhh..."

Yet Xu Nian persisted, finally deflecting this Sword Radiance as well.

Seizing the moment before the third Sword Qi emerged, Xu Nian transformed into a streak of light, shooting into the mist.

"Eh? He got in!" Feng Cheng exclaimed in surprise.

Murong Xue's expression mirrored the astonishment; she hadn't expected Xu Nian to truly succeed.

Who knew what his current state was?

Chapter 1072: Members of the Blue Gold Army

Xu Nian, passing through the mist, directly arrived at the small island in the center of the lake.

This time, the Sword Radiance did not appear.

It seems that as long as someone sets foot on the small island in the center of the lake, the Sword Radiance will automatically cease its attack.

What surprised Xu Nian greatly was that, apart from a massive stele in the center of the lake, there was nothing else.

The space on the island was not large, only about a hundred square meters.

The island was surrounded by mist, making it difficult for the outside world to see what was inside.

However, the inside of the island was free of mist.

From the inside, these mists were like a wall.

Xu Nian glanced around and finally set his eyes on the stele in the center.

This stele wasn't very tall, just a bit over the height of a person.

Several lines of text were engraved on the surface of the stele.

Xu Nian glanced at these words and roughly understood their meaning.

It turns out that the token of Fuyao Lake was within this stele, and only by smashing the stele could the token be retrieved.

The key, however, is that the stele was actually made of Heavenly Dragon Stone.

This Heavenly Dragon Stone truly rivals a Top-grade Spiritual Artifact.

To shatter it, one must reach Immortal Essence Great Success and wield an Immortal Artifact.

But Xu Nian hadn't even broken through to the Earth Immortal Realm yet, making it impossible to unleash the true power of an Immortal Artifact.

The most crucial point, however, is that, aside from being tough, the stele is imbued with strong Sword Intent.

If one attacks the stele, they will be repelled.

Unless it's destroyed in one strike, otherwise injury from the Sword Intent is inevitable.

The previous Sword Radiance was triggered by the stele's restriction, something Xu Nian barely experienced to get here; he felt the power of that Sword Radiance firsthand.

"Whiz, whiz, whiz!"

At this moment, two figures emerged from the mist and came to the island.

These two were Feng Cheng and Murong Xue.

They were momentarily dazed by the scene on the island, and upon seeing the words on the stele, their expressions became tense.

Clearly, they also realized the difficulty of this final test.

"Any ideas?" Feng Cheng asked Xu Nian.

Xu Nian shook his head and said, "Let me try it once."

"Be careful!" Murong Xue cautioned.

Xu Nian nodded, then immediately summoned the King Jing Sword.

In an instant, a sharp Sword Intent soared into the sky.

Xu Nian looked at the stele ahead and swung the King Jing Sword in his hand.

"Buzz!"

The fierce Sword Radiance instantly pierced through the space and cleaved onto the stele.

The stele shook, yet remained completely unaffected.

The next moment, a terrifying Sword Intent ripple surged from the stele, directly blasting towards Xu Nian.

The power of the Sword Radiance was even more terrifying than Xu Nian's attack.

Xu Nian's face paled instantly; he swung his sword to block.

"Pfft!"

Xu Nian spat out a mouthful of blood, his figure retreated to the edge of the island.

The Sword Radiance was redirected by Xu Nian using Space Profound Argumentation.

However, even then, Xu Nian was still gravely injured.

"Are you all right?" Murong Xue hurried over with a worried look.

"I'm fine, cough... But this stele is harder to break than I imagined, the Sword Intent on it is too strong, at least left by a powerhouse with a realm above Fourth-level Heaven, breaking it will be difficult!" Xu Nian said, clutching his chest.

Murong Xue and Feng Cheng also wore faces filled with distress, clearly aware of the difficulty of the stele's test.

"I think we should give up, wait until I have broken through to the Earth Immortal Realm, then try again," Murong Xue suggested.

"Yes, Murong Xue has an Immortal Artifact, and her realm has already reached the Third Level; if she achieves Immortal Essence Great Success, she should be able to break open this stele," Feng Cheng added.

Xu Nian frowned, next time?

The time that this Domain place is open should be limited, right? For Murong Xue to reach the Peak Early Stage Earth Immortal in such a short time seems unlikely.

"I'll try again!"

Xu Nian said unwillingly.

He then stood straight again and began to harness the Kun Cave Power.

This time he wants to see if Kun Cave Power can break this stele.

The same sword technique, Xu Nian swung a sword straight out.

This time, the power emanating from the Sword Radiance was more terrifying than the last.

"Buzz!"

The stele shook again, and Xu Nian's Sword Radiance left a sword mark on the stele.

However, the sword mark was only one finger long and one inch deep.

"How is this possible?" Xu Nian was stunned.

He had used Kun Cave Power and the Second Level Dimension Cutting Technique Profound Argumentation to deliver his strongest sword.

Such a sword is enough to threaten a Middle Stage Earth Immortal, even a Middle Stage Earth Immortal with Great Success.

Yet, even so, it left only a sword mark on the surface of the stele.

"Alas, seems like we can't break this stele with our current strength," Feng Cheng sighed.

Xu Nian shook his head helplessly; he had already given it his best shot.

"Let's go!" Murong Xue said decisively.

Xu Nian nodded and was about to turn away.

"Ha-ha, Brother Xu Nian intends to give up? Let me help you out,"

A hearty laugh rang out, followed by Xu Nian seeing two figures flying in from afar and landing directly on the island through the mist.

Xu Nian was puzzled, looking at the newcomers.

He didn't know these two people, but what puzzled him most was that he couldn't discern their cultivation level.

This meant that both of them were Late Stage Earth Immortals.

Murong Xue and Feng Cheng also looked at the newcomers with vigilance, then looked at Xu Nian again.

"I wonder who you two are?" Xu Nian asked.

The fact that they knew his name meant they hadn't mistaken him.

Just unsure if they were friends or foes.

Hearing this, they burst into laughter.

"It seems Brother Xu doesn't know us, never mind, let me introduce myself, I am Chu Xiong from the Blue Gold Army," the long-faced youth said with a smile.

"I am Lu Feng, also from the Blue Gold Army," the other youth said with a smile.

"Blue Gold Army?" Feng Cheng's face changed, not expecting the other party to be from the Denor Empire.

Although the Four Great Sects didn't have much contact with the Denor Empire, they knew that the Denor Empire's strength was not weaker than the Four Great Sects, possibly even stronger.

Murong Xue also had a face full of surprise.

Xu Nian secretly breathed a sigh of relief, so they're from the Blue Gold Army.

He was also part of the Blue Gold Army, so perhaps these two could be considered his brothers.

"Xu Nian greets the two senior brothers," Xu Nian said.

"Ha-ha, no need for formalities. We've received your news from the commander. We happened to pass by and saw you had some trouble, so we wanted to lend a hand," Chu Xiong said with a smile.

"Senior brother means, you can break this stele?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

Chu Xiong and Lu Feng exchanged a smile, then Chu Xiong walked straight to the stele.

He summoned a giant axe and cleaved the stele in two with one swing.

Xu Nian, Feng Cheng, and others were stunned.

Chapter 1073: Shendang Mountain

Xu Nian looked at Chu Xiong in surprise.

This stele remains intact, leaving only a mark even with full force.

Yet, Chu Xiong managed to split it in half with a single axe strike.

This shows just how strong he is.

Feng Cheng exaggerated even more, his eyes widened and mouth agape, his jaw practically hitting the floor.

"What do you think? It's just a small stele, it couldn't stump me," Chu Xiong said proudly.

Xu Nian smiled as well, looking at the token embedded in the stele, his heart full of gratitude.

"Thank you, Senior Brother Chu!" Xu Nian said.

