

Divine King 1081

Chapter 1081: Killed with a Flick

"Damn it, how can there be a group of fierce beasts charging at us like this?" Lin Shanhai couldn't help but curse.

His recently recovered injuries and Immortal Essence were, once again, mostly depleted in the pursuit by these fierce beasts.

The most crucial thing was, he had used up a top-grade array.

When dealing with Liu Bai Ru earlier, he hadn't been willing to use it.

But now, it was lost just like that for no reason.

"Dad, why do I feel something's not right, those fierce beasts seem to be targeting us on purpose," Lin Wu said with a frown.

"I also think it's a bit unusual, but who would aim at us?" Lin Shanhai similarly pondered.

Suddenly, Lin Shanhai and Lin Wu simultaneously spread their palms open, then looked up towards the front.

In their sight, three figures slowly emerged from the gray energy, appearing in front of them.

Seeing these three appear, they were extremely surprised.

Indeed, these three were Xu Nian, Shi Guangxu, and Mei Ji, who had rushed over.

Earlier, Xu Nian had always been using the top-grade array to cover the aura of the tracking talisman in their hands, only just now intentionally releasing it.

So Lin Shanhai and them had just discovered their presence.

"It's you? I didn't expect you to still be alive." Lin Wu was a bit shocked to see Xu Nian and the others, but soon a mocking expression appeared on his face.

If it were someone else, they might still be on guard.

But the three people before them were all at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage. No matter if Xu Nian was a top-grade array master among them, so what?

In the face of absolute strength, killing him was still a breeze.

However, Lin Shanhai frowned slightly, feeling a sense of foreboding in his heart.

He was contemplating a question. They had already concealed their aura on the tracking talisman, so how did these three juniors find them?

Could it be a coincidence?

But that would be too much of a coincidence!

And could the earlier group of fierce beasts also be related to these three?

Xu Nian heard Lin Wu's mockery, a slight smile appearing at the corner of his mouth.

Shi Guangxu was furious, directly speaking out: "You're not dead, so how could we be?"

"Insolent, this is no place for you to speak!" Lin Wu, hearing this, was also angered, glaring at Shi Guangxu directly.

He had long been displeased with this guy. Previously, he had contradicted him while with the Guihai Family.

In his view, a late-stage Tribulation Crossing expert being disrespectful to him was simply courting death.

Shi Guangxu, seeing Lin Wu's anger, also wore a slight scornful mockery at the corner of his mouth.

This mockery made Lin Wu even more furious.

"Master Lin, did you suffer injuries?" Xu Nian ignored Lin Wu and turned to Lin Shanhai, asking with a cold smile.

Lin Shanhai's brow furrowed once more, he kept feeling that there was something off about this young man in front of him.

But he couldn't pinpoint what was off.

"Just now, we encountered a group of fierce beasts attacking, so we suffered some injuries. How did you find us?" Lin Shanhai coldly asked.

Xu Nian hearing Lin Shanhai's question, knew that Lin Shanhai was suspecting them, so he candidly said: "We just happened to follow that group of fierce beasts here, and didn't expect to witness Master Lin's formidable strength, single-handedly taking on three high-level fierce beasts, truly impressive."

With those words, Lin Shanhai's face immediately changed.

"Hmph, you knew we were being chased by fierce beasts but didn't help," Lin Wu, still unaware of Xu Nian's underlying message, said self-righteously.

However, his words fell on the ears of Xu Nian and the others as nothing more than a joke.

Lin Shanhai couldn't help but glare at his son; his usually clever son still didn't understand.

It was very clear that the other side had already told them that the group of fierce beasts was lured by them.

Otherwise, how could Xu Nian and the others approach without them noticing?

What Lin Shanhai didn't expect was that these three were also capable of concealing the aura on the tracking talisman.

Lin Wu was glared at by his father and finally understood, glaring fiercely at Xu Nian and the others.

"It was you who lured those fierce beasts, what are you intending to do? Mei Ji, they're violating regulations, doesn't your Tianbao Pavilion care?" Lin Wu immediately looked at Xu Nian and the others, eventually questioning Mei Ji.

Xu Nian and Shi Guangxu exchanged a glance, the scorn in their eyes growing deeper.

Lin Wu was truly trying to bite back, even at this point still attempting to claim moral superiority.

"Who violated the regulations first? What you did to Master Liu, you think I don't know about that." Mei Ji also snorted coldly, looking at Lin Wu with eyes filled with contempt.

Lin Wu's hypocrisy made her feel nauseated.

Both Lin Wu and Lin Shanhai were stunned, simultaneously looking around.

Xu Nian, seeing this, immediately understood their intentions: "Don't bother looking, Sister Liu isn't here, it's me who's come to settle accounts with you!"

"And me!" Shi Guangxu followed.

Lin Shanhai, hearing this, looked at Xu Nian in surprise.

Lin Wu sneered, disdainfully saying: "With just you, you want to cause us trouble, you truly think being a top-grade array master means anything to us?"

In his view, Xu Ping was merely a low-level array master whom he could easily slay before he even had the chance to deploy his array.

As for Shi Guangxu, he didn't even consider him at all.

"Then you can try!" Xu Nian chuckled lightly.

"Since you're asking for death, I'll oblige." Lin Wu's eyes filled with killing intent.

The next moment, a battle saber appeared in his hand, his figure transforming into a streak of extreme lightning, instantly arriving in front of Xu Nian.

The battle saber in his hand swept towards Xu Nian.

The sword light was infused with the ultimate Thunderclap Power, he had already achieved the First Level Domain in Thunderclap Speed Profound Argumentation.

He was confident that Xu Ping wouldn't have time to react to this strike.

However, seeing the incoming lightning-fast sword light, a slight smile appeared at the corner of Xu Nian's mouth.

Without any apparent action, Xu Nian shifted slightly to the left.

The blade's edge swept past the tip of his nose.

"This... how could this be possible?" Lin Wu was shocked, not expecting his strike to be evaded.

Was it a coincidence?

It must be a coincidence.

Lin Wu whispered to himself.

The next moment, Lin Wu attempted to retrieve his saber and slash again.

"Is this your confidence?" However, at this moment, Xu Nian's playful voice reached his ears.

"Not good, Wu'er, retreat quickly!" In the distance, Lin Shanhai's face changed abruptly, trying to dash forward.

But given the distance, he was too far, unable to provide timely help.

Lin Wu's face also changed drastically, for he saw Xu Nian's hand, like a phantom, appear above his forehead.

"No..." Lin Wu felt a fear of death, wanting to retreat to evade Xu Ping's attack.

But his speed was too slow to react.

Xu Nian coldly smiled, looking at the utterly terrified Lin Wu.

Stretching out his finger, he flicked it on Lin Wu's forehead.

"Boom!"

A burst of thunder!

Blood mist erupted!

Lin Wu's entire body flew backward like a thrown stone.

Blood spilled, dyeing the skies red.

Chapter 1082: Battle Against the Demon Puppet

"Wu'er!"

Lin Shanhai caught Lin Wu with one grasp, staring at Lin Wu, who had a bloody hole on his forehead, and shouted with a face full of grief and indignation.

"Don't worry, he won't die yet, but his soul origin has been injured. I'm afraid he won't live long either."

Xu Nian looked at Lin Shanhai's grief-stricken face and smiled as he spoke.

In fact, he had the ability to kill with that strike just now, but he didn't deliver a fatal blow.

Hasn't Lin Wu always been so arrogant?

He wanted him to personally experience the despair when all his pride was shattered.

At this moment, Lin Wu's head was in a daze, slowly regaining clarity from his confusion.

However, the severe pain in his head had already stripped him of his fighting spirit.

If he forced himself to fight again, his soul would directly shatter and perish.

At this moment, he looked at Xu Nian in the distance, his eyes filled with intense shock and unwillingness.

Just now, this guy didn't use any formation at all, yet he was able to dodge his attack.

Not only that, he could heavily injure him with just one finger. This kind of power was absolutely not something a Peak of Tribulation Crossing could possess.

"You were hiding your strength?" Lin Wu glared at Xu Nian with blood at the corner of his mouth, his face looking extremely ferocious.

"Hiding strength? It seems not. My own realm is indeed the Peak of Tribulation Crossing, it's just that you've always thought my combat power was just that." Xu Nian said with a cold smile.

He didn't deliberately conceal it; it was just that these people judged his power by ordinary standards.

That's why Lin Wu was defeated so miserably.

If he had considered Xu Nian as a Peak of Middle Stage Earth Immortal from the beginning, perhaps he wouldn't have been defeated so easily.

