

Divine King 1161

Chapter 1161: Middle-stage Gang Immortal

The Divine Demon Avatar followed Zhao Yunshen out of the hall. Seeing Xu Nian's joyful expression, Zhao Yunshen smiled and said, "So, what do you think? Didn't come in vain, right? Huge gains, aren't they?"

"Haha, the Lord Commander is joking. But with just three Immortal Pills, the Denor Emperor is truly generous," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Three Immortal Pills, for him, aren't really much.

The reason for his happiness is because these Immortal Pills are exactly what he needed.

Now, with three Avatar cultivating simultaneously, the resources needed are immense.

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar has the Chaos Divine Palace, while the main body has wealth accumulated over a long time; only the Divine Demon Avatar has nothing at all.

Therefore, these three Pills indeed met an urgent need for the Divine Demon Avatar.

The energy required for the cultivation of the Divine Demon Avatar is no less than that of the main body and the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar, a Demon Cultivator.

Although the Divine Demon Avatar doesn't need to convert into a Divine Body, every single cell in the body needs to be strengthened.

The energy required for this process is undoubtedly no less than converting into Immortal Essence.

Moreover, the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique is far more difficult to cultivate than ordinary Body Refining Techniques, requiring a cellular count hundreds or even thousands of times greater than others to store larger and more formidable power.

Currently, the Divine Demon Refining Body is troubled by the lack of means to enhance power, so the Denor Emperor's gift of these three Pills indeed greatly aids Xu Nian.

"Actually, these three Pills are secondary. The real benefit will come three days from now when the Emperor gives you guidance. Aren't you cultivating the Earth Attribute Gravity Space Profound Argumentation? The Denor Emperor also cultivates this Argumentation, and he has reached the Ninth Level Peak, just one step away from crossing into the realm of laws. So, guidance three days from now is crucial," Zhao Yunshen said with a smile.

Xu Nian was stunned, surprised that the Denor Emperor was cultivating the same Argumentation as he was, and had reached the Ninth Level Peak.

The Ninth Level Peak of the Gravity Space Profound Argumentation—how immensely powerful would that be?

Xu Nian couldn't imagine, nor comprehend it.

Yet, he felt some anticipation.

Even if they are cultivating the same Argumentation, everyone's cultivation direction may vary.

But some essential elements remain. If one tries to explore them on their own, the time required would undoubtedly be very long.

If the Denor Emperor offered his guidance, it would surely save a lot of time.

"Thank you for the guidance, Lord Commander. I will remember it," Xu Nian said gratefully.

"Haha, you don't have to thank me. I'm just carrying out orders for the Emperor. If you achieve a ranking in the grand competition, it would also greatly benefit the Emperor. Naturally, I would gain advantages as well," Zhao Yunshen said while laughing.

Xu Nian smiled faintly and said no more.

"Cultivate well in these three months, work hard to make a stunning appearance in the grand competition, and bring glory to our Blue Gold Army. Come, I'll take you to your place," Zhao Yunshen said with a smile, then took off with Xu Nian towards his residence.

Soon, Xu Nian and the others arrived at the residence; Zhao Yunshen didn't linger, departing directly.

Once Xu Nian returned to his dwelling, without hesitation, he stuffed a Pill into his mouth.

He began refining the Pill immediately.

The Divine Demon Refining Body Technique activated, and the Pill's potency was instantly drawn by Xu Nian's vigor, surging through the flesh and blood.

All at once, every cell in the body seemed alive.

These soul-infused cells had long differed from past cells, forming one small unit after another.

At this moment, they were frantically absorbing this power, much like parched earth crazily drinking in nectar.

As the Pill's efficacy continued to be absorbed, the strength within Xu Nian's body continued to increase.

The cells relentlessly absorbing the Pill's power eventually reached a saturation point and began to divide.

With the continuous division of cells, Xu Nian's physical density rapidly increased.

After three full hours, the force from one Pill was completely devoured by Xu Nian.

"Such a powerful feeling; my cell count probably increased by thirtyfold, and strength must have increased nearly tenfold from before," the Divine Demon Avatar felt the change in his body, a joyous expression on his face.

The Immortal Pill's drug efficacy was indeed astonishing; with just one Pill, the strength was greatly enhanced.

With three Pills, advancing to the Middle-stage Gang Immortal is likely.

"More!"

Without further hesitation, Xu Nian took out the second Pill and put it in his mouth, beginning a frantic refinement.

Once the second Pill was refined, the third followed promptly.

Xu Nian was completely engrossed in this wild absorption.

If it were any other normal Early-stage Earth Immortal cultivator, they could only absorb one Immortal Pill before having to refrain from absorbing more.

After all, while the Pill's energy was pure, it was overwhelmingly large, requiring ordinary individuals to spend some time digesting.

However, Xu Nian was unconcerned; the Divine Demon Refining Body technique involved directly integrating all energy into the flesh and blood.

"Boom!"

A thunderous sound rumbled within Xu Nian's body as if a million thunders were surging, with his blood and vital energy roaring like dragons.

Without a raging tide of Spiritual Energy, yet the aura now emanating from Xu Nian made one feel it was utterly indestructible.

Especially his skin, which took on a bronze hue.

"Such an exhilarating feeling; is this Middle-stage Gang Immortal Realm?" Xu Nian, feeling the raging power within, believed a single punch could explode a Constant Star.

He attempted a punch immediately, but used no Gang Qi whatsoever for it.

"Boom!"

Even so, the punch created a void in the space.

Terrifying space turbulence sliced across Xu Nian's fist, leaving one white mark after another, yet couldn't cut through his skin.

If it were other Earth Immortal Realm experts, even Zhao Yunshen, their entire hand would be gone by now.

The dread of space turbulence is known to grind even Top-grade Spiritual Artifacts into powder.

Yet, it couldn't breach Xu Nian's skin, showing just how abnormal his skin's defense was.

Xu Nian jumped lightly, realizing his weight had increased by several hundredfold.

His current weight reached dozens of tons.

Despite this, he felt his body was incredibly light and agile, without any heaviness.

"Now I understand why the former Divine Demon's body sizes were overwhelmingly immense. With my current state, transforming to nearly a hundred feet in height is completely doable," Xu Nian stated with a smile.

Ancient Divine Demons had massive statures, some even reaching tens of thousands of feet tall.

Xu Nian's cultivation of the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique will also allow him to become closer to the ancient Divine Demons.

Whether Xu Nian maintains a vast body size entirely depends on his will.

The body size can change, but the weight cannot.

With ongoing cultivation, his weight will continue to increase, and in the later stages, he would become a moving giant mountain.

Chapter 1162: Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array

At the same time as the Divine Demon Avatar broke through to the middle-stage Gang Immortal Realm.

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar had also reached the interior of the Sage Gate.

The small world within the Sage Gate was completely different from what Xu Nian and the others imagined.

Originally, Xu Nian and others thought that the small world of the Sage Gate should be filled with palaces, picturesque scenery, and a mist of Spiritual Energy.

However, what lay before them was a wasteland of broken remnants, rugged rocks.

On the ground were terrifying sword marks crisscrossing and densely packed incomplete array patterns.

It was evident that a fierce battle had taken place here years ago.

Could it be that the downfall of the Sage Sect back then was related to this battle?

"Damn, I thought there was something good here, but it's just a ruin? Does that mean all our previous efforts were in vain?" Shi Guangxu couldn't help but curse as he looked at the ruins before him.

Liu Bai Ru and Li Tiangang also had looks of surprise, not expecting the small world of the Sage Gate to be just a ruin.

So they couldn't help but turn to look at Elder Yu Mo, seemingly wanting to see his reaction.

After all, Elder Yu Mo had been to the mountain gate of the Sage Sect before.

"Do not be surprised, the small world of the Sage Sect was originally like this, but this is not the core area of the Sage Sect. The core area of the Sage Sect remains intact." Elder Yu Mo said.

"Core area?" The surrounding people showed puzzled expressions.

Elder Yu Mo pointed toward the depths of the forest ahead and said, "Ahead lies a super illusion array, so everything you see is not the truth. Behind this illusion array is the core area of the Sage Sect, where there are countless inheritances. Whether you can obtain them depends on your opportunity, and of course, opportunities always come with dangers, whether you can get them depends on your fate."

The people around, hearing this, all looked towards the forest.

It turned out there was an illusion array here, no wonder they didn't see the so-called core area.

Indeed, how could the Sage Sect's path be just what lay before their eyes?

"Xu, is what this old man said true? Would he be trying to deceive us?" Shi Guangxu poked Xu Nian and asked.