"It's really nothing worth mentioning. Senior Brother Lu and I just happened to be free and wanted to check out the newcomers in our army. It's been a long time since the Blue Gold Army had new recruits, and you're the first to join us at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage, so naturally, we had to come and see," Chu Xiong said with a smile.

"Indeed, your Senior Brother Chu and I even made a bet on whether you were over a hundred years old. In the end, I lost, as you're not even thirty yet. It's truly unimaginable how you cultivated," Lu Feng said with a laugh.

At these words, Xu Nian gave an embarrassed smile.

He was not even thirty yet since he began cultivation.

Others could tell his true age through bone age, and Chu Xiong and Lu Feng naturally could as well.

"Is the Profound Argumentation you've comprehended related to the Gold Attribute? To what level of domain have you achieved?" Xu Nian asked.

"Indeed, it's the Gold Attribute Mixed Element Piercing Profound Argumentation. As for my domain, it's roughly at the Fourth-level Peak. Plus, the axe I wield is an Immortal Artifact, so breaking that stele wasn't difficult," Chu Xiong explained with a smile.

Xu Nian was surprised in his heart; Chu Xiong had actually comprehended the Domain Profound Argumentation to the Fourth-level Peak, which meant Chu Xiong's power far surpassed his own.

As a Late Stage Earth Immortal, and also a Fourth-level Peak Domain powerhouse.

If he were to make a move against Xu Nian, Xu Nian probably wouldn't have the slightest strength to resist.

"Brother Xu, no need to be surprised. You are merely in your twenties and have achieved such accomplishments. When you reach our age, your future achievements will certainly be far beyond ours. Haha, our Blue Gold Army is the most elite force of the Denor Empire, our members are all tempered through blood, something those sect disciples cannot compare to," Chu Xiong laughed heartily.

While speaking, he also glanced at Feng Cheng beside him.

Feng Cheng was momentarily embarrassed, but there was no anger in his eyes, instead, there was a bit of eagerness.

"Xu Nian, are you from the Denor Empire?" Feng Cheng asked, looking at Xu Nian.

"Yes, I've joined the Blue Gold Army of the Denor Empire," Xu Nian nodded and said.

Feng Cheng was surprised, not expecting Xu Nian to possess such a status.

It should be known that the members of the Blue Gold Army of the Denor Empire held positions no less prestigious than the disciples of the Four Great Sects.

Murong Xue was also somewhat surprised, not expecting Xu Nian to have joined the Blue Gold Army.

The Four Great Sects were reluctant to provoke the Denor Empire because the Denor Empire had a powerful Earth Immortal Level army, which was the Denor Army.

Regarding the strength of the Blue Gold Army, one can understand just by looking at Chu Xiong and Lu Feng.

"Alright, here's the token for Fuyao Lake for you." Chu Xiong took the token from the crevice in the rock and tossed it to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian caught the token and found it entirely different from the one he had obtained before.

This token was just a smooth stone, but it emitted a faint and gentle glow, and felt warm when held in hand.

Xu Nian handed the token to Murong Xue, and Murong Xue did not refuse it, expressed a word of gratitude to Xu Nian, and then kept the token.

Seeing Murong Xue accept it, a smile appeared on Xu Nian's face.

"Boom!"

However, at this moment, the ground suddenly quaked violently.

Then, the whole ground started to shake intensely.

"What's going on?" Xu Nian looked around, surprised.

Feng Cheng and Murong Xue were also perplexed, obviously unaware of what was happening.

Beside them, Chu Xiong and Lu Feng's expressions changed drastically, exclaiming in shock, "Who has disturbed that creature, daring to venture into the forbidden area of Shendang Mountain?"

"Shendang Mountain?" Murong Xue and Feng Cheng's faces also showed surprise upon hearing this.

Xu Nian was bewildered.

Seeing Xu Nian's confusion, Chu Xiong explained, "Shendang Mountain is the most mysterious and powerful force among the Nine Great Forces in the Immortal Realm, and its trials are extremely challenging. Neither Senior Brother Lu nor I have any certainty of obtaining this token."

"Even you, Senior Brothers, have no confidence?" Xu Nian looked surprised.

He had already witnessed Chu Xiong's strength just now, certainly at the pinnacle of the Four Great Sects.

Yet, even with such strength, it's still impossible to pass through Shendang Mountain, which shows how strong this force is.

"Is the test at Shendang Mountain really that difficult? What does that have to do with the recent tremors?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Of course, there's a connection. The guardian beast of Shendang Mountain's forbidden area is a terrifying True Dragon, a genuine bloodline of the Taigu Dragon Clan," Lu Feng said.

"A True Dragon? How can that be? A True Dragon is said to be born with the strength of the Heavenly Immortal Realm. How could it appear in the Mortal World?" Xu Nian asked in disbelief.

A True Dragon belonged to an extremely noble bloodline, and their offspring were born in the Heavenly Immortal Realm.

Some Dragon Clan with strong bloodlines would possess Immortal Emperor-level strength upon reaching maturity.

This is why the Dragon Clan is renowned as the most powerful of the Demon Clan.

"It is a True Dragon indeed, but its cultivation seems to be sealed; now it only has the strength of a Middle Stage Earth Immortal. However, even so, a Middle Stage Earth Immortal True Dragon is not something we can contend with. With a fully formed Immortal Body, Dragon Clan bloodline, plus the Dragon Clan's unique Talent Divine Abilities, even a Peak of Late Stage Earth Immortal wouldn't dare to provoke it lightly. Only an Earth Immortal Peak powerhouse with a Fourth-level Domain or higher could stand a chance," Chu Xiong explained.

Xu Nian also showed a look of amazement, not expecting the forbidden area of Shendang Mountain to be suppressing a True Dragon.

This caused the blood in Xu Nian's body to boil with excitement.

The True Dragon Bloodline is the essence of the Dragon Clan's heritage.

If he were to obtain this bloodline, his Nine Dragons Supreme Body would take a significant leap forward.

This would further assure his Tribulation Crossing.

"I wonder which of the Nine Great Dragon Clans this True Dragon belongs to?" Xu Nian asked again.

"It is a Xuantian Thunder Dragon," Chu Xiong said.

"Xuantian Thunder Dragon?" Xu Nian's eyes widened instantly, showing an eager expression.

That was the third-ranked Dragon Clan bloodline among the Nine Great Dragon Clans.

Moreover, it is a True Dragon. If Xu Nian could obtain the Xuantian Thunder Dragon Bloodline, his Nine Dragons Supreme Body would definitely ascend another level.

But killing a Xuantian Thunder Dragon was easier said than done.

Yet, Xu Nian was not one to easily forego such a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Senior Brothers, I would like to go and take a look near Shendang Mountain," Xu Nian said to Chu Xiong and Lu Feng.

Chu Xiong and Lu Feng had no objections, naturally.

Feng Cheng and Murong Xue had no objections either.

So all four of them started moving towards Shendang Mountain.

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Chapter 1074: Hell Sea

Near Shendang Mountain, at this moment, a group of cultivators was frantically fleeing.

These cultivators cursed under their breath as they ran.

That damned guy angered the giant dragon. Doesn't he know that this is a True Dragon with power comparable to the Earth Immortal Peak?

If they had known this True Dragon would be alarmed, they would never have come near Shendang Mountain.

At the entrance to Shendang Mountain, a beautiful figure was swiftly escaping.

Behind her, a giant dragon several hundred feet long was in hot pursuit.

The dragon roared fiercely while chasing, its roar shaking heaven and earth.

The dragon's iron-like tail struck the nearby peaks, shattering them to pieces.

If Xu Nian saw this woman, he would be extremely surprised, because it was none other than Sun Yuxiang, who had left earlier.

Sun Yuxiang's speed was astoundingly fast and bizarre.

Her figure moved like a phantom, forming hundreds of human-like shadows, even the True Dragon couldn't catch up with her.

"Whoosh!"

Sun Yuxiang's form turned into a fleeting shadow, escaping beyond the outer perimeter of Shendang Mountain.

