

Divine King 1091

Chapter 1091: Mastering the Star Axe

Xu Nian stared at the colossal statue ahead, feeling a deep, instinctive fear rising within him.

This fear was suppressing him to the point where he found it difficult to take even a single step forward.

Not only that, he even felt an urge to kneel.

"Damn it, my body isn't under my control at all, and this True Essence Body is even showing signs of collapse," Xu Nian cursed silently in his heart.

He knew this fear stemmed from the depths of his soul.

This giant axe had once slain Divine-level experts and been stained with Divine Blood, which for Xu Nian, someone who hadn't even reached the Heavenly Immortal Realm, was undoubtedly a very challenging situation.

However, Xu Nian didn't intend to give up, stubbornly gritting his teeth and persevering.

He ignored the mountains of corpses and seas of blood, instead fixing his gaze straight ahead, forcing himself to confront the fear and move forward.

His True Essence Body was beginning to waver under the intense suppression of his soul.

This pain caused Xu Nian a great deal of discomfort.

"Kid, you're too weak. What makes you think you have the right to become my master?" The colossal statue in the sky spoke with a mocking expression on its face, addressing Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was startled; he hadn't expected the statue to possess consciousness.

If he hadn't guessed wrong, this statue was likely the Artifact Soul of the Star Axe.

"Not because of anything, but because I must make you recognize me as your master. I, Xu Nian, absolutely cannot die here, nor can I become an imbecile," Xu Nian roared, his feet continuing without pause.

The True Essence on Xu Nian's body was being constantly stripped away, and even the fluctuations of his soul were beginning to thin.

If this continued, his soul power would completely collapse.

Once it collapsed, it would mean Xu Nian would become an imbecile.

"Pretty bold words. Back in the day, even the Star God King wouldn't dare speak that way in front of me. Yet here you are, an ant who hasn't even reached the Immortal Realm, daring to covet me. Don't you think you're being overly arrogant?" the statue in the sky continued.

Then it stretched out a massive hand, pressing down on Xu Nian.

As the giant hand descended, Xu Nian felt an unprecedented pressure.

This pressure reverberated within him, and his soul was on the brink of collapse.

This sparked a strong sense of anger within Xu Nian.

"Hmph, what if you are a Divine Artifact? Today, I must capture you," Xu Nian shouted angrily, starting to activate the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus.

As he employed the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus, a cyan-golden lotus flower suddenly emerged atop Xu Nian's head.

With the appearance of this lotus flower, Xu Nian, who was nearly collapsing, stabilized once again, and an endless stream of True Essence began infusing his True Essence Body.

"Hmm!"

The statue showed a hint of surprise, staring at the cyan-golden lotus shadow above Xu Nian's head with a thoughtful look.

"Break for me!"

Xu Nian shouted, immediately throwing a punch outward.

The punch shattered the palm of the statue.

The shimmer scattered and the mountains of corpses and seas of blood disappeared.

Yet the statue in the sky did not vanish, instead examining Xu Nian.

"What is your relation to the Green Emperor?" the statue's voice sounded again.

"The Green Emperor is my master!" Xu Nian straightforwardly replied.

"Master? I never imagined the renowned Green Emperor would actually take a mortal as a disciple," the statue showed a flicker of astonishment in its eyes.

Clearly, it had already recognized the cultivation technique Xu Nian was displaying, which was indeed the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus.

"Boy, do you know the relationship between the Star God King and the Green Emperor?" the statue asked again.

"I don't know!" Xu Nian replied.

"The Green Emperor is the Star God King's master; in other words, the Star God King is your senior brother," the statue explained.

Xu Nian was taken aback upon hearing this.

He hadn't expected the Green Emperor and Star God King to have such a connection.

Yet what the statue said next left Xu Nian even more surprised.

The statue continued, "The Star God King was the only disciple the Green Emperor took back then, but even so, the Green Emperor never taught the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus Decision to the Star God King. But now, you've obtained the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus Decision, which shows how much the Green Emperor values you."

Xu Nian felt a sense of wonder in his heart.

Could it be that the Green Emperor didn't teach the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus to the Star God King?

Thinking about himself, Xu Nian felt a sense of relief.

The Dan Sea Species Green Lotus he cultivated wasn't complete, and truth be told, when he learned it, he had no inkling he would become a disciple of the Green Emperor.

"What's your point?" Xu Nian didn't want to dwell too much on this issue and quickly asked.

"Since you are the disciple of the Green Emperor and he holds you in such high regard, I'll give you a chance. If you can touch my true form, I'll recognize you as my master," the statue stated.

Hearing this, Xu Nian was delighted.

Unexpectedly, being the Green Emperor's disciple granted him such a privilege.

Next, Xu Nian clearly noticed that the oppressive pressure on him had greatly lessened.

As long as he kept his will strong, he wouldn't be affected by this deathly aura anymore.

Soon, he arrived in front of the gigantic axe.

The moment he touched the axe, it started to tremble violently.

"Kid, you're quite good, unaffected by my deathly will. If so, I'll recognize you as my master," the statue vanished, and in the next moment, Xu Nian felt a connection with the giant axe before him.

Xu Nian's thoughts prompted the axe to shrink instantly to the size of a regular hatchet.

"Is this the Star Axe?" Xu Nian gripped the Star Axe in his hand, finding both its weight and feel extremely fitting.

Xu Nian could sense an unprecedented power within the Star Axe.

"So powerful!" Xu Nian marveled.

With this Star Axe, his combat power might increase tenfold.

"Kid, although I recognize you as my master, your cultivation is currently too weak. I've sealed away most of my strength, leaving only one ten-thousandth of it. Even with that, given your current abilities, you can only unleash one strike; after that, you'll be completely exhausted. Even with the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus, it will take a full day to recover all your strength," the voice of the Star Axe's Artifact Spirit echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian nodded solemnly upon hearing this.

After all, this was a powerful Divine Artifact, and given Xu Nian's capability, being able to wield one ten-thousandth of its power was already impressive.

This single strike might be enough to threaten the Earth Immortal Peak Strong People.

"With it, facing a True Dragon seems feasible," Xu Nian mused internally.

Then he withdrew his consciousness from the Kun Cave.

As his consciousness returned, Xu Nian opened his eyes.

Simultaneously, a roar emanated from the depths of Shendang Mountain in the distance.

The next moment, Xu Nian saw a figure in a miserable state rapidly flying out of the interior of Shendang Mountain.

"Boom!"

The figure crashed into a distant mountain wall, vomiting blood profusely, looking extremely distressed.

The figure, who else could it be but Lin Hao?

Chapter 1092: The True Dragon Bows Its Head

Lin Hao coughed up another mouthful of blood, and his breath became extremely feeble.

"Damn it!" Lin Hao cursed inwardly.

He didn't expect this beast to be so formidable; in merely 15 minutes, he couldn't hold up.

Just now, he was accidentally struck by the dragon's tail and was directly flung away.

Now his internal organs are all shattered, and even his bones are fractured in multiple places.

Fortunately, he has reached the late stage of the Earth Immortal Realm, and his Immortal Body is perfect. Otherwise, with such severe injuries, he probably couldn't even stand.

"Oh, beaten up so badly, I thought you'd kill the True Dragon and swagger out carrying the giant dragon's corpse." Feng Cheng taunted Lin Hao, who was severely injured.

Previously, Lin Hao's disdain for him made him quite upset.

Seeing Lin Hao in such a pathetic state now, he wouldn't miss the opportunity.

Lin Hao was angry upon hearing Feng Cheng's taunt.

But because he was too injured, he didn't bother to argue with Feng Cheng and instead looked coldly at Xu Nian.

"I failed, but even so, I'll still win in the end. Your True Dragon is strong, but your soul will ultimately be mine." Lin Hao declared arrogantly.

Xu Nian merely smiled, having obtained the Star Axe, feeling incredibly confident. Seeing the still arrogant Lin Hao, a trace of pride also welled up in his eyes.

"What you can't do, I might be able to. At least the bet isn't over yet; you couldn't defeat the True Dragon, which only shows your weakness." Xu Nian remarked.

Upon these words, Lin Hao's eyes became incredibly furious.

Feng Cheng taunting him was one thing, but this insignificant ant dared to taunt him too.

"Exactly, Xu Nian's strength isn't as simple as you think. If he really fights, you may not be his match. What's with your arrogance? You've been beaten into this mess and still dare to be cocky." Feng Cheng chimed in mockingly.

"You..." Lin Hao fumed, spitting another mouthful of blood.

He then squinted, looking at Xu Nian with a hint of coldness in his eyes.

