

## **Divine King 1201**

Chapter 1201: Daughter of the Demon Realm Lord

Three whole hours.

Xu Nian finally put on his robes again and descended from the dragon throne in the grand hall.

Yan Ruyu lay on the dragon throne in the grand hall, drenched in fragrant sweat, gently caressing the throne beneath her, a beguiled smile playing on her lips.

The grand hall of the Emperor Palace, the majestic dragon throne.

Every day when she attends court in the future, she can sit here and recall everything from today.

For her, this is already the greatest satisfaction.

"Young master, thank you for fulfilling my wish," Yan Ruyu said with a smile.

Xu Nian shook his head helplessly. Clearly, he had reaped the benefits, yet it seemed as if he was the one taken advantage of.

"Ru Yu, although I don't have deep feelings for you, I still hope to see you again in the future. Here is a Divine Art and ten pounds of Ice Jade Marrow; it should be enough to maintain your cultivation for a long time." Xu Nian threw down a storage ring, and the next moment, his figure vanished.

Yan Ruyu waved her hand, and the storage ring appeared in her palm.

She looked at the storage ring, showing a satisfied smile.

If it were someone else, they would think Xu Nian was insulting her by leaving those things, but Yan Ruyu knew this was Xu Nian's promise to her.

"Young master, I have said that everything today is my greatest wish; it would be best if we do not meet again this life. I know your intentions, and that is enough." Yan Ruyu smiled gently, tears of happiness streaming down her face.

Suddenly, Yan Ruyu's eyes flashed with determination, and she crushed the storage ring.

As the storage ring shattered, the items inside were swept into the chaotic space currents, and Xu Nian's belongings vanished instantly.

Having done all this, Yan Ruyu showed no distress; on the contrary, she felt extraordinarily free.

Of course, if the people of the cultivation world knew of Yan Ruyu's actions, they would surely think she had gone mad!

That was a supreme Divine Art and invaluable Ice Jade Marrow. How could she dismiss them so casually?

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Xu Nian had already left the Imperial Capital, on his way to Beimo.

He was unaware of Yan Ruyu's later actions.

Although this matter was requested by Yan Ruyu herself, Xu Nian still felt a little guilty.

Leaving those items was merely hoping for a chance to make amends in the future.

Yet he hadn't expected Yan Ruyu to cut off that opportunity herself.

Without the Divine Art and Ice Jade Marrow Xu Nian gave, relying on Yan Ruyu's own cultivation to ascend to the Immortal Realm would be almost impossible.

Unless Yan Ruyu encounters some sort of miracle, otherwise, with Yan Ruyu's talent, the Tribulation Crossing Stage could already be the peak.

"Alas, another romantic debt that is likely unpaid forever, though affairs between men and women are truly delightful," Xu Nian thought to himself.

In the past, it was under the influence of drugs that he managed to enjoy intimate pleasures with Leng Yanran.

Thus, with affairs between men and women, Yan Ruyu became the first woman to have substantive progress with him in a true sense.

After having tasted the delights between men and women, Xu Nian felt he had opened a new door.

"Seems like I should spend some more time in deep conversation with Yanran once I return," Xu Nian thought with a wicked smile.

Although there were seven women accompanying him this time, the only one who had truly established a relationship with Xu Nian was Leng Yanran.

Even Zhao Yanyun, at present, has a relationship with him that is still uncertain.

So if he was to act, Xu Nian could only act with Leng Yanran alone.

As for Murong Xue, until she retrieves her memory, Xu Nian wouldn't touch a single strand of her hair.

Xu Nian shook his head, feeling that since he agreed to Yan Ruyu's request, his whole mindset had changed, quickly suppressing the evil thoughts in his heart.

Then, with a tap of his toe, his figure transformed into a streak of light and darted away.

His speed was such that even those Battle Emperor level experts could barely catch a glimpse of a residual shadow.

However, just as Xu Nian was about to reach Beimo, he saw a breathtakingly beautiful figure standing in the void ahead, seemingly waiting for him.

Xu Nian was taken aback, immediately halting his figure, looking at the woman ahead with a surprised expression.

"What? You don't recognize me?" The woman smiled slightly, Yanran smiled.

Her captivating features were mesmerizing.

But Xu Nian felt a chill surge through him.

Because he knew exactly what kind of soul was hidden behind this body.

Indeed, the person was none other than Lin Ruolan, the Desolate Hall Master.