Xu Nian was a top-grade array master, and he knew best whether there was an illusion array.

Xu Nian looked at the forest ahead, his gaze sharp like electricity.

After a long while, he nodded and said, "There is indeed a super illusion array, and it's a super natural illusion array. To conceal a sect with such a natural illusion array is indeed very suitable."

"Seems like this old man's words are not wrong." Shi Guangxu's eyes lit up with excitement.

Seeing this, Xu Nian immediately shook his head with a smile: "Though what he said is correct, there is one thing he didn't mention. Behind this illusion array, there's also a massive killing array hidden. If I'm not mistaken, it should be the legendary forbidden killing array, the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array."

"Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array?" Shi Guangxu looked puzzled.

"The Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array is a highly formidable forbidden array. It's extremely difficult to execute such a Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array. It's said it requires the corpses of seven Earth Immortal Realm powerhouses to form the Seven Evils to guard the great array. These Seven Evils are said to be completely unconscious, knowing only slaughter. Encountering them might even endanger your life." Li Tiangang explained.

Xu Nian nodded and said, "What Master Li said is correct, the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array is indeed such a formidable forbidden array. The power of this array relates to the corpses of the seven Earth Immortal Realm. The stronger the power in front of the Seven Evils, the greater the power of the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array. If they are seven Peak Earth Immortal Realm, we may be in big trouble this time."

Those around also showed heavy expressions.

If they were seven Peak Earth Immortal Realm, they truly might not be their match.

Because these Seven Evils are death servants that do not feel pain, even without understanding Profound Argumentation, their strength is extremely formidable.

"This Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array combined with this natural illusion array will be even more challenging." Xu Nian said again.

"Truly a young genius top-grade array master, just by taking a glance, you figured out the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array hidden within the illusion array. You're right. Hidden inside is indeed the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array, and it's the most formidable Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array, with all Seven Evils being Peak Earth Immortal powerhouses. I was stopped by this Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array back then." Elder Yu Mo remarked.

At these words, everyone around changed their expression.

Indeed the worst had happened, as the Seven Evils are all Peak Earth Immortals; how can they possibly get through with just their strength?

Xu Nian's brow also furrowed slightly. The most formidable Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array was beyond even his confidence to breach.

After all, with such a formation, it could almost be said to have no weaknesses.

"However, you needn't worry too much. The strength of these Seven Evils is not as strong as true Peak Earth Immortal powerhouses, at most comparable to late-stage Earth Immortal. But since they fear no pain, do not fear death, you must fight quickly in battle. Otherwise, once entangled, it could be quite troublesome." Elder Yu Mo said.

Hearing this, Xu Nian and the others breathed a slight sigh of relief.

Comparable to a late-stage Earth Immortal, perhaps they still had a chance to fight.

If they were seven Peak Earth Immortals, they would indeed have no chance.

Even so, the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array is not easy to break through.

Including Xu Nian, at most, they only had the strength of five late-stage Earth Immortals.

But the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array had seven Seven Evils.

"In that case, let's still enter in teams. You eight will breach from the south, and we'll take the north. What do you think?" Elder Yu Mo proposed.

"Alright!" Xu Nian agreed decisively.

Hearing this, Elder Yu Mo did not say more but turned and began discussing with Wu Dong.

"Xu Nian, are you confident in breaking through the array?" Liu Bai Ru turned and asked Xu Nian.

"I have some confidence, but Sister Liu, what I really worry about is Elder Yu Mo and the people from the Mu Residence. If they play dirty tricks from behind when breaking the array, we could be in great danger." Xu Nian conveyed in a message.

Liu Bai Ru nodded, also worried about this point.

It was unlikely that Elder Yu Mo would easily allow them to enter the core of the Sage Sect.

Even if they were willing, the Guihai Family would not permit it.

"But don't worry, Sister Liu. If they dare to play dirty tricks, I have a way to ensure they can't walk away unscathed, and we'll all end up in danger together." Xu Nian said with a confident smile.

"Alright, then we'll follow your lead." Liu Bai Ru said.

Li Tiangang also smiled and nodded in agreement.

Xu Nian felt a bit helpless, not expecting to become the leader of this group.

"Since both seniors trust me, I'll give it a try." Xu Nian said with a smile.

After speaking, he led Elder Yu Mo towards the southern side of the great formation, preparing to break in from the south.

Chapter 1163: Elder Yu Mo's Schemes

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar, Xu Nian, swiftly led Liu Bai Ru, Li Tiangang, and the others to the southern side of this Illusion Array.

In front of them lay a stretch of forest, yet everyone present felt that it seemed somewhat unreal.

Previously, observing from afar, they couldn't detect anything, but now, being near the formation, upon careful scrutiny, the traces of the formation were discernible.

After all, this Illusion Array was a natural one.

"Is the Seven Evils really hiding behind this Illusion Array? If I go in, will I be clapped to death by him with a single palm?" Shi Guangxu asked worriedly, pointing to the Illusion Array ahead.

"Yes, it's highly possible that the first one he claps would be you as soon as you enter," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"Then I'll walk behind you," Shi Guangxu immediately said, frightened, as he hid behind Xu Nian, looking like a mouse facing a cat.

Liu Bai Ru and the others all smiled helplessly; Shi Guangxu was just there to lighten the mood.

Given his strength, making it to this point was a rare feat.

"Back to the point, Xu Nian, how should we break into the formation?" Li Tiangang asked.

Now that Xu Nian's identity was completely unveiled, he didn't bother to conceal anything anymore; he had already reverted to his original appearance and identity.

"There are seven Heavenly Killers in the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array. We will attack the formation from the south. We cannot predict how many Heavenly Killers we will encounter. If we encounter three, then Brother Li, Sister Liu, and I can hold them off, and Brother Li will lead Sister Mei Ji and Shi Guangxu through," Xu Nian said.

"What if we encounter four, or even more?" Li Anshan couldn't help asking.

Liu Bai Ru and Li Tiangang both looked at Xu Nian.

Such a situation certainly existed, and the possibility was quite high.

Including Xu Nian, they only had three Late Stage Earth Immortal powers. If they really encountered four Heavenly Killers, they would have a hard time dealing with it.

"I anticipated this situation long ago. If we encounter four or even more Heavenly Killers, we'll use this formation," Xu Nian said.

With that, six Jade Pendants with array patterns appeared in his hand.

"What formation is this?" Shi Guangxu asked as he took a Jade Pendant.

"This formation is called the Hexagram Blazing Heart Formation. It's a top-grade array with low difficulty in deployment. Once the six Tokens are crushed, the six holders of the Tokens can instantly form a six-

person combined attack formation, merging everyone's strength and distributing it equally. This way, confronting battles becomes slightly easier," Xu Nian explained.

Everyone around was somewhat surprised upon hearing this.

Such a formation could transfer and evenly distribute power to everyone.

If this were the case, even Shi Guangxu and the others could possess nearly late Earth Immortal Realm strength.

"This formation is great! I can also experience the strength of the late Earth Immortal Realm," Shi Guangxu said with enthusiasm.

Everyone around smiled helplessly; Shi Guangxu was still acting like a lively character.

"Shall we go in now?" Liu Bai Ru asked.

"No rush, let's wait for them to go in first. This way, the nearby Heavenly Killers will be drawn away by them first, reducing the chance of us facing four Heavenly Killers," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Liu Bai Ru and Li Tiangang both nodded and stopped rushing to go in.

While Xu Nian and the others waited for Elder Yu Mo to enter the formation first, Elder Yu Mo and his party were standing at the northern entrance of the formation.

"Master, are we really going to let Xu Nian go just like that? He killed my brother; this revenge cannot go unavenged," Guihai Tiangong said anxiously.

Previously, the alliance between Elder Yu Mo and the strong ones of the Mu Residence had already displeased him.

Now, seeing Xu Nian's rising prominence, he felt a tinge of jealousy.

"Tiangong, why the rush? Even if you have a grudge against him, you shouldn't act so impatiently. While I admire his talents, I'm well aware that the chances of him working for me are slim to none," Elder Yu Mo said mildly, with a hint of displeasure in his tone.

"Then why did you let them attempt the formation on the other side alone? Why not take this chance to kill him?" Guihai Tiangong couldn't help but ask.

"Haha, you don't understand. I let them attempt the formation on the other side for our own purposes. That kid refused our invitation, so why would I let him off? In fact, I took advantage to sprinkle Spiritual Demon Powder on Shi Guangxu. Once they enter the Seven Evil Formation, they'll be fiercely attacked by the Heavenly Killers. Then we can smoothly enter the inner formation, while they would be torn apart by the seven Heavenly Killers," Elder Yu Mo laughed heartily.