The giant dragon stopped its pursuit, bound by its duty, unable to leave.

"It is indeed somewhat difficult." Sun Yuxiang frowned slightly. She opened her palm, revealing a purple mark in her palm.

It was a blooming purple petal, yet extremely strange, even Xu Nian wouldn't recognize what kind of petal it was.

Sun Yuxiang looked at the petal in her palm, which had a total of nine petals, one of which had already dimmed.

Obviously, she used the power of the petal just now, which allowed her to escape the mouth of the True Dragon.

She originally planned to use the power of the petal to enter the depths of Shendang Mountain to obtain the token of the mountain, but unexpectedly encountered great difficulties at the first stage.

This True Dragon was more terrifying than she had imagined.

"It seems I still need to find an ally." Sun Yuxiang looked charmingly into the distance, apparently having someone in mind.

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As Xu Nian and the others headed towards Shendang Mountain, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar and its group had also arrived at the Hell Sea.

Xu Nian and his crew disembarked from the ship, and what unfolded before them was an immensely vast ocean.

Though it was called an ocean, it was not a real sea.

Because this ocean was not composed of water, but of an endless sea of energy.

The energy here was extremely violent, quite unlike the calm spiritual energy. Once it entered a person's body, it would trigger their True Essence and Immortal Essence, driving them into madness.

The most frightening part was that within this sea of energy, numerous extraordinary creatures were lurking.

These creatures were extremely ferocious, their numbers terrifyingly high.

"This is the Hell Sea, the most perilous dead zone in our Tianhen Star Domain," Liu Bai Ru said to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian frowned, looking at the energy sea in front of him.

Although there was no sound transmission in this boundless void, he could feel the intense surging of energy within the Hell Sea.

If there were sound, their ears would be filled with deafening roars at this moment.

Moreover, Xu Nian could feel the terrifying power waves brought about by the energy surging, enough to threaten any strong person at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage.

"This Hell Sea is indeed extremely terrifying. Those creatures that can survive inside likely have formidable strength. Yet, the expanse of this Hell Sea is unknown," Xu Nian said.

"Those creatures are incredibly frightening, with power at least at the Early Stage Earth Immortal, some even comparable to Middle Stage or Late Stage Earth Immortals. As for the range of the Hell Sea, that would be something only Elder Yu Mo knows," Liu Bai Ru spoke.

She used Immortal Essence while speaking, so everyone heard her voice.

Thus, all eyes turned to Elder Yu Mo.

Obviously, they also wished to know the extent of the Hell Sea, as it concerned their survival.

"The scope of the Hell Sea is extremely vast. Once entered, it's easy to lose your way. Even if you don't encounter any formidable fierce beasts, you might not find your way out. The key is, within the Hell Sea, you cannot absorb spiritual energy. Once it depletes, you can only wait for death," Elder Yu Mo said.

All around, people frowned, clearly realizing that the Hell Sea was even more dangerous than they had imagined.

"How long does it take to get out of this Hell Sea?" the Tianbao Pavilion Master asked.

Even he, a Late Stage Earth Immortal expert, dared not underestimate the Hell Sea.

Similarly, the assassin from Mu Residence did the same.

"I once got lost in this Hell Sea, and it took me three hundred years to traverse it," Elder Yu Mo said.

Everyone around gasped in shock.

Some were so disappointed, they were ready to turn back.

Three hundred years?

With that time, they would have completed their cultivation long ago, why would they care about the Ancient Sage Sect's legacy?

Xu Nian also frowned; if it truly required that long, he would turn around and leave immediately.

"But rest assured, this time I've found the Pathfinding Talisman at the Ancient Sage Sect. With it, we can reach the interior in the shortest time, only needing three months if we encounter no obstacles," Elder Yu Mo said.

Everyone around breathed a sigh of relief at these words.

Three months; that duration they could accept.

"However, at present, there are only three Pathfinding Talismans, and one talisman can lead eight people. So the grouping is up to you," Elder Yu Mo said.

At this, everyone around erupted in astonishment.

Three Pathfinding Talismans, each capable of leading only eight people.

This meant they had to form three teams to enter this Hell Sea.

Wouldn't that increase their risk?

Xu Nian also frowned; this aspect was something Elder Yu Mo hadn't mentioned during their journey.

Bringing it up now was clearly intentional.

There might be a conspiracy in this.

But many had no choice and had to form teams.

The Guihai Family naturally teamed up with Mu Residence, making a total of six people.

The two remaining spots, which the Mountain Sea Sect initially wanted to seize, were unexpectedly taken by the Batian Sect.

Other experts from various factions teamed up, forming an eight-person squad.

In this way, only the Tiande Sect, Tianbao Pavilion, and Mountain Sea Sect remained.

Xu Nian and the Tianbao Pavilion naturally teamed up without issue, but forming an alliance with the Mountain Sea Sect was bound to be problematic.

Yet, the current situation seemed to leave them no room to refuse.

Liu Bai Ru also frowned.

The Mountain Sea Sect Master approached with a smile, saying to Liu Bai Ru: "Since we've already teamed up, I'm willing to set aside our past grievances and work together. Would Master Liu be willing?"

"Humph, hypocrite," Liu Bai Ru retorted bluntly.

The Mountain Sea Sect Master letting go of his grievances? Is that possible?

The Mountain Sea Sect Master smiled; he wasn't surprised by this answer.

However, when he exchanged glances with his son Lin Wu, a gleam of cunning flickered in his eyes.

Chapter 1075: Entering the Hell Sea

Next, after Elder Yu Mo distributed three Pathfinding Talismans, he led his group of people straight into the Hell Sea.

Subsequently, small teams formed by other factions also followed them directly into the Hell Sea.

In the end, only Xu Nian and his group of eight remained.

Xu Nian stood amidst the crowd, looking at the seal in his hand.

Watching the floating light ball ahead, he immediately understood how the Pathfinding Talisman worked.

Evidently, the light ball seal in front was responsible for leading the way, while the seal in their hands received the light ball's signal, guiding them in the correct direction.

This way, even if their group of eight got separated, they could quickly gather together.

Furthermore, they could sense each other's positions through the seals.

Xu Nian thought there were advantages and disadvantages to this.

The advantage is that they can prevent getting lost and provide timely rescue.

The disadvantage lies within the team, especially theirs.

The Mountain Sea Sect clearly has great animosity with them, and now they've willingly joined their team; naturally, cooperation would be difficult.

It's likely they'll try to trip them up, and the seals would make it easier for them to do so.

"Since we are a team now, why don't you two put aside your grudges and face this challenge together?" Tianbao Pavilion Master said with a smile as he approached.

He naturally knew about the feud between the Mountain Sea Sect and Tiande Sect.

And the Mountain Sea Sect joining them in a team clearly showed the influence of the Guihai Family and the Mu Residence.

Tianbao Pavilion clearly didn't want to sit on this leaky ship either, but he had no choice but to accept the arrangement.

"I have no problem with that, Senior Li. We all know the dangers of the Hell Sea; infighting now would be courting disaster," Lin Shanhai chuckled.

Liu Bai Ru snorted mockingly, clearly finding Lin Shanhai's words insincere.

However, she didn't protest openly, for now was not the time for infighting.

"Alright, with Master Lin's words, I am assured," Li Tiangang nodded with a smile.

He then turned to Liu Bai Ru and asked with a smile, "Master Liu, what do you think?"

Liu Bai Ru hesitated for a moment, then said, "I have no problem, as long as someone doesn't sabotage us secretly. I can temporarily set aside my resentment, but if someone's up to no good, don't blame me for cutting them down."

While speaking, Liu Bai Ru looked coldly at Lin Shanhai.

Since taking Xu Nian's pill, her cultivation had reached the Peak of Middle Stage Earth Immortal, just one step away from Late Stage Earth Immortal.