Back when Xu Nian left Tianhen Continent, Lin Ruolan had come forward to see him off.

Unexpectedly, today, they meet again.

"Recognize, of course recognize; we are old friends, aren't we?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

He watched Lin Ruolan with unwavering eyes, having discovered that her cultivation had already reached the Earth Immortal Peak.

Of course, she was also suppressed by the Heaven and Earth Rules, with her displayed cultivation only reaching the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm.

"Since we are old friends, you returned without seeing me, forcing me to come find you personally, impressive indeed. Seems like your years of cultivation haven't gone to waste, having reached the Middle Stage Earth Immortal," Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

Her tone of voice was extremely inconsistent with her appearance, yet her aura had transformed from ethereal to utterly seductive.

"Haven't you also reached the Earth Immortal Realm? Seems like all these years, you've been restoring your cultivation; I wonder if you've reached the peak?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

At this point, Xu Nian basically guessed that the entity possessing Lin Ruolan came from the Immortal, Demon, and Devil World.

Only uncertain why she chose to reside in Tianhen Continent.

Could it be that something in Tianhen Continent attracts her?

"Haha, don't try to pry information from me. I can honestly tell you; I am indeed from the Demon Realm, and my identity is the daughter of the Demon Realm's Sovereign. Your body's Residual Soul of the Demon Lord should be aware of this," Lin Ruolan said with a grin.

Xu Nian was startled.

The daughter of the Demon Realm's Sovereign?

Wentian Demon Sovereign knew about this?

"Senior Wentian, is what she said true?" Xu Nian couldn't help but send a voice message to Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"It's true. In the past, I wasn't aware of it, but upon seeing her just now, I confirmed her identity. She is indeed the daughter of the Demon Realm's Sovereign. I didn't expect the daughter of the Demon Realm's Sovereign to fall into the mortal realm," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice echoed.

"Senior Wentian, what cultivation level does the Demon Realm's Sovereign have? Could they be stronger than the Demon Emperor?" Xu Nian asked in confusion.

"Indeed, the Demon Realm's Sovereign is the Sovereign of the Demon Realm, governing all Demon Emperors within the realm, with immeasurable strength. So it's best not to provoke this woman," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice sounded.

Xu Nian's head suddenly felt as large as a bull's!

How could there suddenly be a daughter of the Demon Realm's Sovereign?

If this woman intends to kill him, what then?

Does he have no choice but to refrain from defending?

"Well, now you know my identity. But rest assured, I won't trouble you; in fact, I want to help you," Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

"Help me? Help me with what?" Xu Nian asked in confusion.

"You'll find out soon enough," Lin Ruolan said mysteriously with a smile.

Xu Nian was speechless; she's even playing riddles.

Chapter 1202: The Gray World

Xu Nian followed Lin Ruolan northward, quickly reaching the entrance of Beimo.

"Ahead is a barren desert. Do you know where they're headed?" Xu Nian looked at Lin Ruolan and asked.

"Yes, I've been here before and had the fortune to glimpse that so-called Immortal Palace. If my guess is correct, they must have gone to that Immortal Palace." Lin Ruolan said, looking at the Immortal Palace ahead.

"Immortal Palace? Is there really an Immortal Palace here? Could Beimo also have Immortal Tombs?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

Lin Ruolan laughed upon hearing this.

"There aren't that many Immortal Tombs. The Immortal Palace here is merely a natural Small World. When the sun becomes intense, the barrier of that Small World thins out. Standing on Beimo's desert, if you're lucky, you can see the sights within the Small World. That's why many people see the so-called Immortal Palace in Beimo yet can never approach it." Lin Ruolan explained with a smile.

"A natural Small World?" Xu Nian displayed a surprised expression.

"Yes, cosmic evolution involves many variables. This natural Small World might be a bump that grew from the main universe. Such bumps are common and insignificant. However, some natural Small Worlds are stable, while others easily collapse. Clearly, this Small World is a stable one, and it seems some ancestors have been inside." Lin Ruolan explained.

Xu Nian suddenly understood how this natural Small World was formed.

"Does this Small World get influenced by the Immortal Emperor's restrictions?" Xu Nian pondered and asked.

"Obviously not. The Small World is self-contained. Furthermore, your comprehension might not be applicable there." Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

"Why's that?" Xu Nian asked puzzledly.