Hearing this, Guihai Tiangong's eyes lit up instantly.

He hadn't expected his master to have such a cunning plan. This way, they could safely enter the formation and use the Heavenly Killers to kill Xu Nian and his party. It was killing two birds with one stone.

Guihai Ba Dao and Guihai Yanshan were also delighted and praised Elder Yu Mo secretly.

"Senior Yu Mo truly lives up to his reputation. He had already foreseen such a situation. Li Tiangang and the others are destined to die in the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array, and then the entire Sage Sect's treasure will belong to us," Yuan Ba commented approvingly.

Elder Yu Mo's face displayed a smile, thoroughly enjoying the flattery from everyone.

However, he didn't notice the slight furrow of Gu Xiangxiang's brow in the crowd.

Nor did he notice that Gu Xiangxiang used a Communication Talisman to send out a message.

Indeed, Gu Xiangxiang was currently following Xu Nian's orders and was acting as an undercover agent in their group.

If she didn't follow Xu Nian's orders, she'd be dead meat.

If Xu Nian died, she would follow suit.

So, for her own sake, she couldn't let Xu Nian die here.

Upon sending the message, Gu Xiangxiang secretly prayed that Xu Nian and his group hadn't entered the formation yet.

Because once they entered the Killing Array, it would be too late.

The message Gu Xiangxiang sent out was promptly received by Xu Nian.

Looking at the information on the Communication Spirit Talisman, Xu Nian's face displayed a look of surprise.

He hadn't expected Elder Yu Mo to be so ruthless, even sprinkling Spiritual Demon Powder on Shi Guangxu.

No doubt, he knew about the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array long ago, and the Spiritual Demon Powder was prepared in advance.

Even if they weren't the ones getting caught, it would have been someone else.

"Xu Nian, what's wrong?" Liu Bai Ru and Li Tiangang asked immediately upon seeing the change in Xu Nian's expression.

"Nothing much, we almost fell into Elder Yu Mo's trap. They sprinkled Spiritual Demon Powder on Shi Guangxu. Once inside the formation, the Seven Evils will target Shi Guangxu, and we might end up getting caught in the crossfire," Xu Nian said with a smile.

As soon as he said this, Liu Bai Ru and the others were filled with surprise, followed by a wave of anger.

They hadn't expected Elder Yu Mo to be so vicious.

Chapter 1164: Turning Their Scheme Against Them

Xu Nian walked up to Shi Guangxu, and a strong suction came from his palm.

Following the release of the suction, in no time, a faint white glow flew out from Shi Guangxu, eventually gathering in Xu Nian's palm.

"Damn it, that old undying actually sprinkled Spiritual Demon Powder on me, trying to set me up! Is my power that strong for him to be so calculated against me?" Shi Guangxu exclaimed as he glared at the Spiritual Demon Powder in Xu Nian's palm.

"It's not that he's calculated against you; it's because you're the weakest, so sprinkling Spiritual Demon Powder on you is hard for others to notice." Li Anshan bluntly pointed out.

Shi Guangxu looked at Li Anshan speechlessly, as though saying "Would it kill you not to be so honest!"

"Xu Nian, how did you know that Elder Yu Mo was tampering with Shi Guangxu?" Li Tiangang couldn't help but ask.

Clearly, Xu Nian hadn't noticed before; he only learned after seeing the Communication Spirit Talisman earlier.

Could someone from Elder Yu Mo's side be leaking information to him?

"It was Gu Xiangxiang. Earlier, I subdued her and fed her poison; she must have been afraid of dying, so she communicated. Originally just a random pawn, but unexpectedly it worked." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Li Tiangang, Liu Bai Ru, and others were stunned upon hearing that Xu Nian had actually planted a spy within Elder Yu Mo's team.

This Gu Xiangxiang was Yuan Ba's apprentice; no one would have expected her to assist Xu Nian.

"Why didn't you say this earlier? If I knew she listened to you, I would have threatened her to give me a good time." Shi Guangxu said accusingly.

No sooner had he spoken than Mei Ji and Liu Bai Ru glared at Shi Guangxu.

"Just kidding, I was kidding." Shi Guangxu laughed awkwardly, quickly shutting his mouth.

Because he felt a palpable killing intent.

It was evident that, as women, they scorned such behavior from Shi Guangxu, especially since Liu Bai Ru was Shi Guangxu's aunt.

"Xu Nian, what do we do now? Elder Yu Mo will definitely wait for us to enter the formation before they enter." Li Tiangang spoke.

Xu Nian pondered upon hearing this.

"Since they want to set a trap for us, why don't we just turn their plan against them?" Suddenly, Xu Nian's eyes lit up as he spoke.

"Eh? What do you mean?" Li Tiangang and others asked.

"Let's use a bit of Spiritual Demon Powder to attract the Heavenly Killers, then when they enter, I'll have Void Spirit Worms carry the Spiritual Demon Powder to attract all the Heavenly Killers to them, and then we'll seize the chance to rush through." Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Good idea, but how fast are the Void Spirit Worms? Will they be caught by the Heavenly Killers ahead of time?" Li Tiangang asked.

"Don't worry about that, Senior Li. The Void Spirit Worms left to me by Lan Xi are Peak of Tribulation Crossing level, so their speed matches that of an Early Stage Earth Immortal. I'll use Space Shuttle Profound Argumentation to aid the Void Spirit Worms; they'll definitely reach their destination before the Heavenly Killers catch up." Xu Nian replied.

"But Elder Yu Mo and his group aren't foolish; they'll definitely kill the Void Spirit Worms as soon as they see them, making it impossible to lure all Seven Evils." Liu Bai Ru frowned.

"I've thought about that too. It's impossible to sprinkle Spiritual Demon Powder directly on them, but we don't need to. As long as we can lead away all the Heavenly Killers, we can quickly seize the chance to break through the Great Formation." Xu Nian said.

Li Tiangang and others nodded in agreement.

According to Xu Nian's plan, even if these Heavenly Killers doubled back to chase them, they'd have already reached the inside of the Killing Array, making a pursuit impossible for them.

"Hope they're careless and get a taste of being surrounded by Seven Evils." Shi Guangxu said fiercely.

Xu Nian smiled slightly, then said, "Let's go inside."

With that, everyone followed Xu Nian toward the formation ahead.

"Buzz!"

Upon entering the formation, the scene before Xu Nian and his group transformed, revealing a dense, misty forest instead of the previous ruins.

The scenery looked the same in all directions, making it impossible to know which way led to the core of the Sage Sect.

"Follow me!" Xu Nian immediately said, leading the five others in a direction.

The Illusion Array, capable of baffling other Earth Immortal Realm experts, posed no challenge for Xu Nian, a Top-grade Array Master.

Moreover, Xu Nian's Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar was a Space Controller, far exceeding ordinary cultivators in spatial discernment.

Thus, the Illusion Array provided no hindrance to him.

"Roar!"

Soon, terrifying roaring sounds came from ahead.

"They're here! Be cautious!" Xu Nian quickly warned.

Everyone took on an alert posture.

Before long, a massive, jet-black humanoid creature appeared before Xu Nian and the others.

Its eyes on Xu Nian were filled with intense greed.

Spiritual Demon Powder's attraction is innate to wicked creatures.

However, this substance is generally challenging to refine, and Elder Yu Mo undoubtedly prepared it specifically for the Seven Evil Formation.

"Roar!"

The Heavenly Killer screamed, charging at Xu Nian.

Its speed was extremely fast, like a rainbow streaking across.

Xu Nian immediately released his wings, quickly dodging.

"Roar!"

The roaring sounds continued from afar.

Soon, several figures dashed forward from the distance.

These figures were nearly identical to the previous Heavenly Killer, each eye glinting with malicious intent.

Li Tiangang and Liu Bai Ru didn't hesitate and directly engaged two Heavenly Killers.

The roaring continued.

Heavenly Killers kept approaching Xu Nian and his group.

"Why haven't they entered yet?" Li Anshan and the others secretly cursed.

Xu Nian frowned slightly, fearing the consequences if Elder Yu Mo's side delayed entry.

He was betting that Elder Yu Mo wouldn't wait long, knowing that missing the chance would also make crossing the Great Formation difficult for them.

Meanwhile, Elder Yu Mo's side got excited as Xu Nian and his group combated the Heavenly Killers.

"Master, they've fallen into our trap!"

Guihai Tiangong spoke excitedly, eyes gleaming with schadenfreude.