"Hmph, you self-righteous guy, you always thought you were above everyone, looking down on us, right? Now you should understand who the real ants are." Shi Guangxu snorted coldly, feeling quite satisfied seeing Lin Wu's failure.

Upon hearing this, Lin Wu's face turned red with rage, his eyes filled with intense anger.

At this moment, Lin Shanhai's expression darkened significantly, turning to Xu Nian and asking, "You must not be someone from Tiande Sect, right? Our Mountain Sea Sect has no grievances with you, so why are you targeting us?"

Lin Shanhai was extremely familiar with Tiande Sect's information, and if such a genius existed within Tiande Sect, he couldn't possibly be unaware.

Yet Xu Ping appeared out of nowhere, clearly not a person from Tiande Sect.

"I am indeed not from Tiande Sect, but saying there's no grievance is wrong. Your son previously wanted to use Demon Transformation Powder to harm me. Did he ever consider that we had no grievances before?" Xu Nian replied with a cold laugh.

The father and son of the Lin family were truly hypocritical, obviously dirty and despicable themselves, yet they insisted on constraining others with nobility.

Upon hearing these words, Lin Shanhai furrowed his brows again.

He knew something about his son's actions and indeed tacitly approved of them.

However, he never expected to provoke such a difficult guy.

"As for you, I indeed have no personal enmity with you. But my brother has a grudge. Do you remember the Shi Family?" Xu Nian pointed at Shi Guangxu beside him.

"Shi Family?" Lin Shanhai was taken aback, turning his head to look at Shi Guangxu.

Shi Guangxu's eyes instantly became blood-red, like a viper staring at Lin Shanhai, speaking with a voice filled with killing intent: "Years ago, to take my mother, you broke into my Shi Family and killed over a hundred people, including my parents. Lin Shanhai, do you remember this grudge?"

Upon hearing this, Lin Shanhai displayed a look of surprise.

Of course, he remembered this matter. Back then, he indeed wiped out the whole family to gain a woman, and ultimately, that woman chose to commit suicide.

This incident also led to decades of enmity between him and Tiande Sect Master Liu Bai Ru.

However, he never expected that the couple had left behind a son.

"So it was you, the bastard. I didn't expect you'd still be alive. What, do you want to take revenge on me?" Lin Shanhai sneered.

Since things had come to this, he knew there was no way to resolve it peacefully.

The only way now was to kill these three people in front of him. Only then could this enmity end.

"I can't kill you, but I have my brother Xu Nian, who will defeat you for me. Then I will take care of you myself." Shi Guangxu clenched his fists, saying with extreme reluctance.

"Him?" Lin Shanhai's smile grew wider.

These two young boys truly thought Lin Shanhai was a pushover.

Two at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage dare to clamor at him. Even if this Xu Nian guy has strength comparable to the Peak of Middle Stage Earth Immortal, so what?

As the sect leader, Lin Shanhai's foundation far surpassed that of an ordinary Peak of Middle Stage Earth Immortal powerhouse. Moreover, he also had a magical puppet comparable to a Late Stage Earth Immortal.

"Since you seek death, don't blame me! Magical puppet, kill them for me." Lin Shanhai waved his hand, and a white-haired puppet appeared in Xu Nian's field of vision with the others.

"Roar!"

As soon as the magical puppet appeared, it let out a roar, then immediately locked its gaze onto Xu Nian, rushing towards them at great speed.

"You guys step aside first!" Xu Nian immediately ordered Shi Guangxu and Mei Ji.

"Be careful!" Mei Ji and Shi Guangxu instructed and then withdrew to a distance.

Xu Nian stared at the magical puppet charging at him, without the slightest intention of dodging.

"Courting death!" Lin Shanhai sneered as he saw Xu Nian choosing to confront the magical puppet head-on.

Before being forged, this magical puppet was an immortal body, and its hardness after forging surpassed the strength of a top-grade spiritual artifact, only slightly inferior to an immortal artifact. Most importantly, it felt no pain.

To engage in such close combat with this kind of killing machine was simply asking for death.

"Die!" Lin Wu thought viciously in his mind, as if already seeing the scene of Xu Nian being torn apart by the magical puppet.

However, the unexpected happened. Not only was Xu Nian not torn apart by the magical puppet, but he also fought back, and it seemed they were evenly matched.

"Boom boom boom!"

Continuous roaring sounds came forth, like rolling thunder.

"How... how is this possible?" Both Lin Wu and Lin Shanhai were stunned, extreme shock etched on their faces.

They simply couldn't believe this guy could fight the magical puppet hand-to-hand and not be at a disadvantage.

In reality, they had no idea that Xu Nian's true form was the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, and the hardness of his flesh had reached the level of a top-grade spiritual artifact.

Even if it was slightly inferior to the magical puppet, the gap wasn't too large.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian collided once again with the magical puppet's punch.

Xu Nian was blasted away, his figure flying a thousand feet.

Nonetheless, the magical puppet was also forced back, retreating three hundred feet, but clearly failing to truly overpower Xu Nian.

"This guy's flesh is surprisingly strong. Once I've killed him, I must forge him into a magical puppet," Lin Shanhai's sharp eyes said.

Lin Wu's eyes were filled with intense jealousy and unwillingness.

It turned out that this guy hadn't even used his full strength when he clashed with him earlier.

This dealt another severe blow to his pride.

Chapter 1083: Duel with Lin Shanhai

"How can Xu's physical body be so strong? He can even contend with a puppet refined with an Immortal Body, he's simply a human-shaped weapon." Shi Guangxu looked at the battle ahead and couldn't help but sigh.

Mei Ji was also full of surprise. She knew Xu Nian was powerful, but she hadn't thought his physical body was this strong too.

She really couldn't think of any weakness he might have.

"Hmph, no matter how strong his body is, it's useless. His strength will eventually deplete. My demon puppet doesn't rely on True Essence and Immortal Essence to fight, but purely on Physical Strength. In the end, it'll wear him out and kill him, and it's impossible for him to break my puppet's defense." Lin Shanhai said with a cold snort.

In his view, even if Xu Nian could withstand the demon puppet's attacks, he would ultimately still meet his end.

However, just as he finished speaking, his expression changed.

Xu Nian's palms and back began to change.

Xu Nian's palm transformed into an ink-black sharp claw, incredibly sharp, seeming capable of tearing anything apart.

And behind Xu Nian, wings grew.

These wings were commonly covered with black Scale Armor, the edges exceptionally sharp.

"Is he a Demon Beast? How is this possible? He obviously emits a human aura." Lin Shanhai said with surprise on his face.

A human aura is emitted by the soul. Xu Nian's soul was a human Origin, so everyone naturally assumed he was human.

In the distance, Shi Guangxu and Mei Ji also looked shocked. They hadn't expected Xu Nian's true form to be a Demon Beast.

"Hmph, so what if he's a Demon Beast? The demon puppet can tear apart even High-level Fierce Beasts, how powerful can a Transcendence Tribulation Stage Demon Beast be?" Lin Wu said with a cold snort, though he couldn't hide the jealousy in his eyes.

"Roar!" The demon puppet let out a roar and charged at Xu Nian again.

Xu Nian's lips curled into a smile. In the next moment, the wings on his back flapped.

His figure transformed into a black light, piercing through the demon puppet.

"Pfft!"

The demon puppet's body exploded, its strong physique instantly shattering into pieces.

"What?"

Lin Shanhai and Lin Wu exclaimed in shock.

"Damn, so strong!"

Shi Guangxu couldn't help but exclaim.

Mei Ji's eyes widened in unspeakable shock.

A puppet comparable to the Earth Immortal Late Stage was actually torn apart by Xu Nian.

Lin Wu could hardly believe his eyes.

This was a Top-grade Spiritual Artifact level puppet, how could it be so easily torn apart by this guy?

Lin Shanhai's brow furrowed deeply.

Xu Nian's strength was far beyond his expectations.

Xu Nian, however, hovered in the Void, looking at his claws and wings.

Now his claws and wings had already surpassed Top-grade Spiritual Artifact strength. At that moment, he also used the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation, making it easy to tear apart the puppet.

However, he was somewhat surprised by the speed the wings added.

"Well, Master Lin, your puppet has already been torn apart by me. Is it your turn now?" Xu Nian turned to Lin Shanhai, taunting him.

Lin Shanhai's eyes were filled with strong anger as he looked at Xu Nian from the distance, a Long Spear appearing in his hand.

Once the Long Spear appeared, a golden wave surged all around.

It was clear that Lin Shanhai had comprehended the Gold Attribute Mixed Element Piercing Profound Argumentation.