"It's simple: this natural Small World isn't the main universe, it's a separate Small World. Hence, the Law of Profound Argumentation differs. Your comprehension is based on the main universe's laws. When the laws change in the Small World, your understanding naturally becomes unusable." Lin Ruolan explained further.

Xu Nian suddenly realized.

He hadn't expected such a place to exist in the Tianhen Star Domain.

"Then, you must have other reasons for wanting to go to this Small World." Xu Nian asked Lin Ruolan.

Lin Ruolan wouldn't do anything meaningless, nor would she deliberately come to help him.

She must have other objectives.

"Indeed, a Small World is self-contained; naturally, it has things absent in the main world. These things could be supreme treasures. Most importantly, the World Heart of this Small World is the priceless supreme treasure." Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

"World Heart?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"You're so clueless. I really wonder how you cultivated to the Earth Immortal Realm without knowing about the World Heart. Every world has a World Heart, and it's extremely precious, because only the World Heart can create new spaces. If I can get the World Heart of this natural Small World, I can refine it to forge my own Small World. All the treasures within that space rely on the World Heart to be crafted." Lin Ruolan laughed.

"If the World Heart is taken, will the Small World be affected?" Xu Nian pondered and asked.

"It'll be slightly affected, but it won't collapse. The entire Small World will gradually deplete and eventually perish. This process is extremely prolonged. Even for the smallest Small World, it requires centuries." Lin Ruolan said.

Xu Nian realized.

That's not bad; taking the World Heart wouldn't lead to the immediate collapse of the Small World.

The beings within the Small World wouldn't have time to escape if that happened.

"Let's go. Now, we need to find the weakest point of the space barrier, then forcibly split it open to enter the Small World." Lin Ruolan left a remark, then charged forward.

Xu Nian promptly followed.

He now understood why Lin Ruolan was waiting for him here.

Because he possessed Space Profound Argumentation laws, his spatial perception was hundreds or even thousands of times stronger than average people.

To find the weakest point of the space barrier, it was solely up to Xu Nian.

Otherwise, even a Primordial Immortal Realm expert might not be able to achieve this.

The two traversed rapidly through the desert of Beimo, the vast yellow sand posing no hindrance for them.

Even if encountering a storm, Xu Nian would simply slice it open with a sword.

"Found it!" Xu Nian suddenly exclaimed.

Lin Ruolan promptly halted, looking around.

"Here, the space is extremely weak, like a thin membrane. Behind this membrane should be the natural Small World you mentioned." Xu Nian pointed in a direction.

Without another word, Lin Ruolan immediately summoned a sharp sword and slashed downward.

The sword light was fierce like ten thousand radiant lights, instantly tearing the space apart.

Beyond the space crack wasn't chaotic spatial turbulence, but a peculiar world.

Strange energies surged from the crack, emanating an unfamiliar aura.

Seeing the scene beyond the crack, Lin Ruolan was instantly overjoyed.

"Let's go!"

In the next moment, Lin Ruolan directly darted into the space crack.

Xu Nian followed suit, albeit with a trace of surprise.

The energy in this natural Small World wasn't Spiritual Energy but rather a gray airflow.

This airflow carried a flavor of death.

Xu Nian attempted to operate the "Dan Sea Species Green Lotus," and with the infusion of this gray energy, he found his Immortal Body's purification rate was twice as fast as in the external world.

"What a peculiar energy!" Xu Nian, amazed, passed through the space crack into this weird world.

The sight revealed before him stunned both Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan.

The mountains and trees were exceptionally lush here, though unlike the external world.

The trees were entirely silver-gray, even the surrounding rocks appeared gray.

The entire world was a misty gray, filled with this gray energy.

It seemed as if the heavens and earth had only one color.

But fortunately, the rivers here weren't gray; they were identical to those outside.

"This is a unique energy that can enhance Soul Power. You're not yet at the late stage of Earth Immortal Realm, right? You might be able to use this gray power to break through to the late stage early." Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

Xu Nian paused and immediately attempted to absorb this gray energy with his soul.

As the gray energy entered his Mud Ball Palace, his previously stagnant soul finally advanced.

"Wow, it really can enhance Soul Cultivation." Xu Nian immediately revealed a joyous expression and began frantically absorbing this gray energy.

Chapter 1203: Ambushed

Xu Nian frantically absorbed the gray energy, with his soul cultivation continuously enhancing.

Soon, his soul cultivation directly broke through to the Late Stage Earth Immortal Realm.