Elder Yu Mo smiled and said, "Let's cross the Great Formation first and let them fend off for a while."

Guihai Tiangong and others displayed cold smiles.

The group of eight then entered the Seven Evil Formation.

"They're here!"

As soon as they entered, Xu Nian sensed spatial fluctuations, eyes gleaming as he released a Void Spirit Worm carrying Spiritual Demon Powder toward Elder Yu Mo's group.

At the same time, Xu Nian employed Space Folding Profound Argumentation, enabling the Void Spirit Worm to instantly teleport a short distance.

Chapter 1165: Set Them Up for Death

With the help of Xu Nian's space shuttling power, the Void Spirit Worm directly broke away from the Seven Fiends and charged toward the Elder of Demon Control and the others.

The Seven Fiends, having caught the scent of Spiritual Demon Powder, hurriedly followed.

At this moment, the Elder of Demon Control and Wei Dong were leading Guihai Tiangong and his party swiftly deeper into the inner sanctum of the Sage Gate.

"Haha, there's really not even one Heavenly Killer, Master, your method is truly effective. That group is probably already torn to shreds by the Heavenly Killers," Guihai Tiangong laughed heartily.

He had long been displeased with Xu Nian, and now that Xu Nian was besieged by the Seven Fiends, he felt an immense sense of satisfaction.

If time weren't precious, he would have loved to personally witness how Xu Nian was killed by the Seven Fiends.

The Elder of Demon Control, hearing his disciple's praise, also showed a smile.

Guihai Badao and Guihai Yanshan, among others, sneered coldly.

"Haha, that kid caused my son's death, dying at the hands of the Heavenly Killers would be too easy for him," Yuan Ba laughed heartily, also feeling a great sense of joy.

Only Gu Xiangxiang frowned, thoughtful.

"Whoosh!"

At this moment, a rapid stream of light rushed toward Guihai Yanshan and the others.

"What's that?"

Guihai Yanshan immediately grew furious and, wielding a battle saber, struck directly at the Void Spirit Worm.

"No!"

The Elder of Demon Control instantly sensed something amiss and cried out urgently.

However, it was already too late.

"Pfft!"

Guihai Yanshan's battle saber instantly sliced the Void Spirit Worm in two.

Blood splattered, spraying directly onto Guihai Yanshan's body.

Looking at the Void Insect Clan's corpse on the ground, Guihai Yanshan's eyes showed a hint of disdain as he turned and asked in confusion, "It's just an Insect Clan Demon Beast with very weak strength. What's the issue?"

Guihai Badao and the others also looked curiously at the Elder of Demon Control, not understanding why he was so tense.

"Hmph, just an Insect Clan Demon Beast? Do you know what trouble you've caused? Didn't you notice the scent of Spiritual Demon Powder mixed in the blood that splattered on you?" The Elder of Demon Control coldly snorted, his expression extremely grave.

"Spiritual Demon Powder?" As soon as the Elder said this, everyone around showed expressions of surprise.

How did Spiritual Demon Powder appear here?

Guihai Yanshan quickly inspected the blood on him, and his face changed drastically upon examining it.

Indeed, the blood on him contained the aura of Spiritual Demon Powder.

The most crucial point was that this blood, mixed with Spiritual Demon Powder, had already entered his dantian and couldn't be removed for the time being.

"How could this be? Was this Insect Clan Demon Beast released by that Xu Nian?" Guihai Yanshan hurriedly asked.

"If my guess is right, it should be. And if it is true, then Xu Nian is even more extraordinary. Do you know what kind of Insect Clan this is?" The Elder of Demon Control said gravely.

"The Void Insect Clan, this type of clan only follows the orders of the Void Mother Empress, and once such a Void Mother Empress appears, it can basically destroy a Star Domain," Wei Dong said with a heavy expression.

"Void Insect Clan?" Guihai Tiangong showed a surprised expression.

"Tiangong, I recall you mentioned encountering a Void Insect Nest," Guihai Badao said.

Everyone turned to look at Guihai Tiangong.

"Yes, I once saw a Void Insect Nest, but at the time it was dormant, and I was hunting Xu Nian, who used the Void Insect Nest to threaten me. Otherwise, that guy would've died at my hands long ago," Guihai Tiangong explained.

The others, upon hearing this, showed expressions of surprise and amazement.

"It seems that Xu Nian has already controlled the Void Insect Clan. Who would've thought he had such means? If we could get the Void Mother Empress, let alone the entire Tianhen Star Domain, even other Star Domains could be ours," Wei Dong suggested.

Everyone around nodded in agreement.

They had heard of the fearsome power of the Void Insect Clan.

Once, a Void Insect Clan appeared in a Star Domain and massacred all the living beings in it.

Fortunately, the Void Insect eventually ascended to the Immortal Realm, or else swallowing up two or three Star Domains wouldn't have been an issue.

After all, a Void Mother Empress at the Earth Immortal Peak could nurture countless Earth Immortal level insects, and the Profound Argumentation grasped by the Void Mother Empress could also empower the powerful insects.

Such terrifying ability, how could it not inspire fear?

"Xu Nian!" Guihai Tiangong clenched his fist tightly, his eyes filled with a strong killing intent.

"Now's not the time to discuss this. He's stained with Spiritual Demon Powder, and the Seven Fiends will soon come. We must leave quickly," the Elder of Demon Control urged.

Only then did everyone realize this point.

"Roar!"

But just as they were about to leave, a terrifying roar echoed from the distance.

The eight of them all changed expressions, realizing the Seven Fiends had arrived so quickly.

Sure enough, seven black figures charged out from the mist towards Guihai Yanshan.

"Help me!"

Guihai Yanshan desperately resisted, but the Seven Fiends were powerful, and he could only parry two blows before being torn in half by one of the Heavenly Killers.

"Second brother!"

"Father!"

Guihai Badao and Guihai Tiangong cried out in shock.

However, Guihai Yanshan was already beyond saving.

Guihai Tiangong's eyes turned blood-red, filled with killing intent, and he roared, "Xu Nian, if I don't kill you, I'm not human!"

Guihai Badao's eyes were also blood-red, overwhelmed with grief and anger.

"Roar!"

Having killed Guihai Yanshan, the Heavenly Killers charged toward the Elder of Demon Control and the others.

The Elder of Demon Control and Wei Dong quickly acted, repelling two of the Heavenly Killers.

"You stay behind, we'll go!" Wei Dong commanded two assassins to hold off the Heavenly Killers, then flew alone towards the depths of the Sage Sect.

"Tiangong, we're leaving too!" The Elder of Demon Control grabbed Guihai Tiangong and flew toward the depths of the Sage Sect.

As for Guihai Badao, he didn't care at all.

Guihai Badao's expression changed drastically, and he swung his battle saber frantically, trying to fend off the Heavenly Killers' attacks.

However, he was no match for the Heavenly Killers, and was soon pierced through the chest by their claws.

On the other side, Yuan Ba and Gu Xiangxiang were also in a dire situation.

Yuan Ba was directly entangled by a Heavenly Killer, locked in a close fray.

In no time, Yuan Ba's body was covered in wounds.

Gu Xiangxiang was utterly terrified, her strength completely insufficient against these Heavenly Killers.

But just as she thought she would be torn apart by the Heavenly Killers, she was shrouded by a strange space power.

In the next moment, she disappeared from where she was.

"It's you?" Gu Xiangxiang looked in astonishment at Xu Nian who appeared before her, not expecting him to save her.

"Since you gave me a heads-up, I naturally won't abandon you. This is my Small World. You can cultivate here first, and I'll send you out when it's safe," Xu Nian remarked before leaving the Chaos Divine Palace.

Indeed, Xu Nian placed Gu Xiangxiang in a small space he had opened up on the first level of the Chaos Divine Palace, which had formerly housed Shi Guangxu.

Chapter 1166: Ascending the Sky-reaching Ladder

"Finally out!" Shi Guangxu looked at himself passing through the Great Formation, a joyful expression appearing on his face.

After they had lured away the Heavenly Killers just now, they had been traveling nonstop.

Under Xu Nian's lead, they quickly left the range of the Seven Evil Tribulation Immortal Array.

Xu Nian also took this opportunity to use his Instant Teleportation skill to rescue Gu Xiangxiang.

"I wonder how well your plan worked, Xu? Are they dead?" Shi Guangxu couldn't help but ask.

Liu Bai Ru, Li Tiangang, and the others also looked at Xu Nian curiously.

Earlier, Xu Nian had disappeared for a while, evidently to scout the situation.

He might know something.