"Kid, since you killed my demon puppet, you shall become my demon puppet. I will refine you into a new demon puppet." Lin Shanhai coldly snorted, and the Long Spear in his hand transformed into a golden streak of light, piercing towards Xu Nian.

This golden streak contained extremely powerful energy fluctuations.

This fluctuation seemed capable of piercing everything.

"Gold Mixed Element Piercing Profound Argumentation, and at Domain Third Level!" Xu Nian's face showed a look of surprise.

Lin Shanhai had already reached the Domain Third Level.

"Buzz!"

The Long Spear pierced through the air, aiming straight for Xu Nian's heart.

The fluctuation locked Xu Nian in place, leaving him nowhere to dodge.

Xu Nian's eyes instantly turned sharp, not dodging, he reached directly for the Long Spear.

"Clang!"

The sound of metal clashing was heard.

The spear's tip and Xu Nian's claw sparked brilliantly upon friction.

The sharp spear tip reached within an inch of Xu Nian's heart but was intercepted by him.

"What?"

Lin Shanhai was astonished, this guy caught his spear bare-handed.

"Master Lin's strength is indeed remarkable. The Soul-splitting Spear was so fierce, it nearly killed me."
Xu Nian said with a light smile.

Upon hearing this, Lin Shanhai's ears felt extremely sore.

In his mind, failing to wound Xu Nian with this strike was already a disgrace.

"Scram!"

With a loud shout, Master Lin twisted his hand instantly.

The light erupted, a powerful wave instantly exploding.

Xu Nian didn't hesitate, slapping the spear tip and retreating swiftly.

"Courting death!"

Lin Shanhai shouted, not abandoning his attack, stepping into the Void once more, his Long Spear again pierced through the Void towards Xu Nian.

In an instant, hundreds of spear shadows appeared in the Void.

Xu Nian's wings folded behind him, blocking these spear shadows.

"Clang!"

The spear shadows crashed into Xu Nian's wings, making a sound like metal striking metal.

However, these spear shadows couldn't harm Xu Nian.

On the contrary, Xu Nian used this impact to distance himself from Lin Shanhai.

Lin Shanhai's brow furrowed, his attacks couldn't penetrate Xu Nian's defense.

"Master Lin, you've attacked twice, isn't it time for you to take a hit from me?" Xu Nian steadied himself, speaking with arrogance.

The next moment, his claw reverted to a hand, and a sharp, black saber appeared in his grasp.

Lin Shanhai didn't speak, his expression became solemn.

"Asura Three Sabers Third Style, Blade Shatters Hell!"

With a loud shout, Xu Nian slashed with the Battle Saber in his hand.

In the next moment, a terrifying Sword Light tore through the Void, surging towards Lin Shanhai.

Lin Shanhai's face changed instantly, even he didn't dare underestimate the power of this slash.

He immediately swung the Long Spear to defend.

"Clang!"

The Sword Light and Long Spear collided, making a crisp sound.

Lin Shanhai was forced back three steps by this slash.

"This is Guihai Family's saber technique. How do you know Guihai Family's saber technique? Who exactly are you?" Lin Shanhai asked.

Xu Nian sneered, giving no answer, instead channeling the Slaughter in his hand again.

"Take another slash, Ten Miles Cold Light!"

With a loud shout, Xu Nian slashed with the Battle Saber once more.

In the next moment, a peerless cold glint slashed through the air towards Lin Shanhai.

Lin Shanhai's face changed once more, swinging the Long Spear again.

"Clang!"

An extreme vibrating sound erupted.

Lin Shanhai's entire being, spear and all, flew back a hundred lengths, and he spat out a mouthful of blood.

"This... this is impossible!"

Lin Wu in the distance couldn't believe his eyes.

Chapter 1084: Lin Shanhai Crippled

Lin Shanhai clutched his chest, blood still at the corners of his mouth.

His eyes were filled with shock.

The attack from Xu Nian had already injured his internal organs, causing him unbearable pain.

For a powerful cultivator at the Middle Stage Earth Immortal to be injured by someone at the Peak of Tribulation Crossing was utterly humiliating.

This only fueled Lin Shanhai's fury even more.

Xu Nian stood holding his saber, looking at the immensely furious Lin Shanhai, with a slight smile on his lips: "Master Lin, how was my attack just now, are you satisfied?"

Lin Shanhai's fury burned even stronger, being taunted by a junior like this would destroy his reputation in the Tianhen Star Domain.

"Boy, I admit your strength exceeded my expectations, you've comprehended the Wind Attribute's Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation to the Third Level Domain Profound Argumentation, which is quite rare among your peers, but in the end, you're too arrogant. If you had reached the Earth Immortal Realm, maybe I wouldn't be your match, but thinking you can kill me with a Tribulation Crossing stage, it's wishful thinking." Lin Shanhai coldly snorted.

"So Master Lin still has some tricks up his sleeve?" Xu Nian taunted.

Lin Shanhai's gaze was sinister, his fury had reached its peak.

If he didn't kill this guy today, he wouldn't be named Lin.

"Boy, since you seek death, I'll fulfill your wish and show you the gap between the Earth Immortal Realm and the Tribulation Crossing stage." Lin Shanhai spat angrily.

In the next moment, the hair behind him danced wildly like a mad snake, and the Immortal Essence within him began to boil.

His Immortal Body began to emit a powerful wave of Immortal Power, his whole body glowing with golden light.

Lin Shanhai's entire aura suddenly surged, doubling in strength compared to before.

"Boy, you probably haven't seen the power of a Perfect Immortal Body, have you? With Immortal Essence infused throughout the body, it enters a new state, reaching a Perfect level that you in the Transcendence Tribulation Stage cannot compare to." Lin Shanhai wielded his long spear, Immortal Power sweeping around him.

He appeared like a golden-armored war immortal.

"I didn't realize Lin Shanhai's Immortal Body had reached the Perfect state, Xu Nian might be in danger now." Mei Ji frowned and said.

An Earth Immortal with a Perfect Immortal Body is far beyond someone whose Immortal Body is at completion.

It seems like a small step, but the gap between them is vast.

No one expected Lin Shanhai to have reached the Perfect Immortal Body state.

"Don't worry, Xu isn't that easy to deal with. Since he dared to make a move, he's confident he can defeat this old fox." Shi Guangxu spoke confidently.

He trusted Xu Nian completely.

Xu Nian had promised to help him get revenge, and he believed Xu would accomplish it.

Mei Ji also nodded, believing Xu Nian could defeat Lin Shanhai.

At this moment, Xu Nian smiled, looking at Lin Shanhai ahead and said, "So much talk, let's see the power in a fight."

Lin Shanhai was enraged beyond control.

"Die!"

With a roar, he charged at Xu Nian.

A spear thrust out, the entire void collapsing instantaneously, merging with the long spear as if piercing through everything.

"Indeed stronger than before, but..."

Xu Nian watched the spear coming at him, the smile vanished from his face.

He showed no intention of dodging Lin Shanhai's attack.

"Courting death!"

Seeing Xu Nian not dodging, Lin Shanhai's eyes filled with disdain.

This guy was being careless. This spear could threaten a typical Late Stage Earth Immortal, even a top-grade spiritual artifact could hardly withstand it.

"Buzz!"

Yet, the moment the spear was about to hit Xu Nian, his figure vanished mysteriously.

"What?"

Lin Shanhai was stunned, unable to believe his eyes.

How did Xu Nian vanish into thin air?

"Here!"

Xu Nian shouted, reappearing mysteriously behind Lin Shanhai.

He slashed out with his saber instantly.

The sword light glowed coldly, slicing towards Lin Shanhai's back.

Lin Shanhai felt his back explode, hastily turning his spear to block.

"Pfft!"

However, Xu Nian's slash was too fast, blood splattering in an instant.

Lin Shanhai was sent flying, a massive gash left on his back.

"Huh, didn't manage to cut him in half?" Xu Nian showed a surprised look.

Even a top-grade spiritual artifact would find it hard to withstand such a slash, yet Lin Shanhai wasn't cut in half.

Lin Shanhai was horrified, realizing that if his Immortal Body hadn't reached perfection, he would've been dead from that slash.

"Damn it, how did he do that?" Lin Shanhai cursed silently.

"Father, be careful!" Suddenly, Lin Wu in the distance screamed.

Lin Shanhai sensed danger and quickly shot backward.

Xu Nian appeared before Lin Shanhai out of nowhere, slashing with his saber again.

Lin Shanhai couldn't react in time, getting slashed and sent flying.

Another frightening wound was inflicted.

Though these wounds were healing at a visible speed.

The intense pain still made Lin Shanhai's scalp tingle.