Xu Nian instantly felt invigorated, as if his entire soul had undergone immense sublimation.

"I didn't expect this gray energy to be so magical, it actually aids in the growth of the soul," Xu Nian said happily.

The breakthrough of the soul removed its boundaries.

Next, he could cultivate both his body and soul simultaneously, so that when his immortal body reached completion, his soul could also be tempered mostly.

"Although this gray energy helps in enhancing the soul, I suggest you best not absorb more," Lin Ruolan suddenly said with a smile.

"Why?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"This gray energy actually has side effects. It makes one's emotions become irritable and increases hostility. Absorbing a little doesn't matter, but once you absorb a lot, you'll become a mere killing machine," Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's eyebrows slightly furrowed.

He didn't expect the gray energy to have side effects, but fortunately, he hadn't absorbed much.

Otherwise, once the soul got infected, it would not only bring negative emotions but also greatly affect future cultivation.

Clearly, Lin Ruolan could have warned him earlier, but she chose to do so afterward, obviously with ill intent.

Lin Ruolan seemed to see through Xu Nian's thoughts, a charming smile on her face: "I didn't remind you, so what? Don't forget, we have always been enemies."

Xu Nian shook his head helplessly, after years, Lin Ruolan was still so sinister.

"It seems I should keep my distance from her," Xu Nian thought to himself.

"Let's go. This small world is quite large, at least as big as more than half of Tianhen Continent. We should be at the edge; the person you're looking for is probably deeper within," Lin Ruolan said to Xu Nian.

Then she immediately headed towards the depths of the small world.

Xu Nian naturally chose to follow her.

"Buzz!"

However, Lin Ruolan hadn't walked for long before stopping.

Xu Nian also sensed something was wrong and vigilantly looked around.

"There's an ambush!" Lin Ruolan transmitted her voice to Xu Nian.

"Mm, I sensed it too. There's something odd here," Xu Nian responded with transmitted voice.

The surroundings were filled with gray mountains, extremely silent.

"Buzz!"

At this moment, a fierce sword radiance shot out directly from the void.

Xu Nian's face immediately changed, and his figure turned into a blur to dodge it.

The sword radiance nearly grazed Xu Nian's body.

The sharp sword Qi produced by the sword radiance struck Xu Nian's cloud silk robe, creating splendid sparks.

"Such fierce sword Qi, the power of this sword is definitely no less than a full-powered strike from a peak Earth Immortal Realm powerhouse," Xu Nian said in surprise.

In this world, his understanding of the profound argumentation didn't emerge at all, making it impossible to unleash it, so he had to rely on his own strength to fight.

Therefore, facing a peak Earth Immortal Realm powerhouse's sword, he was very strenuous.

But fortunately, Xu Nian's "Dan Sea Species Green Lotus" was extremely powerful, barely allowing him to dodge.

"These are Earth Immortal level powerhouses; they are different from us. They control the profound argumentation of this world. We must be very careful," Lin Ruolan transmitted her voice to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian nodded, vigilantly looking around.

He still hadn't found the enemy's figure and was very puzzled. Did the enemy also use space profound argumentation?

"Buzz!"

At this moment, another fierce sword radiance flies towards Xu Nian from behind.

This sword was even more fierce and swift than the previous one.

Xu Nian's face changed; this sword arrived too suddenly for him to dodge.

Without hesitation, Xu Nian summoned the immortal sword and struck at the fierce sword radiance.

"Buzz!"

The sword edge collided with the sword radiance, creating incomparably splendid sparks.

"Clang!"

The next moment, Xu Nian, together with the sword, was blasted back.

"Buzz!"

Following immediately was another sword.

This sword aimed directly at Xu Nian's neck, seemingly to claim his life.

"Humph!"

Lin Ruolan coldly snorted, appearing before Xu Nian in an instant, and struck at the incoming sword radiance with her palm.

Immortal essence surged, and the sword radiance directly shattered.

"Get out!"

Lin Ruolan shouted fiercely, then struck the void ahead once more with her palm.

"Boom!"

The entire space seemed to stir up huge waves, the space rolling violently.

"Pfft!"

A silhouette was directly blasted out of the space, spewing fresh blood, and fell afar.

Xu Nian quickly looked towards that person and found that he was a man dressed in a black robe.

Wearing a mask on his head, his appearance was indistinguishable.