"Looks like you won't cry until you see the coffin. Fine, I'll wait for you to be blasted out by the True Dragon. Hope you don't end up buried in the dragon's belly, or else I'd lose out big time." Lin Hao scoffed coldly.

Xu Nian defeating the True Dragon at the Peak of Tribulation Crossing?

He wouldn't believe it even if it killed him.

Xu Nian looked at the disdainful Lin Hao, smirked lightly, said no more, and started heading towards Shendang Mountain.

"Be careful!" Murong Xue said worriedly.

"Don't worry, Xu Nian isn't going to die." Xu Nian smiled faintly, feeling warmth in his heart.

Although Murong Xue hadn't regained her memory yet, her attitude towards him had changed considerably, which made Xu Nian very happy.

"Brother Xu, then I'll wait for you to slay this True Dragon. If you really can, I believe even the leader will see you in a new light." Chu Xiong commented.

"Then Senior Brother Chu should wait for my good news. I'll make True Dragon Meat your appetizer." Xu Nian replied with a smile, his tone naturally domineering.

"Haha, great, I'll wait. I've never tasted True Dragon Meat before." Both Chu Xiong and Lu Feng laughed heartily.

They looked up to Xu Nian a bit more in their hearts.

Was Xu Nian truly confident or just arrogant?

Lin Hao, on the side, merely snorted, his eyes full of contempt.

Apparently, he thought Xu Nian's tone was too overbearing.

Sun Yuxiang said nothing, merely standing silently to the side.

Her eyes conveyed a mix of anticipation and admiration as she looked at Xu Nian.

Though she also found it impossible for Xu Nian to defeat the True Dragon, her instincts as a woman told her Xu Nian would win.

However, she didn't say these words, as she was aligned with Lin Hao's camp.

Xu Nian separated from the others and ventured into Shendang Mountain.

As he approached, Xu Nian distinctly felt a strong pressure.

This was the oppression of Shendang Mountain. Indeed, Shendang Mountain, being at the top of the Nine Great Forces, exuded a pressure much stronger than Fuyao Lake.

"I wonder how powerful this True Dragon is?" Xu Nian murmured to himself.

Soon he entered the range of Shendang Mountain.

Upon entering Shendang Mountain, Xu Nian saw a massive dragon coiled atop a towering peak ahead.

This dragon was entwined around the peak three times, stretching over a thousand meters.

The dragon was completely ice blue, its scale armor akin to blue steel.

The giant dragon eyes overlooked Xu Nian, with its formidable claws embedded in the hard rock, capable of pulverizing with ease.

An aura of terrifying thunderous might emanated from it, as if it could destroy someone at any moment.

"Human, you are too weak. Leave here," the dragon spoke, its eyes filled with disdain.

As it spoke, the True Dragon's power pressed directly on Xu Nian, seemingly wanting to crush him.

To it, humans not at the Earth Immortal Peak Level posed no threat.

Earlier, it had nearly killed an Earth Immortal late-stage; now came one at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage.

Such a cultivator could be crushed with a mere breath.

Xu Nian wasn't surprised at the dragon's disdain, wearing a slight smile.

This True Dragon's power was indeed strong, but it held no sway over him.

Earlier, he had deliberately concealed his aura, but now...

"So you're the True Dragon, certainly much stronger than I imagined. Others may struggle against you, but I, Xu Nian, am the nemesis of your Dragon Clan." Xu Nian said with a light smile.

Then he stepped forward, and suddenly, the power of the Nine Dragons Supreme Body emanated from him.

"Buzz!"

With the emergence of the Nine Dragon Supreme's power, the True Dragon's power instantly dissipated.

The dragon coiled on the mountain peak instantly changed its expression, leaping down and landing before Xu Nian, its dragon eyes filled with incredulity.

At this moment, it felt a suppression originating from deep within its bloodline.

This suppression stirred an urge to bow and submit.

"Human, how do you possess the Dragon Clan's Supreme Bloodline?" The True Dragon forced down its impulse to kneel, its dragon eyes staring at Xu Nian.

The Dragon Clan's Supreme Bloodline, hailed as the Dragon God.

Such a presence demands the Dragon Clan's submission whenever it appears.

But it never expected this bloodline to appear in a human.

"What of humans? Can you resist the Supreme Bloodline? Kneel before me!" Xu Nian bellowed.

This shout reverberated like thunder within the depths of the True Dragon's bloodline.

"Roar!"

The True Dragon let out a wail, its entire body prostrating unwillingly before Xu Nian.

Upon seeing this, Xu Nian's face broke into a smile.

He actually succeeded.

If Lin Hao and Chu Xiong saw this scene now, they'd be too shocked to speak.

Chapter 1093: Battle Against the True Dragon

Xu Nian looked at the True Dragon crouched in front of him, a smile spreading across his face.

He hadn't expected the Nine Dragons Supreme Body to be so domineering, capable of suppressing even a True Dragon.

However, Xu Nian's expression quickly changed again.

The True Dragon that had crouched down slowly began to stand back up.

Xu Nian furrowed his brow and immediately shouted again: "Down!"

The True Dragon bent its legs, yet did not crouch. Instead, it let out a dragon roar, directly shattering the power of Xu Nian's Nine Dragons Supreme.

Xu Nian's face changed, and he involuntarily stepped back.

"Human, although you possess the Dragon God Supreme Bloodline, your Supreme Bloodline has not yet reached Great Success, and your strength remains too weak. If you had reached the Earth Immortal Realm, I couldn't withstand this bloodline pressure," the True Dragon spoke in human tongue.

Xu Nian's brow furrowed tightly, yet he wasn't surprised in the slightest.

This was as he had expected; the pressure of the Nine Dragons Supreme Body was ineffective against a True Dragon.

Of course, to say it had no effect at all would be impossible; surely the True Dragon's strength was significantly limited at the moment.

"Human, since you cannot suppress me, I will not let you leave today. If I swallow your bloodline, I will break free of this restriction, return to the Dragon Clan, and will surely become the Dragon Emperor in the future," the True Dragon said to Xu Nian, its blue dragon eyes flickering with lightning, its gaze exceptionally fiery.

Seeing this scene, Xu Nian immediately laughed.

He hadn't even considered the True Dragon, yet the True Dragon had first set its eyes on him.

"So, you and I are destined for a fight to the death?" Xu Nian looked at the True Dragon, a fierce fighting spirit beginning to exude from his gaze.

It had come to such a point that it was truly a battle to the death.

He needed the True Dragon's blood, while the True Dragon wanted to swallow him to obtain the Supreme Bloodline.

One of them had to die.

"Human, since you understand, let's decide life and death!" the True Dragon roared, and in the next moment, its body soared into the sky.

"Boom!"

Thunder exploded in the sky, countless bolts of lightning appearing out of nowhere.

The True Dragon spat a lightning bolt as thick as a thigh, launching it directly at Xu Nian.

The lightning contained a powerful aura of destruction.

Xu Nian's expression changed, and he quickly transformed into a shadow, darting backward.

"Boom!"

The lightning struck down, causing the earth to explode, a massive crater appearing on the ground, blackened and charred.

"Not good!"

Xu Nian had just avoided the lightning when his expression suddenly changed.

A dragon force, transformed into a swift shadow, came whipping toward him.

Its speed was as fast as lightning, with the force wrapped in lightning.

Without a moment's hesitation, the King Jing Sword appeared directly in Xu Nian's hand.

"Ten Miles Cold Light!"

Xu Nian slashed down with his sword.

The sword's edge collided directly with the blue scale armor, sparking brilliantly.

However, Xu Nian's Sword Qi only held it off for a moment before he and his sword were sent flying.

"Boom!"

An outcropping of stone in the distance exploded, sending rubble flying everywhere.

Xu Nian fell amongst the rocks, spitting blood wildly from his mouth, his chest charred black.

"Cough, cough, that kind of power is terrifyingly strong," Xu Nian said, clutching his chest in pain.

All his internal organs were shattered, and even his body suffered major damage.

Fortunately, he had cultivated the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique, strengthening his body with energy metal's tempering.

Now, it was as strong as a top-grade Spiritual Artifact, for otherwise this strike would have turned him into pulp.

Yet his sword had only left a crack on the blue scale armor, failing to cause substantial damage.

"Such strong defense, it must be approaching the level of an Immortal Artifact," Xu Nian mused to himself.

Just like Spiritual Artifacts, Immortal Artifacts are divided into four grades.

Low Grade Immortal Artifact, Mid-grade Immortal Artifact, Top-grade Immortal Artifact, and Top-grade Immortal Artifact.