But Lin Shanhai had figured out Xu Nian's mysterious appearing trick, a grave look in his eyes.

"Space Profound Argumentation Domain!" The thought popped into Lin Shanhai's mind.

These words weighed on him like a mountain, exerting immense pressure.

A Space Profound Argumentation Controller represented supreme combat power.

Such cultivators' strength wasn't judged by raw power alone.

"We have no grievance, why press me this hard?" Lin Shanhai stated.

He preferred not to make enemies with a Space Profound Argumentation Controller of the Tribulation Crossing stage, even fearing to confront a Late Stage Earth Immortal.

Because the potential of a Space Profound Argumentation Controller was immense; reaching the Earth Immortal Realm, they'd be invincible among peers.

"Don't you think it's a bit late for Master Lin to say this now?" Xu Nian chuckled lightly.

Lin Shanhai's expression changed repeatedly, a hint of ruthlessness flickering in his eyes.

"I will kill you!" Lin Shanhai shouted, attacking Xu Nian again.

Xu Nian smirked coldly, disappearing mysteriously once more.

Reappearing at Lin Shanhai's right side.

"Pfft!"

With a slash, Lin Shanhai's arm and long spear were sent flying.

"Ah..."

Lin Shanhai screamed in agony.

Xu Nian hesitated not, his saber forming a phantom, stabbing into Lin Shanhai's abdomen.

"No..."

The sword light pierced the Zifu, shattering it instantly.

Lin Shanhai was like a deflated balloon, his Immortal Essence madly draining.

"No..."

Lin Shanhai gripped Xu Nian's saber blade desperately, unable to believe what was happening.

With his Zifu destroyed, he'd become a waste with only an Immortal Body left.

Chapter 1085: Killing the Lin's Father and Son

In the distance, Lin Wu watched his crippled father, his heart filled with despair.

Defeated!

He and his father were both defeated by one person. What's more important, this person was younger than him and only at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage.

"I'm unwilling! I definitely won't die at the hands of this guy."

Lin Wu shouted in his heart.

In the next moment, he was about to flee into the gray energy sea to escape.

"Buzz!"

However, just as Lin Wu was about to escape, space seemed to shift.

Not only did Lin Wu fail to move forward, but he was directly pulled back, ending up in front of Xu Nian.

"Trying to run? Did you ask for my opinion?" Xu Nian looked at Lin Wu and said with a cold smile.

"I want to kill you!" Seeing no hope of escape, Lin Wu's eyes filled with intense killing intent.

The immortal essence in his body surged violently, and cracks began to appear all over him.

In the next moment, he was about to self-detonate.

"Haha, aren't you trying to kill me? Then let's die together!" Lin Wu laughed viciously, the cracks on his body increasing.

A self-detonation by a Middle Stage Earth Immortal at such close range would be fatal even to a Late Stage Earth Immortal.

In the distance, Shi Guangxu and Mei Ji both had a change in expression.

They hadn't expected Lin Wu to choose self-detonation.

Self-detonation would completely obliterate one's soul, leading to total erasure from this world.

"Self-detonation? You don't even qualify to self-detonate in front of me." Xu Nian looked at Lin Wu's vicious grin, his face showing no sign of panic.

In the next moment, centered around him, the entire space seemed to freeze, like the surface of an icy lake.

Everything was frozen, even the raging immortal essence on Lin Wu.

Space Solidification!

This was a Profound Argumentation that Xu Nian mastered, stronger than Space Shuttling.

Though this profound argumentation could only be maintained for three seconds, it was more than enough.

At this moment, Lin Wu's face still bore a vicious expression, and his body was full of cracks, containing massive energy waves.

If Xu Nian hadn't acted in time, this energy might have exploded completely.

"How can this be, I really can't move..." Lin Wu shouted in his heart, unable to believe his eyes.

Facing Xu Nian, an unprecedented terror surged within him.

In front of this guy, he couldn't even self-detonate.

How strong is he really?

Without hesitation, Xu Nian formed his hand like a knife and pierced through Lin Wu's abdomen.

At the same time, an extremely terrifying suction came from his palm.

The originally raging immortal essence energy wave was directly swallowed clean by Xu Nian's Swallowing Heaven and Earth.

"Buzz!"

After Xu Nian finished the devour, the Space Solidification disappeared.

Everything around returned to normal.

However, Lin Wu's body no longer had a trace of energy fluctuation.

"No... impossible, this is absolutely impossible!" Lin Wu said, extremely unwilling.

His immortal essence was completely devoured, and in such a short time?

The most crucial thing is this guy hasn't even broken through to the Earth Immortal Realm; how can he devour immortal essence?

"Now you understand who is really the ant, right? I originally didn't want to kill you. I also didn't intend to interfere with your grievances against the Tiande Sect, but you shouldn't have used Gu Xiangxiang to deal with me. Let me tell you another thing: Gu Xiangxiang is already under my control, so your plan has completely failed," Xu Nian said with a cold smile.

Hearing this, Lin Wu collapsed directly to the ground.

He was utterly defeated!

Defeated completely.

Xu Nian looked at the now demoralized Lin Wu, a hint of mockery flashing in his eyes.

In the next moment, he wielded a slaughtering knife and slashed down.

As the knife rose and fell, Lin Wu stiffened instantly, and his eyes began to glaze over.

"Wu'er!"

Seeing this scene, Lin Shanhai immediately cried out.

However, his figure was immobilized, with Xu Nian's Gravity Space Profound Argumentation pressing on him like three mountains.

"You killed us, and the Guihai Family and Mu Residence won't let you go," Lin Shanhai roared, his eyes filled with intense hatred towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian only smiled lightly and turned to Shi Guangxu.

Shi Guangxu instantly understood Xu Nian's intention and flashed before Lin Shanhai.

Lin Shanhai's pupils immediately shrank, and a wave of despair filled his heart.

He knew begging for his life would be useless; this young man in front of him would definitely not spare him.

Without looking back, Xu Nian went to Mei Ji's side.

He didn't need to think to know Lin Shanhai's fate.

Sure enough, soon screams came from behind.

As it turned out, Shi Guangxu, full of pent-up anger, slashed Lin Shanhai over a thousand times.

Although Lin Shanhai still had an immortal body, his immortal essence was gone, and his recovery became unimaginably slow.

As a result, the pain he endured was incomparably great.

It took a full three hours before Shi Guangxu finally delivered a fatal blow to Lin Shanhai.

Lin Shanhai had become completely unrecognizable.

Of course, Shi Guangxu didn't spare Lin Shanhai's soul either, directly shattering it.

The Sect Master of the Mountain Sea Sect was completely erased from this world.

"How is it?" Xu Nian asked Shi Guangxu.

"Satisfied. I've been waiting for this day for decades. Thank you, Xu Nian. From now on, my life belongs to you," Shi Guangxu said with utmost sincerity.

Xu Nian smiled and patted Shi Guangxu's shoulder, saying nothing.

"Buzz!"

Just then, a wave emanated from Shi Guangxu.

In the next instant, his aura obviously increased significantly.

"Oh, a breakthrough?" Xu Nian looked at Shi Guangxu in surprise.

Shi Guangxu nodded, "I had already reached the Late Stage Transcendence Tribulation Stage. Now that my heart's knot is untied, the breakthrough came naturally. Moreover, I feel the Heavenly Tribulation isn't far off."

Xu Nian was somewhat surprised; Shi Guangxu had directly broken through.

It seems the hatred in his heart was truly resolved.

This will greatly benefit his future cultivation.

"Then let's go find Sister Liu and the others next," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Shi Guangxu and Mei Ji both nodded.

"Roar!"

However, at this moment, a terrifying roar came from afar.

The expressions of Xu Nian and the others immediately changed.

"Not good, it's a Peak Level Earth Immortal fierce beast!" Xu Nian immediately said.

Just the roar alone sent shivers down their spines; such a roar could only be emitted by a Peak Level Earth Immortal fierce beast.

Encountering a Peak Level Earth Immortal fierce beast at their current strength, there was no path to survival.

However, it seemed like the Peak Level Earth Immortal fierce beast wasn't targeting them.

"You two enter my Small World first, and I'll go check it out," Xu Nian told Mei Ji and the others.

The appearance of a Peak Level Earth Immortal fierce beast was abnormal, something must be happening; otherwise, it wouldn't appear so easily.

"Be careful," Mei Ji and Shi Guangxu said.

Xu Nian nodded, placed the two in the Chaos Divine Palace, and headed in the direction of the roar.

Chapter 1086: White-Haired Man

"Roar!"

The roar continued, shaking the heavens and earth.

Xu Nian followed the roar and quickly arrived at the center of the noise.