Xu Nian's eyes turned sharp, controlling the flying sword to dart out.

The flying sword traveled miles, arriving in an instant.

It stopped directly at the black-robed man's forehead.

The man who was originally about to escape was instantly motionless; he knew that if he moved, the flying sword would penetrate his forehead instantly.

"Who are you? Why did you ambush us?"

Xu Nian came to the black-robed man and asked.

Lin Ruolan also landed beside Xu Nian, her eyes filled with a sharp glint.

The black-robed man looked at Xu Nian, his eyes showing confusion and astonishment.

"He can't understand your words, there should be a language barrier," Lin Ruolan said.

Xu Nian nodded, realizing the black-robed man couldn't understand him either.

"What about Gudamu?" Lin Ruolan looked at the black-robed man and asked.

"Dagutatam!" The black-robed man immediately exclaimed excitedly.

Lin Ruolan spoke again, her mouth full of these strange words.

Xu Nian stood by, confused. What language was this, why was it so strange?

Lin Ruolan and the black-robed man conversed for a long time, and eventually, the black-robed man's expression grew more excited, even kneeling towards Lin Ruolan.

What's going on?

Xu Nian was completely puzzled.

"What did you say to him?" Xu Nian couldn't help but ask.

"I just asked him why he tried to kill us, and he said we were scouts sent by the enemy. I then said we were from the Upper World, and he believed me, so he kneeled," Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

"Then how do you know their language?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"You forgot, although this world is independent, it still belongs to the Mortal World, so when they reach a certain cultivation level, they will ascend to the Immortal, Demon, and Devil World, and I learned it from their ancestors who ascended," Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

Xu Nian suddenly realized.

No wonder Lin Ruolan was so familiar with this place. It seems this world's ancestors who ascended to the Demon World must have told her some things.

"Then can you teach me this language here?" Xu Nian thought for a moment and asked.

Upon hearing this, Lin Ruolan playfully smiled and said with allure, "Want to learn? Then plead with me, otherwise, what benefits will you give me if I teach you?"

Xu Nian was instantly stunned, unsure of how to respond for a moment.

Chapter 1204: Taihao Stone

In the end, Lin Ruolan still taught Xu Nian the language of this world.

Xu Nian mastered the language and asked the powerful entity many things about this world.

It turns out this world has three major forces known as the Three Great Alliances.

They are the Dark Fire Alliance, Ghost Alliance, and Wind God Alliance.

The Three Great Alliances govern independently, are hostile to each other, and cannot coexist.

The one who attacked Xu Nian and his group was a powerhouse from the Ghost Alliance.

This guy's strength is quite formidable, and his status in the Ghost Alliance is quite high.

According to this guy's own words, each of the Three Great Alliances has three powerhouses at the peak of the Earth Immortal Realm.

He is one of the three powerhouses of the Ghost Alliance, although he is the weakest among the three.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian immediately gained an understanding of the strength of this world.

It seems that the Three Great Alliances pose quite a few threats to him, but at most, it's only them.

Unlike the Cultivation World, where super experts at the Primordial Immortal Realm emerge occasionally.

Of course, Xu Nian has the Star Axe in his hand, in a life-and-death situation, he'll chop down as many as come.

"I'm Hong Cheng, sorry for earlier, I mistook you two for enemies and attacked, my apologies." The man removed his mask, smiling as he spoke.

He appeared as a middle-aged man, aside from his pupils being silver-gray, there was nothing different from outsiders.

"No worries, no fight, no acquaintance," Xu Nian waved his hand nonchalantly.

Hong Cheng smiled, clearly pleased with Xu Nian's magnanimity.

Lin Ruolan, however, remained proud, without any intention to converse with Hong Cheng.

"Are you two here in the Gray Domain World for a specific reason?" Hong Cheng asked.

He already knew Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan were from the outside, and their Gray Domain World was familiar with outsiders with no hostility.

After all, outsiders occasionally enter.

However, outsiders are usually very weak, but today these two are unusually strong.

If he could recruit them to the Ghost Alliance, the strength of the Ghost Alliance would greatly increase, potentially breaking the stalemate.

"We are looking for people, has Brother Hong seen a group of outsiders like us?" Xu Nian asked.

Since the Beast God and Dark God Island Master arrived in this world, there's a good chance they entered one of the Three Great Alliances.

If they joined the Ghost Alliance, Hong Cheng would certainly know.