Xu Nian's King Jing Sword was a Low Grade Immortal Artifact, and a single slash only left a minor scar.

This meant the hardness of the dragon scales was already approaching that of a Low Grade Immortal Artifact.

No wonder Lin Hao couldn't hurt it; just its defense meant that even with an Immortal Artifact, Lin Hao might not unleash its true power.

Of course, if Xu Nian had a Mid-grade Immortal Artifact, this strike would be enough for this True Dragon to suffer greatly.

"Human, you are not my match. I advise you to let me devour you; this way, you can avoid some unnecessary suffering," the True Dragon said, its eyes filled with disdain.

In its view, Xu Nian was already a meal on its plate.

Xu Nian wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth, his gaze becoming sharp.

The Divine Demon Power circulated within him, his body recovering at a visibly rapid pace.

"If you want to eat me, I'm afraid you'll choke," Xu Nian said coldly.

The Sword Qi from the King Jing Sword was abundant, soaring into the sky, ready to slay in all directions.

"Human, since you refuse, I will have to deal with you myself." The True Dragon's voice echoed, and the next moment, its dragon claws came reaching for Xu Nian.

The dragon claws were entwined with powerful lightning.

Brimming with the threat of destruction, they came fiercely at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian looked at the dragon claws blotting out the sky and sun, his gaze determined, without a hint of evasion.

"Die!"

The giant dragon claw was about to clutch Xu Nian.

Yet in the next moment, Xu Nian mysteriously vanished.

"Huh?" The giant dragon was clearly taken aback, then looked toward Xu Nian.

It couldn't understand how Xu Nian had suddenly disappeared.

"Buzz!"

But at this moment, a sharp sword light suddenly crossed its eyes.

"Roar!"

The True Dragon let out a wailing roar.

One of its dragon eyes had been slashed blind by Xu Nian's Sword Radiance.

Seeing he had succeeded, Xu Nian also smiled.

"Die for me!"

The dragon raged, its claws swinging at Xu Nian again.

Xu Nian's form vanished once more, the claws hitting only air.

Lightning exploded, tearing the space apart.

Xu Nian repeated his method, appearing on the other side of the dragon, his sharp sword slashing toward the True Dragon's other eye.

The sword light was sharp, like a cold gleam.

The giant dragon seemed prepared this time, tilting its head to let the sword light slice its cheek.

The scale armor exploded, leaving a sword mark.

However, it didn't blind the True Dragon's eye.

"It actually dodged," Xu Nian thought, feeling tense; he hadn't expected the True Dragon to be on its guard.

"Courting death!"

The True Dragon shouted, lightning flickering from its mouth, gathering into a Thunderclap Energy Ball.

"Roar!"

With a loud roar, the True Dragon transformed the energy into a thunderous beam aimed at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was shocked, and immediately blood-colored Dragon Scale Armor appeared on his body.

His form fled into the Void, teleporting elsewhere in an instant.

But just as Xu Nian reappeared, he was met with a dragon tail.

"Puff!"

Xu Nian spat blood, crashing into a distant mountain which exploded.

The earth roared!

Outside Shendang Mountain, Chu Xiong and the others frowned.

This roar, this shaking, it seemed the True Dragon was truly enraged.

They wondered if Xu Nian could withstand it?

Having just recovered, Lin Hao's face showed a mocking smile upon hearing the tremors.

Chapter 1094: Slaying the True Dragon

"He's a Transcendence Tribulation Stage cultivator going to challenge a True Dragon, he really is seeking death. With the True Dragon's fury, I bet he's already done for," Lin Hao sneered sarcastically.

"What right do you have to speak here with such sarcasm? Weren't you also defeated before? Moreover, Xu Nian hasn't finished yet; how do you know he can't make it?" Feng Cheng retorted unhappily.

He simply couldn't stand Lin Hao's arrogant demeanor.

Although he was the foremost of the younger generation in the Haotian Sect, among the Four Great Sects, he was considered the weakest.

He could only act all high and mighty in front of them. In front of Jiang Shengtian and others, he wouldn't even dare to fart.

"It's not over, it probably already is, but you just don't know it. He's just an ant, and you still expect him to emerge alive?" Lin Hao said with utter disdain.

Feng Cheng was furious, yet he couldn't find words to counter.

Murong Xue, however, coldly glanced at Lin Hao and icily said, "I'm not your match now, but if you dare say one more word, ten years from now, I will personally come to the Haotian Sect to have a life-and-death duel with you."

Upon hearing this, Lin Hao furrowed his brow.

If someone else had said this, he'd definitely snort in laughter.

But Murong Xue was different. Although she was at the Peak of Tribulation Crossing, she was the most promising among the Four Great Sects.

She had only been cultivating for a few years, and in ten years, she might indeed surpass him.

And she was the treasure of the Tiancang Sect; who would dare to touch her?

Even Jiang Shengtian had said that Murong Xue's talent was not inferior to his, perhaps even surpassing him.

He simply hadn't expected Murong Xue to be protecting this Xu Nian guy so much.

Seeing Lin Hao frustrated, Feng Cheng burst into laughter.

Indeed, Murong Xue's influence was tremendous; he increasingly envied Xu Nian.

Not only did he have several beautiful wives, but now even the number one beauty of the cultivation world had her heart set on him.

Really, what kind of lucky break did this guy come across?

As Lin Hao was frustrated, Sun Yuxiang, some distance away, was also a bit taken aback.

Initially, she merely thought of Murong Xue as extremely beautiful with some talent, but now it seemed far more complex.

She couldn't help but feel a pang of jealousy.

At this moment, Chu Xiong and Lu Feng were also looking in the direction of Shendang Mountain, concern written on their faces.

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Just as everyone was worrying about Xu Nian, he was, at that moment, lying in a pile of rubble, his entire body seemingly falling apart, and wracked with pain.

The True Dragon's attack was just too powerful, so strong that his physical body nearly collapsed.

He had not expected the True Dragon to be able to predict the location of his Space Profound Argumentation.

"Human, I didn't expect you to be a Space Controller as well, but your argumentation in space is too low, at only the First Level domain. If it were at the Second Level, I might not have sensed it. In the First Level domain, the spatial ripples are just too substantial," the True Dragon said, speaking human language.

The first time, it was caught off guard, which allowed Xu Nian to succeed in a sneak attack.

But now, its soul continually monitored its surroundings, and with the slightest space fluctuation, it could detect it.

Xu Nian understood why he failed.

The True Dragon's soul power was just too immense.

Perhaps not only this True Dragon but even an ordinary Late Stage Earth Immortal could sense his space fluctuations.

Hence, dealing with a Late Stage Earth Immortal in the future would require more caution.

But for now, the priority was dealing with this True Dragon.

"I indeed underestimated you. A True Dragon is truly a True Dragon, even when its cultivation is suppressed to the middle-stage Earth Immortal, it's still so powerful," Xu Nian said.

"Are you resigned now?" The True Dragon spoke again in human language, looking at Xu Nian with a gaze full of ridicule.

Witnessing this, Xu Nian chuckled internally, though maintaining composure outwardly.

"Even though I can't defeat you, it's not so easy for you to eat me," Xu Nian said coldly.

"Ignorant and unfazed, prepare to die!"

The True Dragon bellowed, its mouth once more gathering thunder.

In the next moment, the thunder exploded, transforming into a thunderstorm that filled the sky.

The thunderstorm contained destructive power.

This True Dragon's understanding of argumentation had reached a very advanced level, at least Fourth-level Heaven.

If this thunderstorm fell upon Xu Nian's body, it would likely penetrate him.

Xu Nian made no move to dodge, watching the storm descend with a gleam of sharpness in his eyes.

In the next moment, a battle axe appeared in his hand.

As soon as the axe appeared, the surrounding spiritual energy began to roil and surge.

The sky formed an enormous vortex.

All the spiritual energy converged towards the axe.

As this terrifying spiritual energy amassed, an unprecedented oppressiveness emanated from the axe in Xu Nian's hand.

"This is..."

Outside of Shendang Mountain, the faces of Chu Xiong and others changed dramatically.

Lin Hao, Murong Xue, Feng Cheng and the others all showed surprised expressions.

At this moment, they felt an intense sense of heart palpitations.

They didn't know what was happening, but they sensed an unprecedented sense of crisis.

Not only them, but internally, the True Dragon's face also changed dramatically, desperately trying to flee.

But it was too late.

The Star Axe in Xu Nian's hand had already been fully powered.

Gazing at the storm, Xu Nian swung his axe down.