However, the scene before him made him involuntarily gasp in surprise.

At this moment, a man was engaged in battle with an incredibly powerful fierce beast.

This fierce beast was covered in crimson scale armor, extremely hard.

Its size was at least twice that of a high-level fierce beast.

Opposing it was a man with a head of white hair, his strength equally formidable.

The sword in his hand swung with heart-stirring ripples.

Each slash on the beast's body left a terrifying scar on its impenetrable scale armor.

Of course, the beast's claws were equally fearsome, each swipe tearing through the space around them.

Moreover, the terrifying power in its strikes forced the white-haired man to retreat step by step.

"Is this the battle of Earth Immortal Peak level? This man's profound argumentation is at least at the Fifth Realm, possibly reaching the Sixth Level Realm; I probably couldn't even take one strike from that sword light," Xu Nian couldn't help but marvel.

And this Earth Immortal Peak level fierce beast, clearly, has developed a certain intelligence, no longer fighting solely on instinct like other fierce beasts, but utilizing basic battle techniques.

Coupled with its formidable defense and terrifying strength.

If Xu Nian were to take one of its hits, he would likely be crushed into a pulp.

Watching the battle ahead, Xu Nian was utterly shocked.

He didn't expect to encounter such a level of combat here.

The man and the fierce beast were locked in a furious battle, the sky darkened around them.

However, ultimately, the white-haired man had the upper hand, and with one sword stroke, severed one of the beast's arms.

"Roar!"

The beast let out another wailing cry.

Realizing it was no match, it turned to flee.

But the white-haired man would not let it have its way; with piercing eyes, his sword shone brightly and struck once more.

As that strike landed, Xu Nian felt his soul instinctively tremble.

The next moment, the distant beast was cleaved in half.

"Soul attack merged into swordsmanship?" Xu Nian's eyes widened in astonishment.

The sword technique used by the white-haired man contained powerful soul attack waves, very strong.

If Xu Nian were the target, he would undoubtedly be doomed.

"So strong!" Xu Nian marveled within.

An Earth Immortal Peak strong person was truly beyond what he could contend with.

Such an Earth Immortal Peak strong person could kill him with barely a movement.

Having slain the fierce beast, the Earth Immortal Peak strong person approached the beast and extracted a red crystal the size of a thumb from its brain.

Though far away, Xu Nian could feel the immensely pure energy contained within that red crystal.

"Could it be that a crystal akin to a Demon Core is born within Earth Immortal Peak level demon beasts?" Xu Nian speculated to himself.

This pure energy was strikingly similar to the surrounding gray energy, yet lacked any violent factors, appearing instead very serene.

"Come out!"

As Xu Nian was lost in thought, the voice of the Earth Immortal Peak strong person suddenly echoed in his mind.

Startled for a moment, Xu Nian realized his presence had been discovered by this formidable person.

He decided not to hide anymore and stepped out.

"Junior Xu Nian, greets Senior!" Xu Nian respectfully bowed and said.

An Earth Immortal Peak strong person was not to be trifled with; unless he hid within the Chaos Divine Palace, this white-haired power could kill him instantly.

The white-haired man glanced at Xu Nian, a look of surprise on his face.

"Transcendence Tribulation Stage?" The white-haired man clearly hadn't expected that the hidden presence was merely at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage.

A mere transcendence peak lad entering the Hell Sea was sheer recklessness.

Moreover, this place was already the edge of the Hell Sea's depths, where high-level fierce beasts could appear at any moment, possibly even Earth Immortal Peak level fierce beasts.

Could this guy have reached here by sheer luck?

"Kid, how did you get here?" The white-haired man asked.

"In response to Senior, I came with sect seniors, but got separated during a fierce beast attack," Xu Nian replied candidly, guessing the white-haired man's suspicions.

He knew saying this would make the white-haired man think he had arrived under the protection of his sect elders.

Xu Nian didn't want to reveal his strength; although Earth Immortal Peak strong people might not harbor ill intentions against him, possessing transcendence peak power while hiding middle-stage Earth Immortal peak strength might attract those eyeing his secrets.

Sure enough, the white-haired man nodded after hearing Xu Nian's explanation.

"Kid, you must be lucky; getting separated from your sect seniors and not encountering fierce beasts here. Just one ordinary fierce beast could tear you apart," the white-haired man said.

Xu Nian chuckled, unfazed, and asked, "Senior, are you an Earth Immortal Peak strong person?"

"Kid, I know what you want to ask; you're curious about my identity, right? There's no harm in telling you; I am merely a loose cultivator. If I'm not mistaken, you're from one of the sects like Tiande Sect or Mountain Sea Sect, aren't you?" the white-haired man said with a smile.

"I'm from the Tiande Sect, Senior! Are you from the Tianhen Star Domain as well?" Xu Nian smiled and asked.

The white-haired man smiled back, looking at Xu Nian, "You sect disciples always pride yourselves, looking down on loose cultivators. But in truth, there are many powerful loose cultivators in the Tianhen Star Domain, I'm just insignificant; they're merely not after fame or fortune."

Xu Nian pondered, realizing he had underestimated the number of Earth Immortal Peak strong people in the Tianhen Star Domain. It seemed many were just living incognito.

Their pursuits were all about ascending to the Immortal Realm, unperturbed by mundane fame and wealth.

"So what brings you here, Senior?" Xu Nian asked.

"I'm specifically here to hunt fierce beasts and seize these Red Origin Crystals. As for you all, I know your goal is the Ancient Sage Sect, isn't it?" the white-haired man said with a chuckle.

"Senior knows?" Xu Nian was slightly surprised.

He hadn't expected the white-haired man to know their aim.

"It's not much of a secret; in the Tianhen Star Domain, about a hundred people know of this. They just don't have the inclination to pursue it. A word of advice, this Ancient Sage Sect isn't easily enterable, and once inside, it's quite possible you may never come out. It's a place even more perilous than this Hell Sea. Of course, if you can come out, you'll receive great fortune," the white-haired man said with a smile.

"Thank you for the guidance, Senior," Xu Nian said after a moment of thought.

"Alright, kid, as we are destined, I've advised you. Whether you heed it is up to you. I must continue hunting fierce beasts. You should find your sect elders," the white-haired man remarked before disappearing into the gray energy sea.

He vanished so swiftly that Xu Nian barely had time to react.

Chapter 1087: The Mystery of the Immortal Realm

The white-haired man hurriedly left, without paying much attention to Xu Nian.

However, Xu Nian gleaned an important piece of information from the white-haired man's words.

The news about the Ancient Sage Sect is known by quite a few, and it seems that many have tried to exploit it.

Clearly, they all failed in the end.

This made Xu Nian understand that the Ancient Sage Sect is probably even more dangerous than he had imagined.

Nevertheless, Xu Nian decided to first rendezvous with Liu Bai Ru and the others.

So, following the direction indicated by the Tracking Talisman in his hand, he headed towards Liu Bai Ru's location.

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While the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar was roaming in the Hell Sea, Xu Nian had already arrived near Shendang Mountain.

Looking at the majestic and desolate Shendang Mountain, Xu Nian's face showed a hint of surprise.

Inside the mountain range of Shendang Mountain, he clearly sensed a strong aura of the Dragon Clan bloodline.

This aura undeniably belonged to a True Dragon.

"The trial at Shendang Mountain is the most difficult of the nine, defeating this True Dragon would be impossible even for a late-stage Earth Immortal," Chu Xiong sighed as he looked in the direction of Shendang Mountain.

Xu Nian did not speak; others might not be capable, but he might be.

He possessed the Nine Dragons Supreme Body, which could exert a strong suppression on the Dragon Clan bloodline.

However, he had never encountered a True Dragon, so he did not know how effective the suppression would be.

Thus, he did not dare to act rashly.

"Brother Chu Xiong, what kind of force is this Shendang Mountain exactly, to have a True Dragon guarding a token? Is Shendang Mountain the strongest among the Nine Great Forces?" Xu Nian asked.

In fact, he was very curious about the powers in the Immortal Realm and what the Nine Great Forces represented there.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's question, Chu Xiong exchanged a glance with Lu Feng, and a hint of amusement flashed in their eyes.

"Actually, we don't know much about Shendang Mountain either, but we've heard some legends. It's said that Shendang Mountain is a mysterious and powerful force that once produced a super powerhouse who killed seven Peak Immortal Emperors. As for the rest, we don't know much since Shendang Mountain is a very mysterious force in the Immortal Realm," Chu Xiong explained with a smile.

Hearing this, Xu Nian's face showed an expression of surprise.

Killing seven Peak Immortal Emperors, how strong must one be to achieve that?