"A group? No, but a few years ago, two outsiders did come to the Ghost Alliance in haste," Hong Cheng replied.

"Two?" Xu Nian showed a surprised expression.

The Xu Family and Leng Family moved in full, plus the Beast God and the Dark God Island Master, it's definitely more than two.

It is possible these two aren't the people he's looking for.

But it's not entirely impossible; they may have scattered upon entry and ended up in different alliances.

"Could you take us to see the two?" Xu Nian pondered and asked.

"No problem, since you two are in the territory of the Ghost Alliance, you're guests of the Ghost Alliance, let's take the opportunity to entertain you," Hong Cheng replied with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded; he wanted to see the two to determine if they're the ones he's searching for.

Since they are in the Ghost Alliance, it's prudent to investigate first.

If they're not, they can search the other two alliances later.

As for Lin Ruolan, she had no objections since she's seeking the World Heart.

But the World Heart isn't something easily found; she can only take things one step at a time.

Thus, Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan, led by Hong Cheng, flew toward the fortresses of the Ghost Alliance.

Each of the Three Great Alliances has three enormous fortresses, with countless buildings accommodating millions.

The fortress of the Ghost Alliance is named Ghost City.

Xu Nian and his group quickly arrived at the gates of Ghost City.

Looking at the towering Ghost City, Xu Nian expressed a hint of surprise.

Above Ghost City hovered a defensive shield similar to a formation.

This defensive shield is extremely tough, even he would struggle to break it after three days of attacking.

Due to the unique Profound Argumentation Law of this world, Xu Nian couldn't comprehend the patterns of the formation.

"This is our Ghost City, please follow me inside; this defensive shield prohibits airborne entry; entering airspace leads to destruction," Hong Cheng said proudly.

Clearly, he had high confidence in this defensive shield.

Lin Ruolan showed disdain but said nothing.

If she truly wanted to break it, this defense wouldn't stop her.

However, she had no intention of destroying the shield and floated down to enter the gates with Hong Cheng.

Inside the gates, guards were stationed with the captain possessing Transcendence Tribulation Stage level cultivation.

This surprised Xu Nian greatly; this world is indeed peculiar.

If it were the Cultivation World, such cultivation wouldn't be relegated to guarding gates.

"Looks like the news here is too isolated, leading them to stagnate," thought Xu Nian to himself.

"Pass through the Third Alliance Leader!" the Transcendence Tribulation Stage guard acknowledged Hong Cheng respectfully.

Hong Cheng nodded and led Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan into the city.

"Third Alliance Leader, who are these two?" the Transcendence Tribulation Stage guard asked curiously.

"They're my friends, there's no need for concern," Hong Cheng replied directly.

With that, he led Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan further into the city.

The Transcendence Tribulation Stage guard said nothing, though he thoughtfully watched Lin Ruolan and Xu Nian's departing figures.

Entering the city, Xu Nian and his group felt the vibrancy of Ghost City.

With people bustling, the atmosphere was lively.

Much more bustling than the Imperial Capital.

Most goods sold on the streets were unfamiliar to Xu Nian.

"Huh?"

Suddenly, a front stall item caught Xu Nian's attention.

Approaching, Xu Nian saw it was a fist-sized sphere.

The surface of the sphere was exceptionally smooth, like a mirror.

"Don't tell me this is..." Lin Ruolan also noticed the sphere, showing surprise.

"Yes, I think it might be Taihao Stone," Xu Nian nodded.

Known as Taihao Stone, it's a rare Taigu Strange Stone, its power absorbed grants a unique ability.

Ordinary Taihao Stones are usually small, but such a large one is truly rare.

"Do you mean this stone? In our place, it's common, not a rare item, I have heaps in my treasury," Hong Cheng remarked casually.

Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan were speechless.

Common?

Such Taihao Stones are exceedingly rare in the Cultivation World, yet here they're common, could there be a Taihao Vein?

Chapter 1205: Wang Tong's Killing Intent

Taihao Vein?

Xu Nian felt his heart tremble fiercely.

If it really is the Taihao Vein, that means this Small World contains Taihao Mother Qi.

Taihao Mother Qi is a Treasure that even the Immortal, Demon, and Devil World covet.

Once Taihao Mother Qi is obtained and integrated into an Immortal Artifact, it will become unprecedentedly powerful.

It can forge a Supreme Immortal Weapon.