In that moment, it was as if Heaven and Earth were being cleaved apart.

The cloud of spiritual energy in the sky was split open, revealing a brilliant light.

"No..."

The huge dragon let out a roar, then under the terrifying axe light, its form was cleaved in two.

Even the Shendang Mountain behind it was split in half under the axe light.

With the world in silence, all things came to a standstill.

In the next instant, after a subtle wave transmitted, there was a deafening rumble.

Shendang Mountain collapsed, turning into ruins.

After swinging this axe, Xu Nian collapsed to the ground.

A look of joy appeared in his eyes.

"Senior Wentian, now it's up to you," Xu Nian weakly communicated.

"Kid, not bad, eh? Don't worry, I'll handle this dragon soul for you." The next moment, Xu Nian saw a black shadowy figure appear in the sky.

A dragon soul emerged from the broken dragon body, attempting to flee.

But the shadowy figure grabbed it and directly swallowed it.

Witnessing this, Xu Nian was stunned.

This Wentian Demon Sovereign was too fierce, casually eating a dragon soul?

But he felt a sense of relief in his heart.

If the dragon soul had escaped, it would have caused him a lot of trouble in the future.

If the dragon soul had attacked him, he wouldn't have been able to resist.

"Xu Nian!"

At this moment, Chu Xiong, Murong Xue, and others rushed in.

Upon seeing the collapsed Shendang Mountain and the broken dragon body on the ground, they were stupefied.

"Impossible, absolutely impossible..."

The arriving Lin Hao was also dumbfounded, unable to believe it was real.

Chapter 1095: Shendang Mountain Taken

Did Xu Nian really defeat a True Dragon? And even killed it?

How did he manage to do that?

"Damn, Xu Nian, was this your doing?" Feng Cheng exclaimed in exaggeration.

Staring at the ruins before them, his eyes were filled with intense shock.

Chu Xiong and Lu Feng also exchanged glances, the horror in their eyes was self-evident.

Even Murong Xue's pretty face showed disbelief, unable to accept that all of this was real.

A Peak of Tribulation Crossing, killing a True Dragon?

Xu Nian at this moment was extremely exhausted, his face pale.

Right now, he had no combat power left; even a Zifu Realm could possibly kill him.

However, Xu Nian still managed to collect the True Dragon's body into his storage ring, finally sitting down cross-legged to begin healing.

He killed the True Dragon, not just to bet with Lin Hao, but more importantly for the True Dragon Blood.

So he did not want to waste the True Dragon's corpse.

Xu Nian sat down, directly drank a mouthful of Spiritual Spring.

Ate a few Spirit Pills, which slightly restored some color to his face.

He opened his eyes and looked at Lin Hao beside him.

At this moment, Lin Hao's face was extremely gloomy, his eyes filled with intense unwillingness.

"Senior Brother Lin Hao, isn't it time to fulfill the bet?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Lin Hao's brow furrowed suddenly.

He had already sworn an oath; now that Xu Nian had won, if he did not fulfill the bet, he would face a fate worse than death.

Of course, there was another way, which was for Xu Nian to voluntarily give up the bet.

"Xu Nian, do you really have to be so ruthless? Give others a chance when possible, can we pretend nothing happened today?" Lin Hao hesitated for a moment before speaking.

The Immortal Sword was his Blood Refining Weapon, and now he was severely injured. If he forcibly cut off the weapon's contract,

His strength might greatly diminish, and he could even lose his realm.

This was something he was extremely unwilling to see.

Upon hearing Lin Hao's words, Xu Nian showed a slight smile on his face.

If he had lost the bet, would this guy just forgive him?

"I say Lin Hao, how can you be so shameless? Lost is lost, don't you even have that bit of courage? If I were you, I would have found a hole to hide in long ago." Feng Cheng said disdainfully.

"Shut up!" Lin Hao immediately shouted coldly, a glint of malice flashing in his eyes.

Then he turned to Xu Nian, his eyes full of questioning: "Xu Nian, I am the first genius of the Haotian Sect, if I lose my realm, the Haotian Sect will definitely not spare you. If you let me go, one day I can give you an Immortal Sword as compensation."

Lin Hao's words were full of threats.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian laughed even more coldly.

He looked at Lin Hao and said, "Lost is lost, today I will not relent. As for your Haotian Sect, I, Xu Nian, have never been afraid."

"Exactly, Xu Nian is from our Denor Star System, I'd like to see who dares to trouble him." Chu Xiong also stood up and said.

After speaking, he and Lu Feng burst with momentum, directly pressuring Lin Hao.

Lin Hao's face changed instantly.

If he were in peak condition, he might not fear these two.

But now, severely injured as he was, he would probably gain no benefit if they fought.

"Alright, alright, Xu Nian, I will remember today's humiliation. I will definitely return it tenfold in the future, take the sword." Lin Hao yelled, and the next moment he spat blood. Then, with a wave of his hand, a sharp sword shot out, planting in front of Xu Nian.

The Immortal Sword flickered with thunder, but it no longer held Lin Hao's soul breath.

This indicated that the sword had become an ownerless object.

Xu Nian naturally didn't hesitate, he pulled out the sharp sword, took a look, and stored it in his storage ring.

This was his second Immortal Artifact, even though they were both Low Grade, they were nonetheless Immortal Artifacts.

Lin Hao, seeing this scene, had an extremely gloomy look in his eyes and, clutching his chest, his breath became instantly dispirited.

Xu Nian could feel Lin Hao's presence had significantly weakened.

Lin Hao had lost his realm.

From the Late Stage Earth Immortal, he fell to the Middle Stage Earth Immortal.

Severing the contract with the Blood Refining Weapon had obviously caused significant damage to his soul.

To recover, he would likely take a long time.

"Xu Nian, I will remember today's enmity. One day, I will repay it tenfold, farewell!" Lin Hao left these words and was about to leave.

If he didn't leave sooner, he was truly afraid Xu Nian would attack him.

Xu Nian watched Lin Hao leave without trying to stop him.

It wasn't that he didn't want to, but that he couldn't.

At this point, he no longer had any strength to fight.

As for Chu Xiong and Lu Feng, Xu Nian didn't let them take action either.

After all, Lin Hao was from Haotian Sect. Xu Nian could not care, but he didn't want to involve them.

If Lin Hao was killed, Haotian Sect would surely become furious, and not even the Denor Empire might be able to protect them.

So Xu Nian didn't want to harm them.

However, letting a tiger return to the mountain was not a good thing. In the future, if the chance arose, he must kill him.

"Xu Nian, how exactly did you do it? Did you really kill a True Dragon?" Seeing Lin Hao leave, Feng Cheng immediately asked.

Chu Xiong and Lu Feng upon hearing, also curiously looked at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and explained: "I once obtained an Ancient Array, which contained an incredibly powerful Axe Light. Just now, I used this Axe Light to kill the True Dragon. Otherwise, even ten of me would not be its match."

Everyone nodded upon hearing this.

With that explanation, everything made sense.

It was obvious that everything before them could only have been caused by a weapon like an axe.

And to create such a strong attack, it could probably rival an Earth Immortal Peak powerhouse.

Even with Xu Nian's capabilities, he couldn't unleash this level of attack.

Seeing everyone believing him, a smile appeared on Xu Nian's face.

He finally managed to cover it up.

He didn't want anyone to know he had a Divine Artifact in hand.

Once it spread, the entire Cultivation World would likely hunt him down.

Xu Nian didn't want to become the Cultivation World's enemy.

However, soon after, the smile on Xu Nian's face turned cold because he saw a figure walking toward them.

This figure was none other than Sun Yuxiang.

Regarding Sun Yuxiang, Xu Nian had always been cautious.

Previously, he already felt Sun Yuxiang was hiding something, and now this feeling intensified.

It was likely that Lin Hao's appearance was due to her instigation behind the scenes.

"You want the token of Shendang Mountain?" Xu Nian asked Sun Yuxiang.

Sun Yuxiang entering the realm area, wasn't she here seeking something?

Now, it seemed this thing was indeed the token of Shendang Mountain.

"You guessed right, I do need the token of Shendang Mountain. You might not know what this token is."
Sun Yuxiang said with a smile.

"What is it?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

Sun Yuxiang chuckled and said, "The token of Shendang Mountain is a drop of... Immortal Emperor Blood."

Chapter 1096: Sun Yuxiang's Goal

"Immortal Emperor Blood?"

Xu Nian and the others all had their pupils contract, shocked expressions appearing on their faces.

The token of God Damned Mountain turned out to be Immortal Emperor Blood?