"Four are dead. Guihai Badao, Guihai Yanshan, and two assassins from the Mu Residence are dead. I rescued Gu Xiangxiang, and now only Guihai Tiangong, Elder Yu Mo, and Wei Dong remain. They have shaken off the pursuit of the Heavenly Killers and will probably be out soon." Xu Nian said.

"Both Guihai old turtles are dead? Satisfying!" Shi Guangxu clapped and cheered.

Liu Bai Ru and Li Tiangang also looked surprised.

It was unexpected that Xu Nian's strategy had taken out four of them.

Those guys are probably dying to kill Xu Nian now.

"By the way, you rescued Gu Xiangxiang? Is she in your Small World now?" Shi Guangxu thought for a moment and asked with a mischievous smile.

"Don't get any ideas about her. Although she wanted to kill me before, she helped us. If she hadn't sent the message to me, you might already be dead." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Shi Guangxu fell silent upon hearing this.

Indeed, if it hadn't been for Gu Xiangxiang's message, his fate might have been the same as Guihai Yanshan's.

Of course, it's not impossible that Xu Nian could have rescued him in time, bringing him into the Small World.

But who could guarantee that Xu Nian would react in time?

"Let's see what this Sage Sect has to offer!" Xu Nian said.

The people around nodded.

Before long, Elder Yu Mo and the others will come in. If they find any treasures, a big battle is unavoidable.

It's better to take the lead before they appear.

Xu Nian and the others looked toward the inside of the Sage Sect, where a long Sky-reaching Ladder stood before their eyes.

The steps here numbered a full 108,800, stretching for miles.

And behind these steps lay a cluster of palaces.

The palace complex seemed to be intact.

"A mere set of stairs, could they really stop us?" Shi Guangxu said.

He was about to leap forward after speaking.

Xu Nian pulled him back.

"These stairs aren't ordinary. They should be a kind of test. Flying over them is impossible, you must walk up them step by step." Xu Nian said.

"Xu Nian is right. I once saw in an ancient book that the Sage Sect's Sky-reaching Ladder seals anyone's powers. Once you step on it, you'll become a mortal, so you have to walk up as a mortal. The higher you go, the greater the pressure on the steps." Li Tiangang said.

Li Anshan, Mei Ji, and the others were surprised at these words.

Unexpectedly, entering the core of the Sage Sect was so challenging.

"Let's go! We'll know after we try."

Xu Nian said.

He then stepped toward the stairs.

As soon as he stepped onto the stairs, he felt a power locking onto him, unable to use the Demon Essence within, and even the Profound Argumentation Attribute was undetectable.

However, this oppressive force seemed not to be significant and didn't affect him.

"Come on, it's as Senior Li said, no danger." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Shi Guangxu immediately stepped up.

He walked a hundred steps in one breath and looked back at Xu Nian and the others, "I thought it was difficult, but it's a piece of cake. Even as a mortal, I can walk it all. So I'll go ahead, maybe I'll be the first to reach the top!"

And with that, Shi Guangxu began walking again, faster than before.

Xu Nian and the others smiled helplessly and quickened their pace.

The pressure from the first ten thousand steps was almost negligible for Xu Nian and the others.

Only after thirty thousand steps did they feel a slight effect from the pressure.

Even with their powers sealed, their bodies were still incredibly strong.

After sixty thousand steps, Shi Guangxu's pace slowed dramatically.

"Oh my god, so tired, I can't walk anymore. Being mortal is so exhausting." Shi Guangxu sat heavily on the steps.

Like Mei Ji, he hadn't reached the Earth Immortal Realm, so his body wasn't stronger.

Having gone so many steps, combined with the pressure on the stairs, they were no different from ordinary people.

At this moment, Mei Ji also couldn't move forward.

Li Anshan was panting heavily.

Li Tiangang and Liu Bai Ru were not finding it challenging since they had both completed the tempering of their Immortal Body.

As for Xu Nian, he felt no pressure at all.

The physical form of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar wouldn't be affected by these steps.

"Sister Mei Ji, let me carry you." Xu Nian said to Mei Ji.

Mei Ji hesitated but then nodded, "Alright!"

Xu Nian immediately carried Mei Ji and continued up the stairs.

Unable to use any power, Xu Nian couldn't even sense the Chaos Divine Palace.

So his only choice was to carry them up.

Seeing Xu Nian carrying Mei Ji, Shi Guangxu's eyes lit up, and he looked at his aunt.

"Walk on your own!" Liu Bai Ru said, striding away.

Shi Guangxu then looked at Li Anshan.

Li Anshan's face darkened, cursing, "I can't walk myself, how could I carry you!"

Shi Guangxu, hearing this, pounced on Li Tiangang and hugged his leg, pleading, "Senior Li, you won't leave me, right? When Elder Yu Mo and the others get here and see me, they'll definitely kill me."

Li Tiangang's face turned black.

This kid was really shameless.

He just wanted to be carried and yet made it sound so pitiful.

As if not carrying him would mean abandoning him.

"Fine! I'll pity you this time!" Li Tiangang said.

"Thank you, Senior Li. You truly have a kind heart!" Shi Guangxu praised.

Yet the next second, his face turned pale.

Because Li Tiangang picked him up by the back like a little chicken.

Carrying him, Li Tiangang strode towards the top of the stairs.

Shi Guangxu wore an expression of unshed tears; they were all human, so why the huge gap between him and Mei Ji?

While Xu Nian and the others were still on the Sky-reaching Ladder, three figures burst through the Formation barrier, coming to the front of the Sky-reaching Ladder.

Indeed, these three were Elder Yu Mo and his companions.

Chapter 1167: Inheritance Hall

Xu Nian quickly carried Mei Ji through the Sky-reaching Ladder.

Shi Guangxu, with the help of Senior Li Tiangang, swiftly passed through the Sky-reaching Ladder.

Li Anshan, despite some difficulty, also successfully passed through the Sky-reaching Ladder.

Liu Bai Ru was even more effortless.

Thus, Xu Nian and his group of six smoothly reached the depths of the Sage Sect.

Xu Nian glanced at the base of the Sky-reaching Ladder, where Elder Yu Mo and his two companions were climbing.

"Let's go. This Sky-reaching Ladder won't hold them for long. We'll enter the palace first and collect all the treasures!" Xu Nian said to everyone.

Before them lay one palace after another.

Within these palaces might be the inheritance and treasures left by the Sage Sect.

If we don't act quickly, once Elder Yu Mo and his group catch up, there will definitely be a struggle.

"What are we waiting for then?" Shi Guangxu quickly rushed toward the nearest palace.

Li Tiangang and the others were helpless; this guy was more eager than anyone upon hearing there might be treasures.

Yet they didn't linger; they quickly followed outside.

Xu Nian and his team soon entered a grand hall, which had stood for a long time.

However, it seemed to have a dust-removing formation, so it hadn't accumulated any dust, and everything remained as good as new.

Inside the grand hall, there wasn't any intricate setup, just three statues.

In front of the statues was a stone platform, upon which sat an incense burner.

Further ahead was a meditation mat; the rest of the hall was empty, with nothing inside.

Yet Xu Nian and the others focused their gaze on those three statues.

These statues were carved from the extremely precious Azure Jade Dragon Stone.

Azure Jade Dragon Stone is recognized across the Cultivation World as the hardest stone, even Low Grade Immortal Artifacts might not be able to break it.

And these three statues were actually sculpted from this stone; it's truly unimaginable the strength of the sculptor.

"Azure Jade Dragon Stone is an extremely precious formation material, containing vast immense power that can serve as the base of forbidden formations. Even for us at the Tianbao Pavilion, it's only palm-sized. I didn't expect the Sage Sect to have such a large Azure Jade Dragon Stone," Li Tiangang exclaimed.

"A palm-sized Azure Jade Dragon Stone can sell for a price equivalent to ten thousand Top-grade Spirit Stones outside; the Azure Jade Dragon Stone here has been carved into three-meter-high statues, truly unimaginable," Li Anshan also genuinely marveled.

"Is the Azure Jade Dragon Stone this expensive? Why didn't you say it earlier!" Shi Guangxu's eyes immediately lit up.

In the next moment, his figure flashed out, collecting all the three statues into his storage ring.

Xu Nian and others were left speechless.

These three statues, unsurprisingly, should be the ancestors of the Sage Sect.

Shi Guangxu even moved the ancestors' statues, truly unpredictable what ridiculous acts he'll do next.

"Huh, this meditation mat is uncommon!" Xu Nian said in surprise, looking at the mat.

The mat contained very mighty Wood Attribute Profound Argumentation.