"Senior Brother Chu Xiong, why is it that when entering the Immortal Realm, one must join one of the Nine Great Forces? Isn't there any Loose Cultivator in the Immortal Realm?" Xu Nian asked again.

This was a question he had always been curious about.

Previously, Wentian Demon Sovereign hadn't told him, so he was always very curious.

Hearing this, Chu Xiong laughed.

Beside him, Lu Feng also laughed and said, "This question is actually quite simple. In the Immortal Realm, if you don't join one of the Nine Great Forces, you'll find it difficult to even take a step forward, and cultivation becomes exceptionally hard."

"Why?" Xu Nian still asked.

"The Immortal Realm is even more brutal than we imagined. The Immortal Qi isn't gentle, and in most regions, it's volatile. Only the Immortal Arrays set up by the major forces can absorb gentle Immortal Qi, that's one reason," Chu Xiong continued.

Xu Nian nodded, he had suspected this for some time.

"Secondly, the Immortal Realm is exceptionally harsh, adhering to the law of might makes right, where banditry is rampant. Basically, unless one is a Loose Cultivator, they will be slain, thus forming a notorious group known as Hunters, who specifically prey on other immortals to obtain resources," Chu Xiong continued.

Xu Nian was somewhat surprised, he had not expected the Immortal Realm to be like this.

To him, the Immortal Realm, even if not a sanctuary, should at least be a bastion of righteousness.

How could there be such beings as Hunters?

"Thirdly!" Lu Feng stated.

Xu Nian was startled, there was more?

Lu Feng smiled and continued, "Thirdly, in the Immortal Realm, if you don't join a major force, your strength simply cannot increase. Because upon reaching the Heavenly Immortal Realm, to break through your cultivation, you need something called Immortal Marrow. This can only be supplied by the Nine Great Forces, otherwise without joining a force, one would have to become a bandit to rob the members of the Nine Great Forces."

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian showed a look of confusion.

Immortal Marrow?

What is that?

Why would breaking through a level in cultivation require such a thing?

"Senior Wentian Demon Sovereign, what exactly is this all about? What is this Immortal Marrow?" Xu Nian transmitted his voice to Wentian Demon Sovereign in his mind.

"Kid, I've already told you not to worry about these things. Once you reach the Immortal Realm you will naturally find out. I didn't expect your curiosity to be so strong. Since you already know, I might as well tell you," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice echoed.

Xu Nian listened quietly, indeed he was very curious.

"Actually, this is related to your cultivation after reaching the Heavenly Immortal Realm. Whether immortal or demon, upon reaching the Heavenly Immortal Realm or Heavenly Demon Realm, an Immortal Embryo will be born within you. It is this Immortal Embryo that you need to cultivate. Every time you want to make a major breakthrough, your Immortal Embryo will undergo a complete transformation, and this transformation requires Immortal Marrow and Demon Marrow to temper it. Otherwise, you cannot break through," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice resounded in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian somewhat understood what Immortal Marrow was.

It is actually the treasure that causes a complete transformation of the Immortal Embryo.

"Where does this Immortal Marrow come from then? Why is it that only the Nine Great Forces have it?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

"To put it simply, Immortal Marrow is a special energy that is born from heaven and earth. There are nine Immortal Pools, and Immortal Marrow is born from these pools. The Nine Great Forces are established over these nine Immortal Pools. Additionally, the quality of Immortal Marrow is divided into many grades, the higher the grade, the better it is for tempering the Immortal Embryo. Of course, it also depends on the Immortal Embryo's capacity," Wentian Demon Sovereign transmitted his reply.

"I see, no wonder one must join the Nine Great Forces, it seems they control the Immortal Pools and only they can provide it," Xu Nian mused to himself.

"What about Body Cultivation, then? The Immortal Embryo is a method for Spirit Cultivators, and my Divine Demon Refining Body Technique seems to lack a method for condensing an Immortal Embryo," Xu Nian seemed to think of something and hurriedly asked.

"It's the same. For Divine Demon Body Refiners, there's no need for an Immortal Embryo because their body itself is one. When breaking through, they still need Immortal Marrow, and the amount required is even greater," Wentian Demon Sovereign answered.

Xu Nian nodded; indeed, after Divine Demon Body Refining reaches the Gang Immortal Realm, the soul will be integrated into the flesh and blood.

This is extremely similar to how Spirit Cultivators integrate the soul with Immortal Essence to condense the Immortal Embryo.

Thus, if he wants to cultivate better in the future, joining the Nine Great Forces is a necessary step.

If that's the case, wouldn't Shendang Mountain be the best choice?

Thinking of this, Xu Nian lifted his head to look toward Shendang Mountain, his eyes reflecting a hint of fervor.

Chapter 1088: Dare to Bet or Not?

"Are you really going in?" Chu Xiong showed a look of surprise on his face after hearing Xu Nian's decision.

Xu Nian actually wanted to enter the depths of Shendang Mountain to seize the token of Shendang Mountain.

That is a place that even Peak Earth Immortal level powerhouses may not be able to break into.

"Hmm, since I'm here, I have to give it a try." Xu Nian nodded and said.

"I'll help you!" Murong Xue quickly said.

"Me too!" Feng Cheng also followed up.

Xu Nian had helped them both obtain tokens, how could they now stand idly by?

But Xu Nian shook his head. He had the Nine Dragons Supreme Body, and even if he couldn't defeat the True Dragon, he had a way to escape.

But Murong Xue and the others were different; if they really encountered a counterattack from the True Dragon, they could very well find themselves in danger.

"Then let us go with you." Chu Xiong and Lu Feng said.

Xu Nian still shook his head.

Although Chu Xiong and Lu Feng are both Late Stage Earth Immortal, they may not be a match for this True Dragon.

The most crucial thing is, Xu Nian didn't want to expose his physique.

In the past, he wasn't concerned because few people knew about the Nine Dragons Supreme Body.

But these people were different; they were all top powers in the Cultivation World.

Although Chu Xiong and the others may not covet his bloodline, it's essential to be cautious.

"Thank you, senior brothers, but I want to try it alone." Xu Nian said.

Chu Xiong and Lu Feng were both taken aback, not expecting Xu Nian to refuse their help.

He was only in the Transcendence Tribulation Stage, could he really handle a Peak of Middle Stage Earth Immortal level True Dragon?

"Such arrogance, a mere Tribulation Crossing stage dares to challenge a True Dragon, who gave you such confidence?"

Yet before Chu Xiong and Lu Feng could speak, a cold snort came from the distance.

Then Xu Nian and the others saw two figures walking towards them.

A man and a woman.

The man had a handsome face with sharp eyebrows, giving off a commanding aura without anger.

The woman looked as if she were a celestial maiden, with an underlying bewitching charm.

Xu Nian looked at the newcomers and showed surprise.

He didn't recognize the young man, but he was quite familiar with the woman behind him.

Yes, she was none other than Sun Yuxiang, who had entered the realm boundary with him.

As for the young man in front, Xu Nian couldn't discern his cultivation level, but if he guessed correctly, it should have already reached the Late Stage Earth Immortal.

From him, Xu Nian sensed a very dangerous feeling.

"Lin Hao!"

Feng Cheng and Murong Xue's expressions also changed slightly upon seeing the young man, not expecting to encounter this guy here.

"You know him?" Xu Nian asked curiously through voice transmission.

"Yes, he is the number one among the younger generation of the Haotian Sect and ranks fourth among the Four Great Sects. His strength is formidable. It's said that his Thunder Attribute, Thunderclap Destruction Profound Argumentation has reached the Domain Fourth Level Peak, and he stepped into the Late Stage Earth Immortal three years ago." Feng Cheng replied through voice transmission.

"Be careful, he seems to harbor hostility towards you." Murong Xue also transmitted her thoughts.

Xu Nian suddenly realized, the number one of the younger generation in Haotian Sect?

The Tianxing Sect that he destroyed was supported by the Tianxing Sect, and now it seems that the person supporting behind them should be this Lin Hao.

Realizing this, Xu Nian understood why Lin Hao harbored such hostility towards him.

But Xu Nian was not afraid. Firstly, he might not be able to defeat Lin Hao, but if Lin Hao really wanted to kill him, it wouldn't be an easy task either.

Secondly, with Chu Xiong and Lu Feng present, they wouldn't necessarily stand by and let him be killed.

"You're Xu Nian, right? Was it you who destroyed the Tianxing Sect?" Lin Hao looked at Xu Nian and asked, his tone carrying a hint of judgment.

"Yes!" Xu Nian replied straightforwardly.