One must know that a single drop of true Heavenly Immortal Blood is far more valuable than a top-grade Spiritual Pill.

How precious is Immortal Emperor Blood?

In the Immortal Realm, it is likely an invaluable treasure.

Why would God Damned Mountain be willing to take out such a precious thing as a token?

"Of course, the power within God Emperor Blood is something ordinary people cannot obtain because this drop of God Emperor Blood has already crystallized into Blood Crystal. Without the strength of an Immortal King, it's impossible to break open. But even so, God Emperor Blood remains an incredibly precious treasure because the blood contains Heaven and Earth Laws. Keeping it nearby, one's cultivation speed will undoubtedly be doubly effective." Sun Yuxiang explained.

Xu Nian, upon hearing this, showed a contemplative look on his face.

If one wants to ascend to the Immortal Realm, aside from transforming the body and soul into Immortal Body and Immortal Soul, one must at least reach Great Success Realm in some Profound Argumentation.

Beyond Profound Argumentation are the laws.

Once laws are comprehended, they merge into the flesh and blood.

An Immortal Emperor, being a top existence in the Immortal Realm, naturally attains a very high level in understanding laws.

So a crystallized drop of blood is indeed an invaluable treasure.

"So your purpose this time is for Immortal Emperor Blood?" Xu Nian looked at Sun Yuxiang and asked.

"Yes, it's very important to me; I must get it." Sun Yuxiang stated.

"Is Lin Hao someone you found?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

Sun Yuxiang nodded and said, "I originally thought you might have a way against the True Dragon, but I knew that if I asked for your help, you wouldn't act easily. So my only way was to find Lin Hao, and lead you two to fight. That way, I could use your hand to eliminate the True Dragon. Actually, if you hadn't made a bet, I would have actively proposed this wager."

Upon these words, Feng Cheng, Chu Xiong, and others' faces changed.

It turns out the woman was behind this entire wager.

This woman's scheming is too deep.

She could even manipulate Lin Hao in her palm.

Murong Xue looked at Sun Yuxiang with strong hostility because she targeted Xu Nian.

Xu Nian wasn't too surprised. From his first contact with Sun Yuxiang, he knew this woman was not simple.

Now it seems, it was indeed not as simple as it appeared.

"Aren't you afraid that I might kill you for saying these things?" Xu Nian looked at Sun Yuxiang and asked.

"You can't kill me. Firstly, you have no combat strength now. Even if they act, they may not be my match. Though I might not be a match for the True Dragon, I have a way to deal with two newly entered Late Stage Earth Immortal individuals." Sun Yuxiang confidently said, looking at Chu Xiong and Lu Feng.

"Hmph, you're boasting. Let me see how strong you really are." Chu Xiong immediately was unconvinced, his figure turning into a shadow and rushing toward Sun Yuxiang.

His fist clenched, carrying overwhelming momentum as it blasted towards Sun Yuxiang.

This punch was such that even a Middle Stage Earth Immortal expert might not withstand it.

Sun Yuxiang snickered coldly, a flower petal shone in her palm, and the next moment a strange force erupted from her body.

She flashed, appearing directly in front of Chu Xiong and struck out with a palm.

Chu Xiong's entire body flew backward, crashing heavily against a distant mountain wall.

Rock shattered, and blood oozed out.

The whole process was incredibly swift, Chu Xiong didn't even have time to react.

"How is this possible?" Chu Xiong's eyes widened, his face full of disbelief.

He hadn't reacted at all, yet was struck by the woman.

And the power contained in her palm was extremely terrifying; the earlier strike shocked him, almost causing his soul to leave the body.

Seeing this, Lu Feng's brows furrowed.

His strength was similar to Chu Xiong's, yet Chu Xiong couldn't withstand a single move from the woman.

It was clear he was not her match either.

Feng Cheng had his mouth agape, with a shocked expression.

The woman before him, merely at the Late Stage Tribulation Crossing Stage, could send a Late Stage Earth Immortal powerhouse flying with a palm.

How come Tribulation Crossing Stage experts these days are so strong?

Xu Nian was also a bit surprised. He had long suspected Sun Yuxiang was hiding her strength.

But he hadn't expected it to be this powerful.

It seemed previously at the Heavenly Court Gang, she had intentionally conceded to him.

Sun Yuxiang then ignored Chu Xiong and others and turned to Xu Nian.

"Do you also want to obtain the token from God Damned Mountain?" Sun Yuxiang asked Xu Nian.

"Is there something wrong with that?" Xu Nian asked.

"Nothing wrong, just advising you not to, God Damned Mountain isn't suitable for you." Sun Yuxiang said.

"Why?" Xu Nian asked, surprised.

"Because of your constitution!" Sun Yuxiang glanced at Xu Nian and said.

Xu Nian's heart shook.

He hadn't expected Sun Yuxiang to see his constitution?

"Your constitution is related to the Dragon Clan, while God Damned Mountain is a hostile force to the Dragon Clan. If you enter God Damned Mountain, you would be killed immediately." Sun Yuxiang spoke.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's brows furrowed.

If Sun Yuxiang's words were true, he definitely couldn't go to God Damned Mountain.

He was the Nine Dragons Supreme Body, essentially the Dragon Clan's Supreme. In the future, he would surely rule the Dragon Clan.

How could God Damned Mountain allow such an enemy to grow?

"Brother Chu, is this true?" Xu Nian turned to Chu Xiong and asked.

"Yes, God Damned Mountain indeed has unresolved conflicts with the Dragon Clan. This True Dragon is something they've imprisoned here." Chu Xiong nodded and said.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian also decided to abandon the token of God Damned Mountain.

"What's your purpose in telling me all this?" Xu Nian looked at Sun Yuxiang and asked once more.

"I want you to collaborate with me, assist me in passing the second trial and obtaining the token." Sun Yuxiang said.

"Why would I?" Xu Nian asked.

Since the token of God Damned Mountain was of no use to him, why should he help her?

"Because I can help her restore her memory." Xu Nian pointed at Murong Xue and said.

Xu Nian was taken aback, an expression of surprise on his face.

"Are you serious?" Xu Nian hurriedly asked.

"Though I cannot say for certain, I have a ninety percent chance of doing it. Of course, the true restoration will rely on you, I will only tell you the method." Sun Yuxiang explained.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian showed a thoughtful expression.

If there's even a slight chance Murong Xue could recover her memory, he was willing to try.

"Alright, I'll help you pass the second trial. Tell me, how she can regain her memory." Xu Nian said.

"No rush, first recover your injuries. The second trial is tough." Sun Yuxiang advised.

Xu Nian no longer hesitated and began to heal and restore his strength.

Meanwhile, he started attempting to absorb True Dragon Blood.

Chapter 1097: True Dragon Qi

The True Dragon Blood of the Xuantian Thunder Dragon entered his body, instantly transforming into a rich Dragon Energy that surged within Xu Nian's body.

This Dragon Energy took the form of a small blue dragon, wildly dancing within Xu Nian's body.

It caused a sharp pain as it crashed through Xu Nian's meridians.

The Dragon Energy of the Xuantian Thunder Dragon contained extremely pure Thunderclap Power; in just a moment, Xu Nian's meridians became charred black.

Yet Xu Nian remained unfazed, using his True Essence to guide the True Dragon Qi into his Dragon Vein.

"Buzz!"

The True Dragon Qi was absorbed by the Dragon Vein, and instantly, Xu Nian's third Dragon Vein lit up at that moment.

The True Dragon Qi coiled within the Dragon Vein, the energy inside as thick as a finger.

It was far denser than any Dragon Vein Xu Nian had previously gained.

As the True Dragon Qi entered Xu Nian's Dragon Vein, an extremely pure Thunderclap Power erupted from within.

Xu Nian knew this was feedback from the True Dragon Qi entering his body.

This provided significant enhancement to his physical body.

"Boom!"

Loud rumbles continuously echoed from within Xu Nian's body.

It was as if countless Thunder Dragons were roaring inside him.

The injuries originally caused by the Star Axe not only completely recovered at this moment.

But even every cell began receiving substantial strengthening.

Xu Nian looked inside himself and found that a blue electric arc was flashing within every cell.

This electric arc was fortifying his cells, making his physical form grow at the fastest speed.

It lasted a full three hours before this evolution gradually weakened.

At this moment, Xu Nian could clearly feel that his physique had become much stronger.

His body was filled with immensely formidable power.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian suddenly opened his eyes, and the ground beneath his feet trembled.

Feng Cheng, Murong Xue, and others nearby were all startled.

"Stronger, Xu Nian actually became stronger again."