"This mat is actually woven from the branches of the Heavenly Dao Tree, how extremely precious," Li Tiangang exclaimed in shock.

Previously, he hadn't noticed the mat; now that he heard Xu Nian say, he revealed a surprised expression.

Xu Nian looked at it, and indeed, it was the branches of the Heavenly Dao Tree.

Because in his Chaos Divine Palace, a Heavenly Dao Tree was growing, and its branches were identical to this.

"Oh, is this mat a good item too?" Shi Guangxu's eyes sparkled, and he immediately hugged the mat.

Li Tiangang and others chuckled, not stepping forward to snatch it.

Though the mat was incredibly precious, with their perspective, they might not value this treasure.

After collecting the mat, there wasn't anything else worthwhile in the grand hall.

Yet, Shi Guangxu still adhered to the "Three Shine" policy, collecting the incense burner as he left.

In the subsequent grand halls, the situation wasn't far different from the first.

Xu Nian and others didn't take action; only Shi Guangxu profited greatly.

"Let's go directly to the Inheritance Sacred Hall; that's the real core of the Sage Sect and where all its inheritance lies," Xu Nian pointed to the largest sacred hall in the distance ahead.

"Alright!" Li Tiangang and others all nodded.

Though there were some treasures in these outer palaces, they were truly unworthy of their attention.

With their current cultivation, what they lacked weren't treasures but genuine Taoist skill inheritance.

That's the true purpose of their visit to the Sage Sect.

"Go!"

Xu Nian didn't hesitate, leading the group toward the Inheritance Sacred Hall.

Shi Guangxu was reluctant, clearly feeling there were dozens of palaces yet to be pilfered, missing out on so many treasures.

However, he didn't dare act alone and had to abandon the thought of further plundering.

Soon, Xu Nian and the group arrived before the entrance of the Inheritance Sacred Hall.

The Inheritance Sacred Hall was enormous, tens of times larger than other palaces.

The entire sacred hall emitted an overwhelming pressure, causing even Xu Nian and the group to feel uneasy.

Before the palace entrance stood a gigantic stele.

The stele had inscriptions: The Inheritance Sacred Hall has three levels, divided into Heaven, Earth, and Human grades. Only those who pass the test can obtain the inheritance, and obtaining lower-level inheritance qualifies one for the next test. To date, no one has passed the Heaven-grade test.

Seeing the words on the stele, Xu Nian and others displayed surprise on their faces.

Especially the last line, it made them feel incredibly shocking.

No one has achieved the Heaven-grade inheritance; just how difficult is the Heaven-grade test?

"No one has acquired the Heaven-grade inheritance? Then it must be something extraordinary, definitely mine," Shi Guangxu said excitedly.

The others showed looks of disdain; achieving the Human-grade inheritance would be good enough for him.

Next, Xu Nian and his team moved toward the interior of the Inheritance Hall.

The interior of the Inheritance Hall was vast, resembling a plaza more than a hall.

Before them stood a gigantic stone pillar.

The pillar was covered with extremely intricate patterns.

A huge character for "Human" was carved atop the pillar.

Beside the pillar, on the wall, were engraved large words: Human-level assessment is a Talent Assessment. Talent is divided into nine grades, and those with talent reaching Sixth Grade can obtain Sixth Grade inheritance, Seventh Grade can obtain Seventh Grade inheritance, Eighth Grade can obtain Eighth Grade inheritance, Ninth Grade can obtain Ninth Grade inheritance. The assessment method is for the assessor to place their hand on the stone pillar.

Xu Nian read out these words, instantly understanding what the Human-level test was.

It turned out to be a talent test, without any life-threatening danger.

Yet it sets a threshold, as talent cannot be improved through cultivation.

"I'll go! I must be Ninth Grade," Shi Guangxu eagerly attempted.

He finished speaking and moved forward, ready to place his hand on the pillar.

"Trash, what qualifies you for the test?" At this moment, a cold snort came from outside the hall.

Next, Guihai Tiangong, Elder Yu Mo, and Wei Dong walked in.

Xu Nian and the group's eyes instantly sharpened; they hadn't expected the three of them to catch up so quickly.

Chapter 1168: Sixth Grade Inheritance

Xu Nian watched the three approaching people, with a hint of surprise on his face.

Because at this moment, Guihai Tiangong's cultivation actually broke through, reaching the late stage Earth Immortal Realm level.

It seems that Gui Hai Qinglong was not completely unfruitful outside before, to be able to refine the Immortal Body in such a short time, he must have encountered some fortuitous events.

Li Tiangang and Liu Bai Ru also noticed this point, astonished that Gui Hai Qinglong actually broke through.

This means that the opponent's three are all now at the late stage Earth Immortal Realm cultivation.

"Guihai Tiangong, I want to be assessed, what's it to you? If you want to be assessed, you'll have to wait in line behind me," Shi Guangxu arrogantly said.

He couldn't care less whether Guihai Tiangong had broken through or not, as he couldn't beat him anyway.

As long as Xu Nian was present, even if Guihai Tiangong broke through to Earth Immortal Peak, he was unafraid.

Guihai Tiangong's eyes turned ominous, with killing intent bursting forth.

However, he no longer paid attention to Shi Guangxu, knowing that entangling with Shi Guangxu was meaningless.

He focused his gaze on Xu Nian, filled with intense hatred.

"Xu Nian, how vicious you are, using the Void Insect Clan to kill my father and uncle. I, Guihai Tiangong, swear to take your dog's life," Guihai Tiangong coldly said, his voice icy and filled with killing intent.

"I'm vicious? If you hadn't used Spiritual Demon Powder first, I wouldn't have calculated against you. I merely returned the favor in kind. If you feel dissatisfied, you are welcome to seek revenge; I, Xu Nian, will accompany you to the end," Xu Nian coldly replied, his voice indifferent and resolute.

In his view, Guihai Tiangong is no different from those he encountered before, only allowing him to harm others but not letting others harm them.

To such people, Xu Nian found no reason to speak, there was only one word: kill!

Upon hearing this, Guihai Tiangong's gaze grew more poisonous and resentful.

The next moment, he was about to make a move.

However, Elder Yu Mo intervened and stopped him.

"Obtaining the inheritance is crucial right now. Besides, at this moment, you may not hold much advantage; it's not late to kill him after gaining the inheritance," Elder Yu Mo spoke up.

Guihai Tiangong, having heard this, did not make a move.

Even if he now broke through to the late stage Earth Immortal Realm, his strength had greatly increased, but he wasn't necessarily confident he could defeat Xu Nian.

Attacking now is indeed unwise.

"Hmph, I'll let you live a bit longer for now. Once I obtain the inheritance, it'll be your death day," Guihai Tiangong sneered coldly.

Xu Nian, upon hearing this, smiled coldly without rushing to make a move.

He was confident he could kill Guihai Tiangong.

However, the premise was that Elder Yu Mo and the assassin organization leader, Wei Dong, wouldn't get involved.

Although both Elder Yu Mo and Wei Dong are late stage Earth Immortal Realm, Xu Nian sensed a dangerous aura from them.

Therefore, Xu Nian did not plan to make a move now.

Although he wanted to kill Guihai Tiangong to prevent future troubles, the time wasn't right yet.

"Since you also want to obtain the inheritance, let's make an agreement: during the inheritance trial, we do not interfere with each other; after claiming the inheritance, we will battle to determine life and death. How about it?" Xu Nian proposed.

Guihai Tiangong pondered for a moment upon hearing this, but quickly replied, "Alright, then it's a deal; after obtaining the inheritance, we'll battle to determine life and death."

Xu Nian, upon hearing this, smiled slightly, saying no more.

He did not demand Guihai Tiangong swear an oath; even if required, Guihai Tiangong wouldn't swear.

If there was a chance, Xu Nian believed Guihai Tiangong would not miss an opportunity to kill, and he wouldn't miss any chance to kill Guihai Tiangong because of some foolish oath.

"Hmph, in the end, they still don't dare to fight. I don't care about you guys; I'm taking my inheritance first," Shi Guangxu scoffed disdainfully, slapping his palm on the stone pillar.

The next moment, the array patterns on the stone pillar lit up.

A line of big characters appeared on the stone pillar.

Grade: Third-grade!

Rating: Trash!

Shi Guangxu was instantly stupefied.

Li Tiangang, Liu Bai Ru, and others were also surprised.

Not to mention them, even Xu Nian was a bit dumbfounded.

"Haha, only third-grade. You were so arrogant before; what do you have to say now?" Guihai Tiangong laughed heartily.