And the pill's power hadn't been fully exhausted yet. Once absorbed completely, she could surely break through successfully.

However, Liu Bai Ru hadn't planned to break through immediately because she knew if she did, Lin Shanhai would be on guard.

By then, it would be even harder to make a move.

This is also why she agreed to join forces with Lin Shanhai.

Xu Nian naturally understood this too and agreed with Liu Bai Ru's strategy.

It seemed that Liu Bai Ru could become the Sect Leader not just by strength, but also by wits.

Seeing Liu Bai Ru's agreement, Tianbao Pavilion Master Lin Tiangang showed a pleased smile.

Although Lin Shanhai was surprised by Liu Bai Ru's straightforward acceptance, he didn't think too much about it. After all, right now, they could only sail together in the same boat.

"Now that everything is clear, I hope you two adhere to your promises and also restrain your disciples. If anyone dares to break their word, don't blame me, Li Tiangang, for being unkind. As for our Tianbao Pavilion, the two of you should be able to trust us," Li Tiangang declared domineeringly.

As he spoke, he exuded the imposing aura of a Late Stage Earth Immortal.

Xu Nian immediately felt a strong pressure, and Shi Guangxu turned pale, secretly cursing the old man a thousand times over.

Liu Bai Ru and Lin Shanhai were both taken aback too; Li Tiangang's strength was indeed formidable.

Even if the two of them teamed up, they likely wouldn't be his match.

After all, Late Stage Earth Immortals begin tempering their Mud Ball Palace, meaning their soul power reaches a leap in level.

Some powerful Late Stage Earth Immortals can even instantly kill someone at the Peak of Middle Stage Earth Immortal.

This is the difference in soul power.

"Alright, since we've reached an agreement, let's enter the Hell Sea together. The Hell Sea is full of fierce beasts and many unknown dangers, so don't act rashly if we encounter danger," Li Tiangang instructed.

"Understood!" Li Anshan and Mei Ji both nodded.

Liu Bai Ru and the others nodded too.

The Hell Sea is extremely perilous, and a single mistake could cost lives.

"Let's go!"

At Li Tiangang's command, he activated the Light Ball Seal.

The Light Ball Seal shot out instantly.

Xu Nian immediately felt the pull from the seal in his hand.

Everyone followed the direction the Light Ball Seal flew.

Soon they arrived within the scope of the Hell Sea. Upon entering, Xu Nian felt as if he had stepped into another world.

The surroundings were filled with a violent energy, and this energy was peculiar.

This energy appeared gray, making everything around them look dim, and they could only see within a ten-meter range with the naked eye.

Moreover, this violent energy even strongly hindered soul power.

With Xu Nian's soul power, he could only observe within a hundred-meter range.

Now he finally understood why it was said that one could get lost in the Hell Sea.

In this hazy ocean, they were like blind people; without guidance, it was easy to lose their way.

As for this energy, Xu Nian tried using his talent divine ability, Swallowing Heaven and Earth.

It could be devoured, but couldn't be converted into spiritual energy, instead forming a gray thread-like energy within him.

This energy was frightening and extremely strong.

"I don't know what kind of energy this is, even Swallowing Heaven and Earth can't convert it," Xu Nian thought to himself in amazement.

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast cultivates not the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus, but the innate divine ability of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

So, with this gray energy, he could only devour it without truly absorbing it.

"Everyone, stay close. This is just the outskirts of the Hell Sea, with no fierce beasts for now, but we will inevitably encounter them ahead. By then, follow my commands," Li Tiangang transmitted his voice.

Everyone around nodded.

They too could feel the deadly atmosphere of the Hell Sea because they couldn't absorb this energy at all.

Once absorbed, a person would fall into madness, turning into a humanoid fierce beast.

Therefore, Xu Nian and his group of eight pressed on towards the depths of the Hell Sea.

But the peace didn't last long; soon, they encountered trouble.

Indeed, they encountered fierce beasts.

Xu Nian gazed at the strange creatures ahead, a look of astonishment on his face.

"Are these the fierce beasts?"

Chapter 1076: Encountering Deadly Peril

Xu Nian looked at the fierce beast that appeared ahead, a bit surprised in his eyes.

The appearance of this fierce beast was quite peculiar, resembling a humanoid, yet its limbs bore terrifyingly sharp claws.

According to Xu Nian's estimation, these claws were as sharp as blades.

They could probably easily pierce even top-grade spiritual artifacts.

Besides, these fierce beasts were covered with incredibly tough scale armor, with strong defensive power.

Their eyes were all gray, with wide-open mouths showing extremely grim and terrifying teeth.

Severely exposing their brutal and violent nature.

"This is a low-level fierce beast, fortunately, there's only one. We need to deal with it quickly, or it will attract more fierce beasts," Li Tiangang said.

What was called a low-level fierce beast actually meant a beast with strength comparable to an early stage Earth Immortal.

These kinds of fierce beasts had relatively weak attack and defense.

Above that, there were three more levels: Middle Stage, High-level, and King, corresponding to the latter three levels of an Earth Immortal.

As for King level fierce beasts, once encountered, it basically meant certain death.

"Let me handle it!"

Li Anshan volunteered.

The next moment, his figure turned into a rapid afterimage and appeared directly in front of the beast.

"Roar!"

The fierce beast, with its astonishing eyesight, naturally spotted the target and swung its sharp claws at Li Anshan.

Li Anshan's eyes flashed with a hint of mockery. Without wielding any weapon, he used his hand as a blade, with his palm covered in Immortal Essence.

At the same time, a red flame, like fresh blood, emerged from Li Anshan's palm.

"Psst!"

Li Anshan's hand blade directly pierced through the beast's chest. The red flame on his palm instantly transformed into a raging fire, incinerating the entire fierce beast to ashes in an instant.

"Red Lotus Karma Fire Profound Argumentation?" Xu Nian showed a hint of surprise in his eyes.

The profound argumentation Li Anshan comprehended was indeed a high-level profound argumentation within the fire attribute, the Red Lotus Karma Fire.

Moreover, judging from Li Anshan's level of comprehension, it was clearly not low, having obviously reached the domain level.

Just, it's unknown which level domain it had reached.

"Nephew Li is indeed the first among the younger generation of our Tianhen Star Domain. This Red Lotus Karma Fire Saber in your hands has reached a pinnacle level. If I'm not mistaken, Nephew Li's profound argumentation has already reached the third level domain stage, right?" Lin Shanhai said with a smile, praising Li Tiangang beside him.

"Anshan indeed has some talent in comprehending the fire attribute. This Red Lotus Karma Fire Saber emphasizes extreme concentration, gathering fire into a blade, with tremendous power. It has long surpassed the level of the original creator of this move," Li Tiangang said with a smile, filled with pride for his son.

Lin Shanhai smiled and said to Lin Wu beside him, "See that? In the future, you should learn more from your Brother Li."

"Brother Li's strength is indeed admirable," Lin Wu also chimed in.

On the side, Shi Guangxu sneered, his eyes taunting.

A third level domain, is it something remarkable?

This person next to me had comprehended multiple attribute profound argumentations, and also reached the third level domain stage, just didn't want to dampen their spirits.

Xu Nian naturally discerned Shi Guangxu's thoughts and glared at him, signaling not to easily reveal their strength.

As for Li Anshan, Xu Nian felt that he was indeed strong, and if they were to fight, he might not necessarily gain the upper hand.

Of course, all of this was under the premise that it's different from spatial domain profound argumentation; once he utilized the spatial domain, Li Anshan wouldn't stand a chance against him.

After slaying the low-level fierce beast, Li Anshan returned once more.

"The defense of this low-level fierce beast wasn't that strong, though nearly comparable to top-grade spiritual artifacts. If it weren't for my Red Lotus Karma Fire being so extremely hot, it might not have been able to break its defense. I'm not sure how strong the defense of a mid-level fierce beast would be," Li Anshan said with a frown as he rejoined the group.