Chu Xiong and the others thought in surprise.

They could clearly feel that the aura emanating from Xu Nian had become more powerful.

Although his cultivation hadn't changed, his presence had become more dominant.

Sun Yuxiang also looked at Xu Nian, a hint of amazement flashing in her eyes.

Although she had expected Xu Nian's strength to improve, she hadn't thought the improvement would be so pronounced.

Xu Nian was also extremely delighted; the Xuantian Thunder Dragon had greatly helped him.

"How about it, Xu Nian, how much stronger have you become?" Feng Cheng asked quickly as Xu Nian awakened.

Chu Xiong and the others were also very curious.

"Use all your strength to punch me, I promise not to fight back." Xu Nian said to Feng Cheng with a smile.

"Are you crazy?" Feng Cheng was taken aback.

He was a Middle Stage Earth Immortal, and a punch from him was incredibly powerful.

Even an Immortal Body might not withstand it.

Xu Nian actually said he wouldn't fight back and take his punch?

"Just do it, why so much nonsense." Xu Nian said.

Feng Cheng rolled his eyes, then chuckled: "Alright, since you're letting me, don't blame me then."

With that, Feng Cheng mobilized all his Immortal Essence and punched directly at Xu Nian.

He didn't hold back; since Xu Nian asked him to hit, he must be confident.

He also wanted to know how big the gap between him and Xu Nian really was.

"Boom!"

A loud explosion.

It was like the humming of a great bell.

A figure was directly knocked flying, soaring a thousand feet away.

Chu Xiong and the others stood dumbfounded.

Because it was not Xu Nian who was knocked away, but Feng Cheng.

Feng Cheng looked as if he had been struck by a hundred thousand bolts of thunder, his entire body charred beyond recognition.

"Xu Nian, damn you!"

Feng Cheng lay on the ground in the distance, cursing.

When he threw that punch, he felt something was wrong.

He seemed to have slammed into a massive lightning bolt and was hammered away like being hit by a giant sledge, his entire body's Immortal Essence quivering.

Yet Xu Nian stood unmoving in place the entire time.

Xu Nian watched Feng Cheng get knocked away, smiled slightly, and with a light step, his figure flashed like a bolt of lightning, appearing directly in front of Feng Cheng.

His speed was astonishing.

"This speed... it might be comparable to the Peak of Late Stage Earth Immortal." Chu Xiong said to Lu Feng in shock.

"Absolutely, and exceptionally adept at speed for a Peak of Late Stage Earth Immortal, neither of us can achieve such speed." Lu Feng couldn't help but marvel.

Then the two looked at Xu Nian with a bitter expression.

"Xu Nian, did you absorb this True Dragon's True Dragon Blood?" Feng Cheng also widened his eyes, noticing the thunder snakes appearing on Xu Nian's skin, and said in shock.

"Yes!" Xu Nian nodded.

The reason for his speed surge was entirely due to the True Dragon Blood.

Seeing Xu Nian nod, Feng Cheng rolled his eyes again.

This guy actually dared to absorb the True Dragon Blood?

Even Earth Immortal Peak powerhouses might not dare to do so, right?

True Dragon Blood is the purest energy and origin of a True Dragon.

It's also extremely dominant and fierce; an Earth Immortal Peak absorbing it would result in the collapse of the Immortal Body.

Yet Xu Nian absorbed it and remained unharmed.

Truly unbelievable.

Xu Nian smiled but explained nothing.

He possessed the Nine Dragons Supreme Body, his body could only turn the True Dragon Bloodline into nourishment.

Now his body not only contained the Xuantian Thunder Dragon Bloodline but also those of the Red Fire Flame Dragon, Ice Frost Giant Dragon, Taigu Blood Dragon, Taichu Gray Dragon, and Taigu Nether Dragon—six bloodlines in total.

However, none of the five others was as pure and dense as the Xuantian Thunder Dragon.

After all, the Xuantian Thunder Dragon Bloodline was that of a True Dragon, whereas the others were from some Demon Beasts of the Dragon Clan.

"What knocked me away just now?" Feng Cheng continued to ask.

"That's called Thunder Gang; it's a combination of my Gang Qi and thunder, considered a unique form of energy." Xu Nian explained with a smile.

Indeed, the additional ability brought by the Thunder Dragon was Thunder Gang.

However, Xu Nian improved it by merging it with Gang Qi to form a more powerful force.

Now, every cell in Xu Nian's body flickered with this Thunderclap Gang Qi.

The Taigu Nether Dragon merged with True Essence, whereas the Xuantian Thunder Dragon merged with Gang Qi.

The two did not conflict.

However, the Dragon Qi of the Taigu Nether Dragon was too weak to significantly boost True Essence.

To make the True Dragon Qi of the Taigu Nether Dragon effective again, more powerful Taigu Nether Dragon Qi is needed.

"I really don't know how you freakishly cultivate." Feng Cheng muttered and then ignored Xu Nian.

Xu Nian also smiled, turning to Sun Yuxiang: "Now can we face the next challenge together?"

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, Sun Yuxiang directly turned and headed deeper into Shendang Mountain.

After saying a few words to Murong Xue and the others, Xu Nian followed.

He also wanted to see what the second challenge of Shendang Mountain entailed.

Chapter 1098: What Is an Immortal

"Do you know what the second trial of Shendang Mountain is?" Xu Nian asked curiously as he watched Sun Yuxiang walk further in.

"I do!" Sun Yuxiang replied straightforwardly.

"What is it?" Xu Nian asked with curiosity.

Sun Yuxiang gave a charming smile and said, "Give me a kiss and I'll tell you."

Xu Nian was instantly taken aback.

That change of expression was just too fast.

Just a moment ago she had a cold demeanor, and now she suddenly turned into a fox spirit.

However, one must admit that Sun Yuxiang herself was a captivating fox spirit.

Her fair, oval face, eyes as gentle and alluring as water, seemed to ensnare one's soul.

Of course, the most enticing was her slender waist, seemingly easy to encircle with one hand.

Coupled with her cultivation in the Charming Technique, there were indeed few in the world who could resist her allure.

No wonder Lin Hao was taken advantage of by Sun Yuxiang.

Surely, Sun Yuxiang's beauty contributed to that.

"You can see, I have quite a few women; do you still have the mind to entice me?" Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Sun Yuxiang didn't seem surprised; instead, her smile grew even more charming. She said, "What's the fear of having many women? It just means there's something about you that women like. As long as your body can take it, I don't mind serving you with them. Besides, I'm a virgin!"

Xu Nian took a sharp breath.

Especially that last sentence from Sun Yuxiang, it was simply too blunt.

To be honest, it did stir something in him.

After all, Xu Nian was not a Saint; faced with such a tempting beauty, how could he not react?

Seeing Xu Nian's expression, Sun Yuxiang smiled charmingly and dropped the topic.

She was deliberately teasing Xu Nian.

If she were really to become Xu Nian's woman, she wouldn't agree.

Although Xu Nian did make her see him in a new light and his potential was immense, in her heart, Xu Nian hadn't reached the level to be her man.

Xu Nian took a deep breath, looking at Sun Yuxiang's back ahead, he realized he had been teased by this woman.

Indeed, women are like vipers.

Especially beautiful women, the more beautiful, the more dangerous.

Xu Nian couldn't help but recall the scene where Chu Xiong was sent flying by Sun Yuxiang's palm, and suddenly Sun Yuxiang's danger level in his mind increased significantly.

"The second trial of Shendang Mountain, they say it's hard, it's simple too. It all depends on chance because this trial doesn't rely on force but on the Tao Heart," Sun Yuxiang said.

"The Tao Heart, how do you test the Tao Heart?" Xu Nian asked.

"It's just ahead, you'll understand when you see it," Sun Yuxiang said.

After saying this, Sun Yuxiang tapped her toes, and her figure transformed into a shadow.

Xu Nian didn't hesitate, with lightning flashing on his body, he followed.

As he caught up, Xu Nian felt a bit surprised.

Sun Yuxiang's speed was truly terrifying; if he hadn't acquired Thunder Gang, he probably wouldn't be able to keep up with her speed.

But soon, Xu Nian's attention shifted from Sun Yuxiang to the object ahead.

Seeing the stele ahead, Xu Nian instantly understood why Sun Yuxiang said the second trial of Shendang Mountain was a test of the Tao Heart.

Because what lay ahead was indeed a Tao Heart test.

"This is an ancient enigma, and to this day, no one in the Cultivation World has been able to solve it, or rather, no one has ever answered it correctly," Sun Yuxiang said as she looked at the question on the stele with detachment.