"Good, very bold. In light of your audacity, I can spare your life. I heard you created a force called the Heavenly Court Gang. I'm giving you a chance now; have your Heavenly Court Gang submit to me, and I'll spare your life." Lin Hao said coldly.

The tone was firm, allowing no room for refusal.

"Lin Hao, aren't you going a bit too far?" Feng Cheng immediately said.

"Hmph, it's not your place to speak here. Feng Cheng, your level of strength is only ranked fourth in the Reincarnation Sect. I can easily kill you." Lin Hao snorted arrogantly, dismissing Feng Cheng entirely.

Feng Cheng heard it and was also angry, but he knew Lin Hao spoke the truth.

Killing him would indeed take only one move for Lin Hao.

The gap in strength was too large!

Xu Nian also showed a smile on his face; Lin Hao was indeed extremely arrogant.

He glanced at Sun Yuxiang behind Lin Hao, noticing the playful look in her eyes, he realized there was her shadow behind this matter.

"Lin Hao, right? There are many people who can make Xu Nian submit, but you are not among them." Xu Nian said with a light smile.

"So, you are looking for death?" A flash of lightning passed through Lin Hao's eyes, and a sense of destruction emitted from his body.

Xu Nian smiled without speaking, completely unafraid.

"Do people from Haotian Sect are so arrogant? Even dare to kill people from my Blue Gold Army? It's too much to not see Blue Gold Army in your eyes." Chu Xiong finally stood out, challenging Lin Hao with provocative eyes.

Lin Hao's face changed slightly, not expecting these two people to be from the Blue Gold Army.

He had noticed their presence long ago, originally seeing they didn't speak up, thought they had nothing to do with Xu Nian.

Unexpectedly, Xu Nian was actually coming together from the Blue Gold Army.

"Hmph, so what if it's the Blue Gold Army? He destroyed the sect I supported, and as the saying goes, hitting the dog depends on the owner. Today, he must pay the price." Lin Hao coldly snorted, showing no intention of stopping.

Chu Xiong and Lu Feng exchanged glances, smiles appearing in their eyes.

"So, you want to fight us both?" Chu Xiong said playfully.

"So what if I do? There has never been a person I, Lin Hao, wanted to kill and couldn't, even if he is the commander of the Blue Gold Army, he must die today." Lin Hao snorted coldly, eyes contemptuous.

Then a sharp sword appeared in his hand.

A Thunder Dragon instantly entwined around the sword, exuding a strong aura of destruction.

"Such a strong Thunderclap Destruction power, I wonder if he's reached the Domain Fifth Level Realm." Feng Cheng said in surprise.

Chu Xiong and Lu Feng's expressions also changed, not expecting the other party's Profound Argumentation Domain to be so strong.

In a true fight, both might not be able to defeat him.

Chu Xiong and Lu Feng each brought out their weapons, their expressions serious.

The battle was on the brink of breaking out.

From start to finish, Sun Yuxiang didn't say a word, watching the scene unfold.

"Lin Hao, don't you want my life? How about we make a bet?" At this moment, Xu Nian walked out with a smile.

Everyone looked at Xu Nian in surprise.

A bet?

What was Xu Nian planning to do?

"What qualifications do you have to bet with me?" Lin Hao snorted disdainfully.

Xu Nian laughed, continuing, "If you kill me, you might not gain anything, but if you bet with me and win, I'll offer my soul to you and also give the Heavenly Court Gang to you."

"Xu Nian, are you crazy?" Feng Cheng, Murong Xue, and even Chu Xiong and the others were shocked, looking at Xu Nian.

But Xu Nian stopped them, his eyes on Lin Hao.

"Oh?" Lin Hao at this moment also showed a playful look.

Soul offering?

If it was indeed as Xu Nian said, offering all his soul, Lin Hao could completely use Xu Nian's soul to break through to the Earth Immortal Peak level.

After all, Xu Nian's soul is equivalent to the Peak of Middle Stage Earth Immortal level.

Seeing Lin Hao's expression, Xu Nian knew he had taken the bait, a cold smile appearing at the corner of his mouth. He then said with icy eyes, "But if you lose, I want that sword in your hand."

Lin Hao's expression changed at these words.

That sword was an Immortal Artifact, and not just any Immortal Artifact, it was his Blood Refining Weapon.

If he really had to give up this sword, his cultivation would surely suffer great damage.

This guy actually wanted to go after his weapon.

Chapter 1089: The Wager

Feng Cheng and Murong Xue, who were standing by, showed expressions of surprise after hearing Xu Nian's bet.

They were not shocked by how much Xu Nian wanted, but rather by the fact that Xu Nian proposed such an unfair bet.

Indeed, this bet was extremely unfair to Xu Nian.

After all, Xu Nian had sacrificed his soul, while Lin Hao only offered an Immortal Weapon.

Even though this Immortal Weapon was Lin Hao's Blood Refining Weapon, it was merely a weapon and was insignificant compared to one's life.

However, Xu Nian did not seem to feel he was at a disadvantage, which puzzled them.

"What do you want to bet on?" Lin Hao looked at Xu Nian and asked.

Truth be told, he was indeed tempted.

If he won, he would have a chance to break through the Earth Immortal Peak; if he lost, he would only lose an Immortal Weapon, suffering a minor loss of cultivation but not harming the essence.

"The bet is simple. Since you're here, it's naturally for the token of Shendang Mountain. But there's no need to wager the token. How about we bet on who defeats the True Dragon first?" Xu Nian looked at Lin Hao with a smile and said.

All those around were stunned.

Is Xu Nian out of his mind?

Betting on defeating a True Dragon?

This Lin Hao is a strong cultivator at the Late Stage Earth Immortal level, and his chances of defeating a True Dragon are clearly much higher.

You, not even at the Earth Immortal Realm, trying to defeat a True Dragon?

That's completely impossible. Aren't you courting death?

"Xu Nian..." Feng Cheng and Murong Xue's expressions changed, wanting to persuade.

"Don't worry, I have my own measures." Xu Nian, however, stopped them.

Hearing this, Feng Cheng and Murong Xue had to give up, but there was still some worry on their faces.

Especially Murong Xue, who felt as if an invisible hand was clutching her heart.

"Xu Nian, don't act rashly. Even if we might not be able to beat him, keeping you safe shouldn't be a problem." Chu Xiong also spoke up.

In his view, Xu Nian defeating a True Dragon was undoubtedly impossible.

"That's right, no one has ever bullied someone from our Blue Gold Army." Lu Feng also said.

"Thank you, seniors, but I am confident." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Lu Feng and Chu Xiong did not say more after hearing this, but there was still some disbelief lingering in their hearts.

Lin Hao, however, sneered, clearly thinking Xu Nian was joking.

A Peak of Tribulation Crossing wanting to kill a True Dragon, isn't this daydreaming?

To even make such a bet with him, if this isn't courting death, what is it?

"What if neither of us can defeat this True Dragon?" Lin Hao pondered and asked.

"Then I'll count it as my loss!" Xu Nian said decisively.

Upon hearing this, Murong Xue and others' faces changed.

Feng Cheng was even more dumbfounded.

Even Sun Yuxiang, who had been watching the drama, couldn't help but take a few more looks at Xu Nian.

Lin Hao sneered again.

"Since you're so eager to die, I'll oblige. I accept your bet." Lin Hao sneered coldly.

In his view, he was almost assured of a win.

Whether he defeated the True Dragon or not, he would win in the end because Xu Nian could never defeat the True Dragon.

Then, the two began swearing oaths to the Heavenly Dao.

Once an oath to the Heavenly Dao is made, it cannot be violated.

Violating it would invoke divine punishment, which was not something they could withstand.

"Will you go first or shall I?" Lin Hao coldly asked Xu Nian.

"You go first!" Xu Nian said simply.

He believed that Lin Hao's pride would never allow him to take the initiative first.

Sure enough, upon hearing this, Lin Hao immediately said, "Alright, then I shall let you die knowing why."

After speaking, Lin Hao darted towards Shendang Mountain.

"Why did you let him go first? If he really defeats the True Dragon, aren't you bound to lose? Weren't you confident? Wouldn't going first have been better?" Feng Cheng asked, puzzled.

Chu Xiong and others were also puzzled, clearly not understanding what Xu Nian was planning.

"Letting him attack first is to make sure he inflicts more damage on the True Dragon, increasing my chances when I strike. As Senior Brother Chu previously described, the True Dragon is quite powerful, and it will be very hard for him to defeat it." Xu Nian explained with a smile.

Feng Cheng and others nodded, feeling that Xu Nian's explanation seemed reasonable.

But on second thought, doesn't this mean Xu Nian isn't completely confident?