Though he killed that low-level fierce beast, he felt no pride but instead thought that the beast was even more terrifying than they imagined.

"It seems these fierce beasts are stronger than we imagined. We should try to avoid contact with these beasts. When encountering a single, kill it quickly, and by no means should we be encircled by a large group of fierce beasts, or it will be very hard to escape," Li Tiangang said.

Everyone nodded in agreement.

Xu Nian had no objections either; he wasn't in the mood to stir up trouble.

Thus, the group continued forward, but not long after, they ran into something completely unexpected ahead.

In front of them, the pathway was full of dense spatial rifts.

These spatial rifts were filled with strong spatial turbulence, and once pulled in, even an Earth Immortal peak powerhouse would find it impossible to survive.

"Looks like we have to take a detour, but I sense strong life fluctuations on both sides, probably with many fierce beasts gathered," Li Tiangang said.

Everyone frowned, as a group of fierce beasts was even more terrifying than spatial rifts.

"Then what should we do?" Lin Shanhai asked.

"There's no other way, the Pathfinding Talisman points in this direction, so we have to push through it," Li Tiangang replied.

After speaking, he looked at Lin Shanhai and Liu Bai Ru.

"Then let's push through," Lin Shanhai said flatly.

"I have no objection either," Liu Bai Ru said.

"Alright, then we'll take the left side, where the life fluctuations seem a bit weaker," Li Tiangang stated.

He took the lead flying to the left.

Xu Nian and the others naturally chose to follow.

"Hey Xu Nian, if we encounter a beast attack, you must first put me into your spatial treasure," Shi Guangxu transmitted to Xu Nian.

He couldn't even handle the lowest level of fierce beasts; if he encountered a beast group, it would be a sure death.

"Sure, but remember to call me Grandpa," Xu Nian jokingly transmitted back with a smile.

Shi Guangxu snorted, transmitting angrily, "Call you grandpa, I'd rather die than let you off that easily."

Xu Nian smiled slightly, noncommittally.

Yet the next moment, their expressions changed.

Ahead of them, at that moment, hundreds of fierce beasts were gathered, clawing at an enormous rock and gnawing at it frantically.

"Buzz!"

Upon seeing Xu Nian and the others arrive, their eyes immediately turned toward them, all showing greedy and ferocious looks.

The next moment, these fierce beasts charged at them with great speed.

"Not good, a fierce beast group. There's quite a few mid-level fierce beasts among them. Everyone get ready, charge through," Li Tiangang immediately transmitted and ordered.

Xu Nian and the others were astonished; they hadn't expected to encounter a beast group so soon.

Meanwhile, Shi Guangxu desperately held onto Xu Nian, "Quick, Grandpa Xu, put me in, quickly!"

Xu Nian rolled his eyes; wasn't this guy just resolved not to call him Grandpa even if he died?

Nevertheless, he still tossed Shi Guangxu into the Chaos Divine Palace, while wielding his Slaughter Battle Saber.

The blade flowed with intention, the killing intent burst forth!

Chapter 1077: I Am Xu Nian

"Kill!"

Li Tiangang gave the command, charging into the herd of Fierce Beasts first.

His Immortal Essence surged, and he struck a palm towards the Fierce Beasts out of thin air.

A dozen Fierce Beasts in front were instantly sent flying, some even had their bodies crushed, blood spilling everywhere.

There's no denying that Li Tiangang's strength is truly formidable.

Similarly, Liu Bai Ru and Lin Shanhai also rushed into the circle of Fierce Beasts.

Liu Bai Ru's sharp sword swept horizontally, the sword light fierce.

Directly slicing two Fierce Beasts in half.

Lin Shanhai was equally ferocious, his Long Spear like a dragon, instantly shredding a Mid-level Fierce Beast into pieces.

This was due to the fact that their weapons were Immortal Artifacts.

On the other side, Li Anshan had also summoned his weapon, a short saber.

Red flames like red ghosts continually slashed at the Fierce Beasts.

"Slash!"

With one saber stroke, he cut off an arm of a Fierce Beast.

Compared to Li Anshan, Lin Wu appeared a bit strained.

However, with an Immortal Sword in hand, he still stood undefeated.

As for Mei Ji, she struggled greatly, barely holding her ground against a single Low-level Fierce Beast.

If not for Li Anshan backing her up, blocking a mass of Fierce Beasts, she might have been torn apart.

Xu Nian wielded the Slaughter Battle Saber, its blade glimmering with a pale cyan luminescence.

Using the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation, the Sword Shadow Butterfly Dance was applied through blade techniques, equally sharp and terrifying.

The Low-level Fierce Beasts' defenses were utterly unable to withstand it.

Slicing through their Scale Armor was like cutting vegetables, though the Mid-level Fierce Beasts' defenses posed a challenge.

Yet, relying on the Slaughter's sharp properties and without worrying about True Essence depletion, Xu Nian swiftly slaughtered all around.

In just a moment, nine Fierce Beasts fell under his blade, including two Mid-level Fierce Beasts.

As everyone was engaged in battle, Xu Nian deliberately embedded Array Formation Seals in his blade techniques.

So to others, it seemed Xu Nian's swift killing ability was due to the power of the Formation, not his own strength.

In reality, the Array Patterns were merely simple speed enhancement formations.

Xu Nian wasn't very knowledgeable about formations; he only knew one Killing Array.

Such single-target auxiliary attack formations were not his forte.

However, with these formations, it was enough to deceive Lin Wu and others.

"Ah!"

Mei Ji was accidentally struck on the shoulder by a Fierce Beast, blood spurting as three deep claw marks marred her shoulder.

Most frightening was the beast's claws carried a strange gray energy, making recovery difficult.

"Roar!"

The Fierce Beast, seeing blood, became extraordinarily excited, crazily clawing at Mei Ji's head.

Its speed was terrifying; with one swipe, Mei Ji's head would be torn to shreds.

Mei Ji, pale-faced, just expelled the gray violent energy from her body and had no time to react defensively.

"Sister! No!" On the other side, Li Anshan was entangled with three Mid-level Demon Beasts, unable to break free to assist.

Mei Ji watched the claws grow larger in her vision, a sense of despair filling her eyes.

"Am I going to die?"

Mei Ji murmured to herself, feeling a slight regret.

A shadow appeared in her mind.

"Slash!"

Just when Mei Ji thought she was going to die, an extreme Sword Light flashed from above.

Directly cutting the Fierce Beast in half.

Mei Ji was stunned, looking up ahead.

A familiar yet strange figure appeared before her.

"It's so similar! Why does it feel so similar?" Mei Ji murmured in her heart.

At that moment, she thought of Xu Nian, but the face and aura of the youth in front of her were completely different from Xu Nian's.

Indeed, it was none other than Xu Nian, disguised as Xu Ping, who had come to save Mei Ji.

"Are you okay?" Xu Nian asked as he saw Mei Ji in a daze.

"I'm fine, just thought of someone familiar." Mei Ji shook her head, dismissing the thought.

However, she couldn't shake the feeling that Xu Ping had shadows of Xu Nian in him.

Xu Nian smiled bitterly to himself, knowing Mei Ji had begun to suspect him.

He had to admit, a woman's intuition is very sharp.

"Take this Pill. It will help your injuries recover." Xu Nian handed over a Pill.

"Thank you!" Mei Ji glanced at Xu Nian, did not refuse, and swallowed the Pill.

"Roar!"

Just then, a terrifying roar came from the distance.

Li Tiangang, engaged in slaughtering the Fierce Beasts ahead, suddenly changed his expression.

"Not good, a large number of Fierce Beasts are rushing this way, and that roar was definitely a High-level Fierce Beast. Everyone, flee, scatter, gathered together you're more easily found." Li Tiangang's voice echoed in everyone's mind.