Xu Nian frowned, no one in the Cultivation World could solve it?

Is this question that difficult?

Thinking of this, Xu Nian couldn't help but look at the stele ahead, where only three words were inscribed.

Indeed, the entire question contained only three words, but those three words were written with immense strength, exuding an overwhelming aura.

What is Immortal?

Indeed, the question was: What is Immortal?

Xu Nian looked at the question in front of him, furrowing his brows slightly.

What exactly is Immortal?

Is this question difficult?

There are so many Earth Immortal realm experts, so many who have ascended to the Immortal Realm, yet none of them can answer this question?

"You're right, none of them have been able to answer this question. What is Immortal, even those who have become Immortals may not be able to understand this question," Sun Yuxiang said.

Xu Nian nodded.

He thought this could be possible.

Those who became Immortals did so because their Cultivation Realm reached the level of an Immortal.

But they don't actually understand what an Immortal is?

Why can mortals cultivate to become Immortals?

Now it seems that this question is indeed not easy to answer.

"So what do you think Immortal is?" Xu Nian asked Sun Yuxiang.

"My answer is, an Immortal transcends mortals, comprehending the Heaven and Earth Laws, seeing through the mortal world, and attaining immortality. But this answer is wrong; only when your answer is correct will your writing remain on the stele and the token of Shendang Mountain appear," Sun Yuxiang said.

Xu Nian fell into contemplation.

Sun Yuxiang's answer wasn't wrong; Immortal is indeed a powerful existence, capable of immortality and holding authority over life and death.

But this answer is too ordinary; if it were the right answer, this puzzle would've been solved long ago.

Then what exactly is Immortal?

Xu Nian pondered, contemplating in his heart.

Sun Yuxiang did not disturb Xu Nian and waited quietly at the side.

She didn't know if Xu Nian could come up with an answer.

She even thought it very likely that Xu Nian wouldn't be able to answer, but that didn't stop her from holding a glimmer of hope.

After all, Xu Nian was someone who repeatedly created miracles, perhaps a miracle would happen this time as well.

Xu Nian lost himself in contemplation, pondering a question.

He wondered why he cultivated to become an Immortal.

He cultivated to become powerful, to protect those he wanted to protect.

But is being an Immortal the end?

Above Immortals, there are gods and even higher beings.

So what is the point of becoming an Immortal?

"Of course it has a point, kid. How can you become a god without becoming an Immortal first? The person who came up with this question must be excruciatingly bored, asking such a pointless question," the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign rang in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian smiled slightly; he knew Wentian Demon Sovereign despised such pretentious and pedantic people.

Nothing compares to the simplicity of a sword or a blade.

A sword or a blade?

Suddenly, Xu Nian's eyes lit up, and it seemed he found his answer as he walked towards the stele.

Sun Yuxiang was somewhat surprised to see Xu Nian move.

She was eager to see how Xu Nian would define Immortal.

Xu Nian reached the stele, harnessing the power of True Essence within him.

Then he began to write in grand, bold strokes on the stele.

Swaying and flowing, the large characters appeared gracefully on the stele.

Sun Yuxiang looked at the lines of large characters and was initially stunned; they hadn't disappeared?

That means Xu Nian's answer aligns with the questioner's intent?

What kind of answer is correct?

Curious, she turned to read those lines.

Upon seeing them, she was shocked and speechless.

The stele read: "Immortals are ants, deities are not the end, if Divine Demons Immortals deceive me, I'll slaughter Immortals, kill gods!"

Chapter 1099: Emperor Wujiang

Sun Yuxiang never expected Xu Nian to write such words.

Even more unexpectedly, these words were actually acknowledged by the questioner.

The Immortal is but an ant, the Divine is not the end, if gods and demons deceive me, I shall slay demons and deities.

What domineering words these are.

The key is that she truly felt a sense of condescending arrogance from these words.

This arrogance was not feigned, but a genuine disdain.

Sun Yuxiang really couldn't imagine how a mortal could say such things.

If this were to spread, everyone would probably think he's blasphemous, an idiot dreaming.

But Sun Yuxiang believed that perhaps one day, this man before her could truly achieve this.

What a fascinating man he is.

But unfortunately...

Sun Yuxiang sighed in her heart.

The young man before her was undoubtedly a genius among the younger generation, yet she could not give herself to him.

Because her body did not belong to herself.

"Buzz!"

At this moment, the ground began to tremble.

The stele before them burst out with an exceptionally bright light.

In the next moment, Xu Nian saw a shadow emerge from the void.

Seeing this shadow, Xu Nian felt an uncontrollable urge to kneel.

"Is this... an Immortal Emperor?" Xu Nian thought in shock.

Because the pressure emitting from this shadow was a grand celestial might.

However, this might was not tangible, otherwise, Xu Nian and the others wouldn't have been able to stand.

"He is Emperor Wujiang, who once single-handedly slew several Immortal Emperor Level beings. This token on Shendang Mountain was left by Emperor Wujiang," Sun Yuxiang said to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was slightly taken aback, not expecting this to be the formidable Immortal Emperor of Shendang Mountain.

"Greetings, Immortal Emperor!"

Both Xu Nian and Sun Yuxiang respectfully saluted.

Even though this was not reality, Xu Nian still felt a trace of soul fluctuation.

It was clear that the shadow before them was the immortal soul mark of Emperor Wujiang.

Emperor Wujiang looked at Xu Nian and Sun Yuxiang with a faint smile, especially soft when looking at Xu Nian, like an elder looking at a junior.

"Not bad, being able to activate my soul mark shows that you've answered my question. In the Immortal Realm, having such insight might not be strange, but in the Mortal World, very few possess it, so your appearance surprised me greatly," Emperor Wujiang said with a smile.

"Senior overpraises, it's merely a heartfelt sentiment. Mortals may be weak, but their hearts are vast. Immortals and demons are just realms in cultivation," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

His tone was extremely natural as he spoke these words.

If other strong practitioners from the Cultivation World were present, they'd surely scoff.

But Xu Nian spoke these words from the heart.

His perspective was different, having been groomed by Wentian Demon Sovereign and Ye Tian God Emperor, even Dao Tian Rat; his vision had long transcended the Immortal Realm, heading towards the Divine World.

So these words were truly from his heart.

Yet to others, it might come off as pretentious.

Emperor Wujiang's face showed a smile, seeing no arrogance in the youth before him, but appreciating him even more.

Sometimes, cultivation relies on passionate blood and an invincible heart.

"Not bad, with such realization, your future achievements may not be below mine. Young one, what's your name?" Emperor Wujiang asked with a smile.

"Reporting to senior, this humble one is Xu Nian!" Xu Nian replied.

"Xu Nian, is it? You're quite good, I have high hopes for you. I will be waiting for you in the Divine World; I hope you won't disappoint me," Emperor Wujiang said with a smile.

Xu Nian was slightly taken aback.

Waiting for him in the Divine World?

Does that mean this Emperor Wujiang has already ascended to the Divine World, becoming a divine being?

"You're not wrong, I have indeed become a divine. But the Divine World isn't as wonderful as you think; it's even more terrifying than the Immortal, Demon, and Devil World combined. Are you scared?" Emperor Wujiang asked with a smile.

"This junior is not scared. Even if it's dangerous, I must visit the Divine World. Otherwise, would this life not be lived in vain?" Xu Nian replied naturally.

"Haha, interesting. To hear someone speak of becoming a god so lightly for the first time, young one, I am even more appreciative of you. Remember, if you come to the Divine World, use this mark to find me. Perhaps I can bring you many benefits; this mark also ensures you'll be treated as an honored guest

at Shendang Mountain because seeing the mark is akin to seeing me," Emperor Wujiang laughed heartily.

Then with a wave of his sleeve, a mark appeared on Xu Nian's arm.

The shape of the mark was a sharp sword.

On the hilt of the sword, intricate patterns were carved. The entire mark, though small, was extremely delicate, lifelike.

Seeing this mark, Sun Yuxiang's pretty face also revealed a look of shock.

She knew better than anyone what this mark represented.

This meant that Xu Nian would become an esteemed guest of Shendang Mountain, a high praise in the Immortal Realm.

Xu Nian was also a bit surprised, not expecting Emperor Wujiang to give him such an item.

"Alright, meeting such an interesting guy was quite unexpected, but I must remind you, cultivation is inherently defying the heavens, and at any moment, you might face death. There's a long, long way before you can stand before me, whether you can achieve it depends on you." Emperor Wujiang said with a smile.

In the next moment, his form began to turn, eventually transforming into a mist of blood.