"Damn, there must be something wrong with the formation; after so many years, it must be broken. How could my talent be only third-grade?" Shi Guangxu cursed loudly.

Those around couldn't help but smile bitterly. Shi Guangxu had been boasting about being ninth-grade, only to end up with third-grade.

This was truly too embarrassing.

"Low talent is low; why be afraid to admit it? Didn't you see the rating above? Trash!" Guihai Tiangong mocked laughingly again.

"Don't be too pleased; maybe you'll end up no better than me," Shi Guangxu retorted.

Guihai Tiangong dismissively sneered, ignoring Shi Guangxu.

"Let me try!" Li Anshan offered, then stepped forward to place his hand on the stone pillar.

Soon, the stone pillar lit up.

But when he saw the characters on the stone pillar, his face turned dark.

Grade: Fourth-grade!

Rating: Mediocre!

Li Anshan returned with a helpless expression.

"Let me try!" Li Tiangang said.

Then, he also placed his hand on the stone pillar.

The stone pillar lit up, and two lines of characters appeared.

Grade: Second-grade!

Rating: Garbage!

Li Tiangang was instantly enraged, his beard almost went askew from anger.

This talent assessment was simply too difficult.

"My turn!" Liu Bai Ru spoke.

Then her figure darted out, placing her hand on the stone pillar.

The stone pillar lit up!

Grade: Fifth-grade!

Rating: Ordinary!

Liu Bai Ru looked at the two lines of characters, shaking her head helplessly.

She didn't reach sixth-grade; this assessment was indeed challenging.

Guihai Tiangong no longer laughed, for he also realized that the Sage Sect's talent assessment was much tougher than external evaluations.

"Mei Ji, try it!" Xu Nian encouraged Mei Ji with a smile.

"Me?" Mei Ji was surprised, seemingly a bit embarrassed.

After all, several people had failed before her, and she doubted she would pass either.

"Give it a try!" Xu Nian encouraged.

Only then did Mei Ji nod.

She walked to the stone pillar, placing her fair hand on it.

"Buzz!"

The stone pillar lit up, showing three lines of characters.

Grade: Sixth-grade!

Rating: Talented!

Capability to obtain Sixth Grade Inheritance Secret Technique, Purple Eyes Smoke Ascending Technique!

Then the stone pillar emitted a stream of light directly into Mei Ji's forehead.

The next moment, an aura surged from Mei Ji, her entire being became ethereal and elusive, a pair of purple eyes mesmerizing.

This secret technique inheritance allowed one to instantly master the technique without needing cultivation.

So the moment the stream of light entered Mei Ji's forehead, she had already mastered the technique.

The people around were full of surprise; unexpectedly, Mei Ji obtained the inheritance.

Though they didn't know what kind of secret technique the Purple Eyes Smoke Ascending Technique was.

Xu Nian was also a bit surprised, as he suspected, Mei Ji might have acquired a soul-controlling type secret technique, given her Innate Charm Body.

Chapter 1169: Super Ninth Grade

"Mei Ji, how is this inheritance secret technique? Is it powerful?" Shi Guangxu hurried forward to ask.

Although he did not obtain the inheritance, he was still quite envious in his heart.

Mei Ji turned back with a smile, a purple light flashing in her eyes.

The next moment, Shi Guangxu's expression turned dazed.

"Dance!" Mei Ji commanded.

The next moment, Shi Guangxu began to dance.

The surrounding crowd was incredibly surprised. Was this Mei Ji's Charming Technique?

Unexpectedly, its power was so immense, instantly controlling people completely.

Although Shi Guangxu's strength was the weakest, it was obvious that Mei Ji hadn't exerted her full power.

Even Xu Nian didn't dare to take it lightly. If Mei Ji were to truly unleash it on him, he might not be able to withstand it.

"Hmph, it's just some Charming Technique. Against true experts, it's ultimately just a trivial trick." Guihai Tiangong snorted coldly.

Mei Ji turned her gaze to Guihai Tiangong, purple light sparkling in her eyes.

The next moment, Guihai Tiangong's expression also became dazed, for a full three seconds before he regained his senses.

The surrounding crowd was taken aback.

Even Elder Yu Mo and Wei Dong showed signs of apprehension.

Mei Ji was only at the Peak of Tribulation Crossing, yet she could charm Guihai Tiangong for three seconds.

Three seconds was enough to kill him a hundred times.

If Mei Ji went against them, even for just an instant, it could possibly cause them fatal harm.

It could be seen how strong this inheritance secret technique truly was.

Xu Nian also began to anticipate what kind of inheritance secret technique he would obtain.

Thinking of this, Xu Nian walked towards the stone pillar.

"Hold on!" Guihai Tiangong suddenly said.

Xu Nian turned to look at Guihai Tiangong, asking, "What do you want?"

"You've had five people over there take the test, now it's our turn." Guihai Tiangong said.

"Oh? You want to take the test first, that's fine!" Xu Nian immediately smiled, voluntarily making way.

Shi Guangxu beside him looked indignant, but was stopped by Xu Nian.

Xu Nian clearly understood Guihai Tiangong's intentions.

He was afraid that Xu Nian would pass the test first, obtain the inheritance, and then kill him.

If he obtained the inheritance first, perhaps he could use it to kill Xu Nian.

Guihai Tiangong was somewhat surprised to see Xu Nian volunteering to give up the test opportunity, but since Xu Nian did so, he would not pass it up.

"Master, you first!" Guihai Tiangong said to Elder Yu Mo.

Elder Yu Mo did not hesitate, walked to the stone pillar, and placed his hand on it.

"Buzz!"

The stone pillar lit up!

Level: Sixth Grade!

Rating: Ordinary!

Obtained Sixth Grade Inheritance: Heavenly Demon Palm!

The next moment, the light mass flew into Elder Yu Mo's brow.

The surrounding crowd was surprised.

Unexpectedly, Elder Yu Mo also obtained an inheritance, reaching Sixth Grade talent level.

Thus, they became even more dangerous.

Li Tiangang and Liu Bai Ru both appeared solemn.

Xu Nian was also surprised that Elder Yu Mo had such talent.

He wondered based on what standards Sage Sect measured talent assessment.

"Haha, Heavenly Demon Palm. Brother Wei, give it a try!" Elder Yu Mo laughed heartily, quite pleased.

Wei Dong stepped forward and placed his palm on the stone pillar.

The stone pillar lit up!

Level: Sixth Grade!

Rating: Ordinary!

Obtained Sixth Grade Inheritance: Blood Burning Secret Technique!

Liu Bai Ru and others were surprised, becoming even more apprehensive.

Another Sixth Grade!

Especially Shi Guangxu, who seethed with anger, grumbling, "This lousy test has prejudice against my group. Why can these two old fellows both reach Sixth Grade while I only have Third Grade?"

Li Tiangang and Liu Bai Ru felt similarly, wondering why they couldn't achieve it.

"Haha, congratulations Master, congratulations Senior Wei!" Guihai Tiangong laughed heartily and then looked proudly at Xu Nian and others, eyes full of boasting.

Xu Nian smiled slightly, saying nothing more.

Actually, he'd almost figured out what the talent assessment depended on.

This talent assessment related to a person's affinity with attributes, allowing them to journey further on the cultivation path.

"What's to boast about, they're just two Sixth Grade inheritances. It's not even you who got the Sixth Grade inheritance. Maybe your talent is even lower than mine." Shi Guangxu said disdainfully.

"Hmph, even if I'm worse, I am far stronger than you, a Third Grade waste." Guihai Tiangong sneered, walking to the stone pillar and placing his hand on it.

The stone pillar lit up.

Three lines of large characters appeared.

Level: Seventh Grade!

Rating: Talented!

Obtained Seventh Grade Inheritance: Azure Dragon Saber Technique!

Next, the light mass flew into Guihai Tiangong's brow.

Liu Bai Ru and Li Tiangang both looked surprised.

Guihai Tiangong was actually a Seventh Grade talent.

He also obtained a Seventh Grade inheritance.

This undoubtedly strengthened his power greatly.

After accepting the inheritance, Guihai Tiangong revealed a smug expression.

"How's that? Didn't you say I'm not even as good as you? Now I've obtained a Seventh Grade inheritance, while you're only a Third Grade trash." Guihai Tiangong taunted Shi Guangxu, eyes full of disdain.

Shi Guangxu gritted his teeth in anger, furious beyond words.

Yet he had nothing to say, as Guihai Tiangong's talent indeed surpassed his by far.

"Xu Nian, you have to get back at them for me, show them that Seventh Grade talent is also worthless." Shi Guangxu said angrily.