After his voice fell, Xu Nian and the others saw countless figures rushing towards them.

The number of Fierce Beasts was probably no less than several thousand.

Among them, Xu Nian noticed several blue-scaled beasts, which he guessed were High-level Fierce Beasts.

"Go!"

Xu Nian didn't hesitate, grabbing Mei Ji and swiftly fled in one direction.

Zhao Anshan in the distance tried to follow Xu Nian but was blocked by a horde of Fierce Beasts, so he had to give up and leave with his father.

On the other side, Lin Shanhai and Lin Wu fled in one direction.

The remaining Liu Bai Ru escaped alone in another direction.

Xu Nian didn't worry about Liu Bai Ru because even against High-level Fierce Beasts, she had the power to protect herself.

That's why Xu Nian didn't care about Liu Bai Ru and instead pulled Mei Ji away.

"Roar!"

The Fierce Beasts, seeing everyone flee, roared and began pursuing the scattered people.

Xu Nian, running while pulling Mei Ji, looked back.

They were only being chased by about a hundred beasts.

Far less compared to the thousands pursuing Li Tiangang and the others.

Evidently, these beasts were chasing based on the energy level of their prey.

Li Tiangang, being the strongest, naturally attracted the most beasts.

The Lin Shanhai father-son duo attracted at least seven hundred Fierce Beasts.

Liu Bai Ru attracted nearly five hundred.

So comparatively, the number chasing Xu Nian and Mei Ji was much smaller.

However, a hundred or so Fierce Beasts still posed considerable pressure on them.

After fleeing for a while, Xu Nian stopped.

"What are you planning?" Mei Ji asked, puzzled, looking at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and said, "Of course, we kill them. Otherwise, it's hard to shake them off. Who knows if we'll run into another Fierce Beast pack?"

Mei Ji nodded, agreeing with Xu Nian's reasoning.

Running around blindly like this might indeed lead them into more dangerous zones.

"But there are too many. By yourself, you..." Mei Ji hesitated.

"Who said I'm alone? Come out!" Xu Nian smiled slightly, waved his sleeve, and a graceful figure appeared before her.

Mei Ji's eyes widened, looking in disbelief at the suddenly appeared woman.

What shocked her the most was that the woman had a pair of fairy-like wings, appearing stunningly beautiful.

The moment the woman appeared, she looked at the chasing Fierce Beasts.

In the next moment, a strong purple light radiated from her body.

A Void portal opened, followed by an overwhelming tide of humanoid Insect Clan pouring out.

Thick and fast, they covered the sky and earth.

"The Void Insect Clan, could she be the Void Mother Empress? Then you are..." Mei Ji's eyes widened, then looked at Xu Nian in shock.

Xu Nian also smiled, saying, "Yes, Sister Mei Ji, I am Xu Nian."

Chapter 1078: The Lin Family Father and Son's Conspiracy

Mei Ji looked surprised, with a hint of annoyance.

This guy even deceived her, and she almost thought she had mistaken him for someone else.

However, she was also surprised that Xu Nian had even controlled the Void Insect Queen, a being capable of threatening the entire Star Domain.

Watching the Void Insect Clan battling with a hundred fierce beasts, Mei Ji really couldn't imagine someone being able to control an Insect Queen.

Xu Nian also looked ahead. Although these Void Insects were only at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage,

their overwhelming numbers, totaling over ten thousand, were overwhelming.

With so many Void Insects fighting a hundred fierce beasts, they managed to gain the upper hand through sheer numbers.

The teeth of the Void Insects were incredibly strong, and their furious bites could penetrate the defenses of the fierce beasts.

As a result, those one hundred or so fierce beasts were quickly bitten to death by the Void Insects.

Of course, these Void Insects also suffered heavy casualties, with most being torn apart by the fierce beasts' claws.

The entire scene was extraordinarily tragic.

Yet Xu Nian wasn't heartbroken at all.

Even if these Void Insects did not die in battle, they would eventually turn on each other.

Only through mutual devouring would the truly strong among the Insect Clan survive.

More than a hundred fierce beasts being bitten to death meant their corpses became fodder for the remaining insects.

The energy from consuming and converting these corpses would nourish Lan Xi in return.

Now Lan Xi had already reached the Peak of the Transcendence Tribulation Stage, and it's likely she would soon sense the Heavenly Tribulation.

Once she crosses the Heavenly Tribulation, Lan Xi would become even more terrifying.

A Void Mother Empress at the Earth Immortal Realm could create an Earth Immortal army.

Mei Ji watched the scene of the Void Insects devouring the fierce beasts, her heart filled with shock.

"So, that young man who stood beside you earlier was Shi Guangxu?" Mei Ji seemed to have realized something and asked.

Xu Nian smiled slightly, and with a wave of his sleeve, Shi Guangxu appeared in front of him and Mei Ji.

"What's going on? Hey, Xu Ping, why are you here with this beautiful lady? Where's everyone else?" Shi Guangxu glanced around and asked, deliberately feigning surprise.

Mei Ji instantly glared at Shi Guangxu, her eyes filled with anger.

Xu Nian found it amusing and reminded, "I've already confessed everything to Sister Mei Ji."

Shi Guangxu immediately looked awkward, quickly grinned, and said, "Uh, Sister Mei Ji, I didn't mean to deceive you. This was all Xu Nian's bad idea! You should take it up with him."

"Hmph, neither of you are any good. I won't forget this." Mei Ji snorted lightly.

Xu Nian and Shi Guangxu exchanged glances, looking helpless.

"What do we do next? Should we regroup with them?" Mei Ji looked at Xu Nian and asked.

Xu Nian frowned slightly, gently shook his head, and said, "This Hell Sea journey doesn't seem simple to me. The father and son of the Lin family are in collusion with the Guihai Family, yet they haven't teamed up. Obviously, they have another plan. This time, we've split up and fled, they're definitely going to take action."

Mei Ji nodded, "Indeed, the behavior of the Guihai Family and the Mountain Sea Sect this time is strange. I'm afraid even the Tianbao Pavilion is within their calculations."

"In that case, why wait? Let's find the father and son first and get rid of them." Shi Guangxu said directly.

Xu Nian and Mei Ji both shook their heads simultaneously.

"This time the Mountain Sea Sect is clearly prepared, perhaps with a backup plan. The best course is to wait and see what happens, then act when they make a move." Xu Nian suggested.

Mei Ji nodded in agreement; without definitive actions from the Mountain Sea Sect, it's indeed not wise to act first.

"Why make it so complicated? Just kill them directly. What do you suggest we do now?" Shi Guangxu muttered, clearly thinking Xu Nian was overthinking things.

"Since we have the Tracking Talisman, we can know their exact position. So why not..." Xu Nian began to say.

"No, the aura of the Lin family's father and son has disappeared from the Tracking Talisman." Mei Ji suddenly said.

Xu Nian's face changed, and he opened his palm to find he couldn't sense their position anymore.

"Did they die?" Shi Guangxu asked in surprise.

Xu Nian shook his head, "They couldn't have died so easily. If I'm not mistaken, the father and son of the Lin family have begun their actions."

"Then what are we waiting for? Let's find them quickly; they must be targeting my aunt." Shi Guangxu urged anxiously.

"Don't panic. Sister Liu has hidden her strength. Even if the Lin family father and son really confront them, they might not find it advantageous. What's most important now is to find them." Xu Nian advised.

Xu Nian felt increasingly fortunate he had given the Pill to Liu Bai Ru.

With Liu Bai Ru having the power to protect herself, they didn't need to worry too much.

"The Hell Sea is vast; without a Pathfinding Talisman, how can we find them?" Mei Ji asked with a frown.

Xu Nian pondered for a moment, finally setting his sights on Lan Xi not far away.

Both Mei Ji and Shi Guangxu also turned to look at Lan Xi, their eyes lighting up.