Wouldn't that make it very dangerous?

Murong Xue frowned slightly, her worries deepening.

Seeing this, Xu Nian felt both happy and pained in his heart and could only silently remind himself that he must win this bet.

"Senior Wentian, if I really can't defeat this True Dragon, can you help me?" Xu Nian asked Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Kid, every time you mess up, you expect me to clean it up." Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"Senior, you can't say that. If I truly kill this True Dragon and obtain the Dragon Clan bloodline, won't you get the dragon soul? I heard it's extremely nourishing. Don't you want it?" Xu Nian continued to tempt.

"Kid, with such trivial tricks, and you still think you can fool me? The dragon soul is indeed valuable, but you'd need the life to absorb it. The dragon soul is certainly at the Heavenly Immortal level, only suppressed by the Heavenly Dao, thus stuck at Earth Immortal Peak. Though its cultivation is confined to Middle Stage Earth Immortal, its body is at the Heavenly Immortal level. I'm afraid even your sword might not be able to penetrate its defense." Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice continued.

"So there's no way?" Xu Nian frowned.

"There is a way, but the cost is high, and you might not withstand it." Wentian Demon Sovereign whispered back.

"Tell me," Xu Nian urged.

"The method involves your Black Dragon Jade Pendant. Only by harnessing its power do you stand a chance against this True Dragon. Despite your physique's suppression on it, its cultivation is much higher, and its bloodline is strong. Relying solely on it wouldn't be enough." Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

"Black Dragon Jade Pendant?" Xu Nian thought of the Black Jade Pendant.

He had already been using the Kun Cave Power, but was it possible to rely on this strength to kill a True Dragon?

"Kid, have you ever wondered what lies behind the Kun Cave?" Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

Xu Nian was startled.

He really had not thought about this question.

The Kun Cave had been absorbing energy, and he too had been using the energy produced by the Kun Cave.

But what was behind the Kun Cave, he didn't know at all.

"Kid, there's a huge secret hidden behind the Kun Cave. If you uncover it, not only can you defeat the True Dragon, but it will also significantly aid your future cultivation." Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's face showed determination.

"Roar!"

At this moment, a deafening roar came from within Shendang Mountain.

Xu Nian knew that Lin Hao was already battling the True Dragon.

Without a second thought, he sat down cross-legged.

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Murong Xue and the others saw Xu Nian sitting down cross-legged, and their faces showed expressions of surprise.

"What's he doing?" Feng Cheng asked with a puzzled look.

"I don't know!" Chu Xiong and the others also shook their heads.

They couldn't understand why Xu Nian was sitting down at this moment.

Obviously, Xu Nian's cultivation had already reached a bottleneck, and it was impossible for him to break through.

Because once he broke through, it would attract a heavenly tribulation, and crossing that was no easy feat. If Xu Nian were to cross the tribulation at this moment, it would be no different than seeking death.

The only explanation was that Xu Nian was comprehending the Profound Argumentation, but even if Xu Nian's comprehension advanced another level, reaching the fourth-level domain state, it might still not be enough to defeat the True Dragon.

Feng Cheng and the others looked at Xu Nian, shaking their heads with a sigh.

They really couldn't see what chance Xu Nian had for victory.

Xu Nian, however, had no mind to pay attention to them.

At this moment, he had already fallen into a critical juncture.

He was holding the Black Jade, completely immersed in a state of cultivation.

He controlled his heart and spirit to channel his True Essence towards the Kun Cave within the Black Jade.

Even before getting close to the Kun Cave, he felt an incredibly powerful suction force.

The so-called Kun Cave was actually a small black hole.

Due to the strong suction, the surrounding space was completely distorted.

Xu Nian could feel his True Essence being torn into it.

Once inside, his True Essence would likely become part of the Kun Cave Power.

"Hold firm to your heart, enter it, and you will gain unexpected rewards," the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign sounded once more.

Gritting his teeth, Xu Nian directed his True Essence-formed body to plunge headlong into the Kun Cave.

Upon entering the Kun Cave, Xu Nian felt his world spin, the form of his body made of True Essence seeming to tear apart.

This feeling was quite uncomfortable, although it wasn't his physical body, this True Essence body was fused with his soul power.

With the soul power, he could naturally feel pain.

Xu Nian stubbornly held on, striving to maintain his True Essence body from collapsing.

Outside, Murong Xue, Chu Xiong, and the others all looked at Xu Nian, their eyes filled with confusion.

"What's wrong with him? Why is he shaking?" Feng Cheng asked again.

"I don't know, but he seems to be enduring some kind of pain. Look at his expression, it's clearly one of enduring pain," Chu Xiong said, pointing at Xu Nian's gritted teeth and determined expression.

Feng Cheng nodded, lost in thought.

Murong Xue furrowed her delicate brows, her beautiful eyes shifting, a flash of killing intent flickering in her gaze.

This trace of killing intent was naturally not directed at Xu Nian, but at Lin Hao, who was fighting the True Dragon.

She didn't know why she felt such a surge of anger; it seemed like an instinctual reaction.

In the distance, Sun Yuxiang also looked at Xu Nian, lost in thought, as if trying to guess what Xu Nian was doing.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's body trembled violently, and then he regained his calm.

Murong Xue and the others were shocked as well, not knowing what state Xu Nian was in now.

Xu Nian was now completely immersed in the Kun Cave.

His True Essence body was riddled with holes, on the brink of collapsing.

But at this moment, he couldn't care less, because the scene before him left him somewhat dazed.

"This is..."

Xu Nian looked at the scene before him, utterly shocked.

Because within the Kun Cave, there was an entirely different world.

It was a desolate land, with hard yellow soil underfoot, and a gray sky above.

There was not a hint of life around, not even a single blade of grass.

But these were not what concerned Xu Nian.

What he really cared about was that atop the mountain in front of him was a giant axe.

The giant axe emitted a powerful wave of might, exuding a strong aura of death.

"What is this?" Xu Nian showed a look of astonishment.

In the presence of this giant axe, he instinctively felt a shiver in his soul.

This was a fear of death.

"Kid, this is the true nature of this Black Jade. The so-called black hole is actually created by this giant axe, and this small world is a manifestation of the space within the giant axe. It is a divine artifact," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"A divine artifact?" Xu Nian looked surprised.

This was the second divine artifact he had seen.

The first divine artifact was the Gravity Ring in his hand, of which he could thus far only utilize one function.

According to Emperor Ye Tian, this ring had many functions, but he could not currently unlock them.

It was unexpected that this giant axe before him was also a divine artifact and did not appear to be an ordinary one.

"What's it called?" Xu Nian swallowed and asked.

"It's called the Star Axe, crafted by your master, the Green Emperor, and later given to the Star God King as a weapon. After the Star God King died, his weapon returned to your master's hand and was eventually sealed within this piece of Black Jade, awaiting someone destined," Wentian Demon Sovereign explained.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's heart was filled with emotion.

He never expected this Star Axe to be related to his master, the Green Emperor.

No wonder Emperor Ye Tian once said that this Black Jade was actually a small universe.

It seems that back when the Green Emperor Teacher crafted this Star Axe, he already infused the method of cosmic creation into it.

The small world inside this Star Axe indeed had the potential to evolve into a universe.

But the small world within the Star Axe was clearly only a basic prototype.

"Kid, don't worry about these things now. You need to find a way to gain the Star Axe's recognition. If you can acquire the Star Axe, you might be able to defeat that True Dragon. Even though you can't wield one ten-thousandth of the Star Axe's power right now, it's more than enough to deal with a True Dragon." Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice continued to echo.

Hearing this, Xu Nian took a deep breath, his eyes becoming determined.

"How do I gain the Star Axe's recognition?" Xu Nian asked.

"Simple, approach the giant axe and touch it. If it acknowledges you, it will recognize you as its master. But if it doesn't, then you'll be in danger. Your True Essence body could be scattered by it, and then you might end up becoming a fool," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice echoed.

Hearing this, Xu Nian took a deep breath.

Becoming a fool would be more painful than death.

But to become stronger, he had no choice at this moment.

"I refuse to believe I can't handle a mere axe!" Xu Nian exhaled, his gaze becoming extremely firm.

His eyes locked onto the giant axe ahead as he began to walk towards it.

As Xu Nian approached, he could clearly sense an intense death aura and an unprecedented sharpness.

This sharpness seemed as if it would tear him to pieces.

"Boom!"

With a loud bang, Xu Nian felt a sudden fog in his mind.

The next moment, the scenery changed, and all around were mountains of corpses and seas of blood, extremely tragic.

In front of him was an enormous figure, looming over him.