Xu Nian chuckled helplessly, though confident he could surpass Guihai Tiangong.

But since the test was somewhat unusual, he dared not be overly confident.

"Hmph, he surpasses me? I bet he doesn't even have Sixth Grade." Guihai Tiangong sneered coldly.

"Xu Nian, you have to embarrass him, make him taste the bitterness of being humiliated." Shi Guangxu said angrily.

Guihai Tiangong laughed coldly, seemingly unsympathetic.

Xu Nian's pride was also ignited.

He approached the stone pillar.

When he placed his hand on the stone pillar, it lit up with bright light.

Xu Nian felt a strange power scanning throughout his body.

"Buzz!"

Soon, three lines of large text appeared on the stone pillar.

Level: Super Ninth Grade!

Rating: Extraordinary!

Obtained Super Ninth Grade Inheritance: Space Nine Kills!

"Super Ninth Grade?"

The surrounding crowd showed expressions of surprise.

Wasn't there only Ninth Grade?

How could there be Super Ninth Grade?

Could this mean his level surpassed Ninth Grade?

Guihai Tiangong was also shocked, his eyes soon filled with deep jealousy.

"Haha, I said Xu Nian would surely surpass you, Super Ninth Grade. You, a Seventh Grade, mean nothing before him!" Shi Guangxu taunted Guihai Tiangong.

Guihai Tiangong felt furious but had nothing to say.

Elder Yu Mo and Wei Dong exchanged a glance, a hint of killing intent flashing in their eyes.

Since Xu Nian couldn't be roped in, they certainly couldn't allow an enemy to grow stronger.

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Xu Nian also hadn't anticipated that he would receive a Super Ninth Grade inheritance.

As the light cluster entered his mind, his soul gradually absorbed this inheritance light sphere.

It felt as if countless pieces of information and experiences suddenly appeared in his mind.

This information seemed ingrained in him, as if it had been present all along.

Through this information and experience, Xu Nian realized he could actually perform the Space Nine Kills secret technique without any unfamiliarity.

"No wonder everyone wants to obtain an inheritance. The inheritance from the Sage Sect is indeed powerful. If I were to cultivate this Space Nine Kills secret technique, even if my three avatars comprehend it simultaneously, it would still take at least one year. For others, it would take at least ten years," Xu Nian remarked sincerely.

His comprehension was inherently stronger than others, and now with three avatars comprehending simultaneously, his speed of understanding was undeniably terrifying.

Of course, when it comes to comprehension of space, naturally the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar is the strongest.

After all, the comprehension ability of Space Profound Argumentation is granted by the true form of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast to itself and the other avatars.

"How is it, how is it? Is the Super Ninth Grade inheritance powerful enough to outshine the heavens and earth?" Shi Guangxu asked excitedly.

The others also looked at Xu Nian with curious expressions.

Previously, Mei Ji's Sixth Grade Inheritance Secret Technique was already remarkable. Now Xu Nian obtained a Super Ninth Grade secret technique inheritance.

How could it be weak?

Hearing Shi Guangxu's question, Xu Nian smiled and responded, "It's a secret!"

Shi Guangxu immediately looked disappointed and pouted, "Stingy!"

Xu Nian smiled without further explanation, but internally he was evaluating this Space Nine Kills secret technique.

The so-called Space Nine Kills involves instantly deploying nine spatial blades in succession, with blades stacking to create immense power, which even an Earth Immortal Peak may not withstand.

Indeed, the power of Space Nine Kills is exceptionally formidable.

Xu Nian was quite satisfied with this inheritance.

Initially, he was worried he couldn't handle Elder Yu Mo and Wei Dong, but now with this inheritance, his confidence increased substantially.

"Now that the Human-level inheritance has ended, let's head straight to the second floor of the Earth-level Inheritance Hall. I wonder what the Earth-level assessment will involve." Elder Yu Mo remarked.

With that, he took the lead in heading upstairs.

Wei Dong followed closely.

Guihai Tiangong cast a cold glance at Xu Nian before following suit.

"Let's go up too!" Xu Nian said.

The others nodded in agreement.

Although only Xu Nian and Mei Ji were qualified to participate in the Earth-level inheritance assessment, it didn't prevent them from watching as spectators.

After all, they were eager to see what kind of inheritance lay within the Inheritance Hall.

Soon, the group arrived at the second floor.

The layout of the second floor surprised Xu Nian and the others.

The second floor was spacious, with walls carved with strange patterns.

At the center of the hall lay a large circular platform.

Powerful defensive arrays were inscribed on the platform, forming a barrier.

At the edges of the hall, some words were carved.

They detailed the content and rules of the Earth-level assessment.

"Earth-level assessment: anyone who passes the first level assessment can participate in the Earth-level assessment. The content involves entering the circular platform and withstanding three Chaotic Sword Qi attacks. Those who can withstand the Sword Qi pass the test," Shi Guangxu recited.

The surrounding people wore heavy expressions.

Withstand three Chaotic Sword Qi attacks?

These three Sword Qi attacks were likely not simple.

The previous Human-level assessment was already quite challenging.

The Earth-level assessment now would be definitely harder than the Human-level assessment.

Three Sword Qi attacks could potentially cost lives.

Xu Nian was surprised; he didn't expect this round of assessment to be about enduring Sword Qi.

He wondered what kind of Sword Qi these three attacks would be.

"Let me go first!" Wei Dong volunteered, leaping onto the platform.

His posture was straight as a gun barrel, exuding a hidden, formidable aura.

Xu Nian knew that Wei Dong, as the King of Assassins, was truly powerful in his killing techniques.

Thus, when he unleashed his aura, it meant he was ready to kill.

"Buzz!"

As Wei Dong stepped onto the platform, the surrounding barrier activated.

In the next instant, the entire platform was shrouded in a barrier.

This layer of barrier was to prevent Sword Qi from spreading and harming the surrounding people.

As for the one attempting the formation, even if they died from the Sword Qi, it was their choice.

Of course, the one challenging could voluntarily withdraw from the assessment by placing their hand on the barrier, which would be seen as a voluntary withdrawal.

The crowd held their breath, eager to see whether Wei Dong could withstand the Sword Qi and to gauge the strength of the Earth-level assessment's Sword Qi.

"Buzz!"

A phantom figure appeared on the stairs; it was an old man clad in a white robe.

The elder wielded a long sword, his white hair fluttering, exuding an immortal aura.

Once he appeared, Xu Nian and the others felt an immense pressure.

"So powerful, this is a human-shape formed by Sword Qi. Exactly how strong is this person?" Xu Nian couldn't help but be surprised.

"Sword Qi condensed into a human shape?" Shi Guangxu exclaimed in surprise.

"It is indeed formed by Sword Qi. If I'm not mistaken, the person wielding this Sword Qi likely has reached the Law Level in Profound Argumentation," Li Tiangang remarked.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian was deeply moved.

To reach the Law Level in understanding before ascension, there may be few people like that in the Cultivation World.

Otherwise, there wouldn't be so many Primordial Immortal experts.

The so-called Primordial Immortal are those whose cultivation has reached the Heavenly Immortal Realm, yet their understanding of Profound Argumentation hasn't reached the Law Level.

This shows the difficulty in comprehending laws.

"Master, do you think Elder Wei Dong can endure it?" Guihai Tiangong couldn't help but ask Elder Yu Mo.

"It's hard to say. The power of this Sword Qi should be determined based on personal strength. The stronger the challenger, the stronger the Sword Qi. Whether Wei Dong can endure it is uncertain," Elder Yu Mo replied.

Guihai Tiangong remained silent, looking at Wei Dong on the platform, his eyes filled with seriousness.

"Buzz!"

The human-shaped Sword Qi finally moved, wielding the long sword, slashing out a strike.

In an instant, an intensely snow-white Sword Intent shot forth with speed.

Wei Dong's face changed drastically, as a pair of gauntlets appeared on his fists.

His immortal essence surged within, fists radiating Immortal Light.

"Low Grade Immortal Artifact!" Xu Nian immediately recognized the gauntlets' grade.

Wei Dong resorted to using an Immortal Artifact right off the bat, which indicated how strong the Sword Qi truly was.

"Boom!"

Wei Dong threw a punch, colliding with the Sword Qi.

"Clang!"

A resounding hum echoed as the sword's light burst forth, sending Wei Dong flying backward, blood spewing from his mouth.

Wei Dong looked at his trembling hands, his face showing a shocked expression.

Because he realized his gauntlets had shattered.

The surrounding people were also stunned, a sword breaking an immortal artifact?