While others might be incapable, the Void Mother Empress could do it, as she commanded a large insect army.

By following where the aura of the Lin family's father and son disappeared, an Insect would surely be able to find them through their sense of energy.

So Xu Nian immediately ordered Lan Xi to spread out her insects to search, and Lan Xi did so at once.

Soon, a large number of insects poured out.

These insects were very weak, only a little larger in size, but were sufficient for tracking.

The key was their vast numbers; no matter the danger they encountered, their deaths wouldn't matter in the least.

"Now we just need to wait for news!" Xu Nian said.

Both Mei Ji and Shi Guangxu nodded; at present, all they could do was wait.

"Master, I've sensed my Heavenly Tribulation. It will happen in a month." Lan Xi's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"So soon?" Xu Nian looked surprised, but considering Lan Xi had been at the Peak for a long time, it was understandable.

"What do you need me to do?" Xu Nian asked through voice transmission.

"These fierce beasts' blood and flesh are very helpful to me. I need to hunt more fierce beasts." Lan Xi replied through voice transmission.

"Alright, then I'll help you hunt more fierce beasts. Just as I can take the opportunity to hone my Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation." Xu Nian responded through voice transmission.

Currently, his Wind Attribute Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation was still stuck at the Second Level Domain.

Facing mid-level fierce beasts, his attacks were somewhat lacking in power; he needed to increase his attack power.

"I must trouble you, Master." Lan Xi gratefully replied through voice transmission.

Xu Nian didn't respond verbally, but directly instructed Lan Xi to inform him about the nearby fierce beast packs.

As for Mei Ji and Shi Guangxu, they followed Xu Nian, as being by Xu Nian's side was the safest.

After that, Xu Nian began frenziedly hunting fierce beasts. In a day, if not a thousand, then eight hundred beasts had perished beneath his blade.

And Xu Nian's comprehension of Profound Argumentation rapidly improved amid the slaughter.

Chapter 1079 - 1089: Ten Miles Cold Light

"Splat!"

The blade light was like an ultimate cold glint, flickering in this gray space.

Even the gray energy was sliced into a long fissure.

Under this blade light, the three Mid-level Fierce Beasts were cut in half at the waist.

Slaying three Mid-level Fierce Beasts with one slash, this strength has undoubtedly reached the Peak of Middle Stage Earth Immortal.

"Such fast swordsmanship, this guy cuts through Mid-level Fierce Beasts like cutting tofu, and he's only using a Top-grade Spiritual Artifact," Shi Guangxu couldn't help but exclaim.

If he were a Middle Stage Earth Immortal powerhouse using an Immortal Artifact to this extent, he might not be surprised.

But this guy before him has no trace of Immortal Essence in his body, and without an Immortal Artifact in hand, he relies solely on a Top-grade Spiritual Artifact to achieve such terrifying sharpness, it's truly chilling.

"I wonder how terrifying he will be once he steps into the Immortal Realm," Mei Ji also sincerely commented.

Nobody would doubt that once Xu Nian enters the Immortal Realm, his strength will undergo a tremendous change.

Once Immortal Essence is born within him, and he wields an Immortal Artifact in his hand,

his destructive power will be exceptionally terrifying.

On the other side, Lan Xi was not surprised at all, instructing the nearby Void Insect Clan to devour the corpses of those Fierce Beasts.

Xu Nian looked at the corpses of the slain Fierce Beasts before him, a smile appearing on his face.

"I finally brought the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation to the Third Level Domain Realm; this slash is enough to threaten any Peak of Middle Stage Earth Immortal powerhouse. If I can break through to the Earth Immortal Realm or replace my Spiritual Artifact with an Immortal Artifact, I'd even have a fighting chance against Late Stage Earth Immortal powerhouses," Xu Nian said to himself with satisfaction, a pleased smile on his face.

It has been three days since they parted ways with Liu Bai Ru and the others.

In these three days, Xu Nian has been constantly searching for Fierce Beasts to practice, with the number of Fierce Beasts dying at his hand reaching a thousand.

Most of them are Mid-level Fierce Beasts.

Because only Mid-level Fierce Beasts can help him achieve his training goals.

"Xu, your strength has improved again. What's that slash called? It looks amazing," Shi Guangxu quickly approached with a grin when he saw Xu Nian coming.

"What? Want to learn?" Xu Nian teased with a smile.

"Of course, if you're willing to teach, I'm definitely willing to learn," Shi Guangxu said excitedly.

"You want to learn, huh? No way!" Xu Nian replied.

Shi Guangxu's face fell instantly, muttering, "Cheapskate!"

Xu Nian chuckled, saying nothing.

That move is called Ten Miles Cold Light, a sword technique he created when his Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation reached the Third Level Domain Realm.

It's also the strongest move in his current arsenal.

The Third Level Gravity Compression of the Gravity Space Profound Argumentation is merely a powerful support skill.

As for the Space Shuttle Profound Argumentation Domain and Space Solidification, they are also support skills; in terms of destructive power, Dimension Cutting is still the strongest.

"I wonder how terrifying the Ninth Level Dimension Cutting will be; perhaps the space itself can be easily sliced apart," Xu Nian mused to himself.

Even so, he can break the space, but not as easily.

The Ninth Level Dimension Cutting, at that level of terror.

"Xu Nian, Lan Xi just said there's news about the father and son of the Lin family," Mei Ji suddenly said, walking over.

"Oh?" Xu Nian looked at Lan Xi with surprise.

Lan Xi nodded and said, "Master, you were cultivating just now, so I didn't dare disturb you. My children have already found the whereabouts of the Lin family's father and son. They are quite cunning and have been hiding. So, I had the children follow the Tiande Sect Master. Sure enough, these Lin family father and son made a move against the Tiande Sect Master."

"What's the situation now?" Xu Nian asked with a slight frown.

The situation is just as he thought, these Lin family father and son are hiding to target Liu Bai Ru.

"They retreated, Master Liu broke through to the Late Stage Earth Immortal and repelled them, but couldn't kill them. It turns out Lin Shanhai had a puppet with a strong power comparable to the Late Stage Earth Immortal. In the end, Master Liu was slightly injured, and the Lin family father and son retreated after the puppet was defeated," Lan Xi explained.

"A puppet?" Xu Nian was somewhat amazed.

Although he knew the Lin family father and son had some means, he didn't expect them to rear a puppet of Late Stage Earth Immortal level.

Regarding puppets, Xu Nian had heard about them.

This is an extremely cruel method of refinement, using the bodies of dying Late Stage Earth Immortal powerhouses, invoking a secret technique, imprisoning their souls forever in their bodies, and using the secret technique to corrode their souls, ultimately becoming a puppet that only obeys commands.

Such puppets, once refined, cannot grow and require regular feeding of fresh life.

It can be said that rearing a puppet involves continuously using life to sustain it.

Otherwise, the puppet would decay.

This method can be said to be extremely cruel.

Generally, people disdain to use this method to refine puppets.

The Lin family father and son actually reared a puppet, showing that their nature was inherently wicked.

"Where are they now?" Xu Nian asked.

"In the northwest direction from us. Lin Shanhai was also slightly injured, Master Liu also sustained injuries, but before he was heavily wounded, he heavily injured Lin Shanhai, so he chose to retreat," Lan Xi said.

"Those two bastards dared to hurt my aunt, seeking death! Xu Nian, what do you say?" Shi Guangxu was immediately furious.

"What to say? Of course, we go and kill them," Xu Nian said with a cold smile.

He had long been displeased with the Lin's father and son.

Whether it was Liu Bai Ru or Lin Wu previously having Gu Xiangxiang seduce him,

he needed to settle this score.

"Then what are we waiting for, let's go slaughter them," Shi Guangxu angrily said.

Although he lacks strength, Xu Nian certainly has it, and he believes that Xu Nian can kill the Lin family father and son.