Xu Nian and Sun Yuxiang were both a bit stunned, did Emperor Wujiang appear just to say these words?

Was there nothing else?

Indeed, Xu Nian and Sun Yuxiang thought correctly; Emperor Wujiang left a soul mark solely to see who would obtain his legacy.

Emperor Wujiang disappeared, but the blood mist did not dissipate.

This blood mist gradually condensed, ultimately forming a blood-colored crystal the size of a grain of rice.

"Is this the Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal?" Xu Nian was taken aback.

As this blood-colored crystal condensed and formed, Xu Nian distinctly felt an overwhelming oppressive force wash over him.

Inside this blood-colored crystal was a vast energy and an indescribable energy fluctuation that Xu Nian couldn't fathom.

Perhaps that was the Power of Laws, but not something Xu Nian and his companions could comprehend.

"You keep this Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal. You only need to tell me how to restore Murong Xue's memory," Xu Nian said to Sun Yuxiang.

For now, he had no desire for this Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal.

Given his current strength, even if he obtained this crystal, it would be of no use.

As for aiding cultivation insight, the fluctuation emanating from the crystal was of the Fire Attribute, which offered no help to Xu Nian.

Therefore, he didn't want this blood crystal at all.

"Thank you!" Sun Yuxiang directly accepted the Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal, then looked at Xu Nian, saying, "To restore Murong Xue's memory, there's only one way: kill the Tiancang Sect Master. As he set the seal, only by killing him can the seal be broken, there is no other method."

Xu Nian was startled, kill the Tiancang Sect Master?

Then his eyes emitted a fierce killing intent.

Chapter 1100: Surrounding and Hunting Xu Nian

When Xu Nian and Sun Yuxiang walked out of Shendang Mountain, they discovered that Murong Xue, Feng Cheng, and Chu Xiong had disappeared.

This left Xu Nian quite surprised; logically, they should have been waiting for him at the entrance.

Could something have happened?

"I think they might have run into trouble. The fact that you killed Fang Long of the Chaos Sky Sect is already known by everyone. Now, the Chaos Sky Sect has set up a trap waiting for you to come out so they can kill you," Sun Yuxiang said.

Xu Nian's eyes immediately narrowed, and a surge of killing intent rose in them.

"Not only that, you've offended Lin Hao of the Haotian Sect. I suppose he won't spare you either. If I'm not mistaken, Murong Xue and Feng Cheng heard the news and went to seek support for you," Sun Yuxiang guessed.

Hearing this, Xu Nian frowned even more.

If what Sun Yuxiang said was true, Murong Xue and Feng Cheng would definitely do that.

As for Chu Xiong and Lu Feng, Xu Nian did not know where they had gone.

Actually, even if they left, Xu Nian wouldn't blame them.

After all, they had already helped him a lot.

"How many people did the Chaos Sky Sect bring this time, and what is their strength?" Xu Nian asked.

To know oneself and know one's enemy is the only way to win a hundred battles.

So he had to mentally prepare himself.

"This time, the Chaos Sky Sect is led by an Elder, who is undoubtedly at the Earth Immortal Peak, making it likely that you are in grave danger," Sun Yuxiang said.

"Earth Immortal Peak?" Xu Nian frowned, not expecting that even an Elder from the Chaos Sky Sect would have the strength of the Earth Immortal Peak.

"You should be thankful it's just an ordinary Elder. In the Four Great Sects, the top powers of such forces possess strength beyond the Earth Immortal Peak. If they had come, you really wouldn't stand a chance," Sun Yuxiang said with a smile.

"Beyond the Earth Immortal Peak? Wouldn't that be the Heavenly Immortal Realm?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

Sun Yuxiang smiled; she didn't expect Xu Nian not to know even this.

But on second thought, it made sense since this guy seemed to be a loose cultivator.

"You are right. Beyond the Earth Immortal Peak is indeed the Heavenly Immortal Realm, but do not forget, those who ascend to the Immortal Realm after being washed by the celestial laws truly become Heavenly Immortals. Some people, although they break through the Earth Immortal Peak, cannot ascend because they haven't grasped the law. Those have to remain in the Cultivation World, and they are still extremely powerful. We call such people Primordial Immortals," Sun Yuxiang explained.

"Primordial Immortals? How can they improve their cultivation then?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

Despite breaking through the limits of the Earth Immortal Peak, the inability to touch the laws prevents them from ascending.

Does that mean their cultivation stagnates?

How can they continue to cultivate?

"They can continue to cultivate. Primordial Immortals are divided into four levels: Early, Middle, Late, and Peak. Their method of cultivation is the Immortal Law. Once they break through the Profound Argumentation and touch the laws, their Primordial Immortal Realm will convert directly to the Heavenly Immortal Realm. Still, before conversion, their power does not compare to Heavenly Immortals, but in the Mortal World, they are undefeatable," Sun Yuxiang explained again.

Xu Nian finally understood.

Primordial Immortals are essentially lower-level Heavenly Immortals.

Only by touching the laws can they become true Heavenly Immortals and ascend to the Immortal Realm.

But since they can continue cultivating, their strength surpasses ordinary Earth Immortal Peak powerhouses.

Realizing this, Xu Nian gained a new understanding of the power structures in the Cultivation World.

It seems that many of the Four Great Sects harbor Primordial Immortals.

Cultivation can be improved by various methods and treasures, but the Insight Realm truly relies on one's own capabilities.

"Now you should understand your situation and the method I mentioned before. Also, you should have a new understanding of Tiancang Sect Master's strength," Sun Yuxiang said with a smile.

Xu Nian took a deep breath and nodded solemnly.

It seems that he is still far from the peak of this Cultivation World.

He must quickly break through the Earth Immortal Realm.

However, the immediate priority is to figure out how to deal with this Chaos Sky Sect's assassination attempt.

"Xu Nian, I've helped you as much as I can. I hope to see you next time. From now on, you are on your own," Sun Yuxiang said with a slight smile, then twisted her slim waist and vanished in a flash before Xu Nian.

Xu Nian could only give a bitter smile; Sun Yuxiang left very decisively.

She had no intention of helping him. But upon thinking again, it made sense. Xu Nian and Sun Yuxiang were merely using each other, not even friends, so how could she help him?

"Chaos Sky Sect, Lin Hao! I, Xu Nian, am not that easy for you to kill. Let's see what you can do!" Xu Nian squinted his eyes, then his figure turned into a flash of thunder, heading towards the entrance of this small world.

He held the Star Axe in hand and had the protection of the Wordless Heavenly Scripture in terms of his soul.

He couldn't believe Chaos Sky Sect could kill him.

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Just as Xu Nian headed towards the boundary entry.

The boundary entrance was already surrounded by quite a few people.

However, most people carried an attitude of watching a show.

In the middle of these onlookers stood a few people.

All these people wore the same robes, embroidered with clouds.

It was obvious that these people were from the Chaos Sky Sect.

Among these youths stood an elder.

The elder looked like an immortal with white hair, standing with hands behind his back, exuding an extremely imposing aura.

"Elder Yen, this Xu Nian is so audacious to dare kill our Senior Brother Fang. He's only looking for death; when he comes out, we must tear him apart," a disciple said furiously.

He was a junior brother of Fang Long and usually stayed close to him.

To his disbelief, Fang Long was killed; how could he not be furious.

"Yes, kill him. To dare kill someone from the Chaos Sky Sect is simply courting death," another disciple echoed.

"However, I heard that Xu Nian is quite close to Feng Cheng from the Reincarnation Sect and Murong Xue from the Tiancang Sect. I wonder if they will interfere," a disciple nearby said, frowning.

"No, Tiancang Sect and Reincarnation Sect won't intervene. As for Haotian Sect, Lin Hao holds a deep grudge against Xu Nian, so he certainly won't help. The only concern is the Blue Gold Army; Xu Nian is one of them," the disciple who spoke previously said.

"Blue Gold Army? Hmph, they are strong but wouldn't conflict with the Four Great Sects. Would they act against us for a lowly Xu Nian? Moreover, with Elder Yen present, even if they wanted to help, they couldn't do it in time," a disciple said arrogantly.

The other disciples nodded in agreement.

Daring to kill someone from the Chaos Sky Sect is simply seeking death.

"Rest assured, this Xu Nian is as good as dead!"

The previously silent Elder Yen finally spoke, eyes filled with killing intent.

The other disciples smirked coldly, having witnessed Elder Yen's methods before.

They could fully imagine Xu Nian's tragic end.

Meanwhile, within the Tiancang Sect's camp, conflict arose as well.