"Wait a moment, going to kill them like this would be too easy on them," Xu Nian suddenly smiled and said.

"Then what do you propose?" Mei Ji asked.

Xu Nian grinned and turned to ask Lan Xi, "Is there a beast horde nearby, preferably with Late Stage Earth Immortal level beasts?"

"There is, not far from them," Lan Xi replied.

"That's good!" Xu Nian smiled broadly.

Mei Ji and Shi Guangxu, who were beside him, were stunned for a moment but quickly realized what Xu Nian intended to do.

They didn't expect this guy to want to bring a calamity upon the Lin's father and son.

"That's a great idea, let those two bastards see the outcome of crossing us," Shi Guangxu applauded immediately.

Even Mei Ji had a smile on her face; Xu Nian's idea was indeed delightfully wicked.

This way, the Lin family father and son are in for a big trouble.

It seems that offending anyone, Xu Nian should never be on that list, or the end would be extremely miserable.

"Let's go, let us meet this father and son pair," Xu Nian said with a grin and then let Lan Xi lead the way.

The four of them flew directly towards the direction of the Lin family father and son.

Chapter 1080: Shi Guangxu's Killing Intent

Hell Sea, on a massive meteorite.

Lin Shanhai and Lin Wu were sitting cross-legged, using spirit stones in their hands to restore their immortal essence.

After a long time, Lin Shanhai and Lin Wu finally opened their eyes.

In this sea of grey energy, they could only maintain their consumption through spirit stones and pills.

Moreover, they were quite injured, so the energy consumption was naturally greater.

"Damn it, how did that woman suddenly break through to late stage Earth Immortal? Wasn't she seriously injured before? How come she's not only healed but also progressed faster than you, father? If it hadn't been for the demonic puppet, we might have died at her hands this time," Lin Wu couldn't help but curse.

Originally, they planned to imprison Liu Bai Ru and then humiliate her.

But they unexpectedly got caught in their own trap.

"This matter is indeed strange. Last time Liu Bai Ru was hit by my Fierce Soul Spear, and there was a Heavenly Dao scar left in her body. Such wounds can only be healed by otherworldly heavenly materials and earthly treasures. It seems she had a great opportunity, but according to my information, she hadn't even left the Tiande Sect. How could she..." Lin Shanhai couldn't figure it out either.

When fighting Liu Bai Ru earlier, it was clear he was no longer her match.

Even the demonic puppet was suppressed by her, which he never expected.

"What are we going to do next? It won't be easy to deal with that woman now. In retrospect, we should have let the Guihai family handle it," Lin Wu frowned and said.

This wasn't originally a matter concerning the Lin Family.

There were forces from the Guihai Family and the Mu Residence plotting behind this.

The Mu Residence wanted to use the resources of the Ancient Sage Sect to unify the entire Tianhen Star Domain.

As for forces like the Tiande Sect and the Tianbao Pavilion, which were unwilling to submit, there was only one outcome for them, to be eliminated.

Originally, Lin Shanhai intended to kill Liu Bai Ru, the Sect Leader of the Tiande Sect, to earn merit in front of the Mu Residence.

He didn't expect Liu Bai Ru to have hidden her strength.

"Right now, it's indeed a bit difficult to deal with. This time our failed move means Liu Bai Ru will definitely be on guard. The most crucial point is that Li Tiangang of the Tianbao Pavilion will also be wary. If they join forces, it could be quite troublesome. We must contact Guihai Badao and have Elder Yu Mo make a move," Lin Shanhai frowned and said.

Lin Wu nodded in agreement.

"Boom!"

While the father and son of the Lin Family were discussing how to deal with Liu Bai Ru,

a rumbling sound echoed from the distance.

"What sound is that?" Lin Wu looked around with a puzzled expression.

Lin Shanhai held his breath, carefully observing the surroundings.

Suddenly, as if realizing something, Lin Shanhai's expression changed drastically, and he hurriedly said, "No good, run!"

The next moment, he pulled Lin Wu away.

Lin Wu also seemed to sense something wrong, looking in one direction.

What they saw was a meteor heading swiftly towards them.

Following the meteor was a massive swarm of fierce beasts.

Among them were three high-level fierce beasts in purple.

"Damn it, how come there are so many fierce beasts!" Lin Wu and Lin Shanhai cursed inwardly.

They couldn't understand why the meteor suddenly came flying their way, and even more so why it was followed by a swarm of fierce beasts.

But at this moment, there wasn't time to think, as the fierce beasts were already near.

If they got entangled by these fierce beasts, their end would be extremely miserable.

Without a moment's hesitation, Lin Shanhai summoned the demonic puppet.

An elder with white hair and limbs bound in iron chains appeared before everyone's sight.

As soon as the elder appeared, he roared and charged into the beasts.

His hand, like an iron claw, tore a mid-level fierce beast in half.

He continued to slaughter madly among the beasts.

Lin Shanhai and Lin Wu also summoned their weapons, fleeing while slaying the pursuing beasts.

However, the speed of the three high-level fierce beasts was extremely fast and soon caught up.

Infuriated, Lin Shanhai's long spear transformed into a golden dragon, desperately pushing back the three high-level fierce beasts.

During this, he was also hit by the claws of the beasts, leaving several scars on his body.

In just a short while, both Lin Wu and Lin Shanhai were drenched in blood.

But beasts are just beasts, though strong, they only have battle instincts and do not comprehend the Domain Profound Argumentation like cultivators.

Thus, Lin Shanhai could barely hold back the three high-level fierce beasts with his spear alone.

"Go!"

Seeing the unfavorable situation, Lin Shanhai immediately threw out an array map.

Once the array map was activated, it shone brightly, blocking all the beasts around.

Lin Shanhai retrieved the demonic puppet and then quickly escaped with Lin Wu.

Not far from where Lin Shanhai and they were battling, Xu Nian and his group were suspended in the void, watching the fight.

"I didn't expect that old fox to have another trick up his sleeve. What was that array map just now? It actually stopped that group of fierce beasts," Shi Guangxu said with a glint in his cold eyes, slightly regretting.

"That's a supreme trap array, but it can only be used once. It must be one of the cards that old guy Lin Shanhai had saved up. Fortunately, we lured those fierce beasts to attack, otherwise if that trap array was used on us, that old guy might actually have escaped," Xu Nian said with a light chuckle.

Lin Shanhai is not an array master, so he can only rely on such an array map to set up a formation.

And such formations, often pre-drawn by an array master, can generally only be used once.

Such array maps are extremely precious, and for the Mountain Sea Sect to have one is already quite good.

"Humph, they're lucky they managed to escape. What do you think, Xu, do you have confidence in dealing with them? They still have an Earth Immortal late stage level puppet in their hands," Shi Guangxu looked at Xu Nian teasingly.

"Call me grandpa once, and I'll leave the last strike to you. How about that?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"Grandpa!" Shi Guangxu responded straightforwardly.

Xu Nian was speechless at this, feeling that this guy was not playing by the rules.

Not in the mood to banter after the unsuccessful tease, Xu Nian turned to look in the direction where the Lin Family father and son fled and said with a smile, "Let's go, it's time to collect the debts they owe."

"Don't forget, leave the last strike to me," Shi Guangxu said very earnestly.

Xu Nian knew the hatred in Shi Guangxu's heart and nodded seriously.

Despite Shi Guangxu's usual carefree demeanor, he understood his own hatred better than anyone.

Now that the chance for revenge was before him, there was no way he would let it pass.

Mei Ji said nothing, but she understood that the atmosphere was somewhat heavy.

She was still shocked by Xu Nian's previous method of luring the fierce beasts.

Actually, there were four high-level fierce beasts among the group, and Xu Nian used the Space Profound Argumentation to instantly teleport before one of them.

With one strike, he killed it, causing the beasts to riot.

Such a method, perhaps even his foster father might not be able to achieve.