This kind of Supreme Immortal Weapon, though not as powerful as a Divine Artifact, can grow, eventually becoming an Immortal Artifact, even a Holy Treasure.

So whether it is Xu Nian or Lin Ruolan, thinking about Taihao Mother Qi, both felt a surge of excitement in their hearts.

"What's going on? You both seem so excited; does this stone have some special significance?" Hong Cheng asked in surprise seeing their excitement.

"To be honest, this stone indeed has significant effects. For instance, as long as you hold this stone and cut open your palm, you can absorb the strange power within it and gain unique abilities." Xu Nian said to Hong Cheng.

"Huh? It has such effects?" Hong Cheng was taken aback, then immediately bought the stone from the vendor.

Then he cut open his palm and placed the stone in his hand.

Quickly, a powerful force surged into his body through the wound.

Hong Cheng was astonished, not expecting the stone to possess such strange effects.

"How is it? Did you gain any new abilities?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"Yes, now I can metalize my skin, significantly enhancing my defensive capabilities." Hong Cheng said excitedly.

Xu Nian nodded, metalized skin is indeed a decent ability.

Lin Ruolan, however, looked disdainful.

The so-called metalized skin could be pierced with just one finger; it's utterly vulnerable.

"I have a pile of these in my treasure trove, can I gain many abilities simultaneously?" Hong Cheng asked excitedly.

Xu Nian, however, shook his head and said, "Everyone can only gain one ability. Absorbing too many will cause conflict and lead to a deadly explosion."

Upon hearing this, Hong Cheng's face immediately showed a look of regret.

But soon, his eyes lit up again. If all the warriors in their alliance absorbed a piece of this Taihao Stone, wouldn't their alliance's power increase collectively?

"Quick, we absolutely must deploy before the other two alliances discover this secret. Brother Xu, you are truly a benefactor to our alliance! Come, I'll take you to meet my big brother and second brother," Hong Cheng said excitedly.

Xu Nian shook his head helplessly.

He hadn't mentioned the Taihao Mother Qi.

Because Taihao Mother Qi is of utmost importance, first, he is not yet sure if this Ghost Alliance really bears them no hostility.

Even if Hong Cheng doesn't, that doesn't mean his big brother and second brother don't.

Second, he hasn't determined if this world actually has a Taihao Vein.

If it doesn't exist, talking about it would be pointless.

Lin Ruolan had even less interest in discussing it. To her, Xu Nian's mentioning of the Taihao Stone to this guy was unnecessary.

Besides, she didn't care about the Taihao Stone at all, so she didn't mind Xu Nian's words.

Soon, Xu Nian and the others were brought to the central palace of Ghost City.

This palace was incredibly magnificent.

The materials inside were stones Xu Nian had never seen before; these gray stones were extremely hard, so much so that he was certain that not even Spiritual Artifacts could leave a scratch on them.

Seeing stones of such hardness in the Cultivation World was indeed extremely rare.

"Big brother, second brother, come out quickly; I have tremendous news!" As soon as Hong Cheng entered the hall, he shouted excitedly.

"Why are you shouting? Third brother, can't you change your tumultuous nature?" At that moment, an impatient voice came from the hall.

Soon Xu Nian and the others saw a middle-aged man in a white robe walking out.

At first, the man wore a look of impatience on his face, but when he saw Lin Ruolan, his eyes lit up, revealing a lewd intent.

Lin Ruolan frowned instantly, flashing a hint of murderous intent in her eyes.

Xu Nian was also slightly displeased, sensing this guy was no good person.

"Second brother, let me introduce you. These two are friends I met outside, Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan. Their strengths are formidable, no less than mine." Hong Cheng said excitedly.

"Lin Ruolan? What a delightful name. You come from outside?" The person Hong Cheng called his second brother said with a smile, his eyes unblinkingly fixed on Lin Ruolan.

As for Xu Nian, he completely ignored him.

"Hmph!" Lin Ruolan snorted coldly, not responding to the man's greeting.

The newcomer smiled slightly without showing any signs of anger.

Instead, he found Lin Ruolan's temper quite intriguing.

"I am Wang Tong, the Second Alliance Leader of this alliance. As for my big brother, he is currently in seclusion, probably inconvenient to receive guests. If you don't mind, allow me to accompany you?" Wang Tong said with a smile.

His gaze never leaving Lin Ruolan.

"Big brother is in seclusion? I initially wanted to share good news with him." Hong Cheng said somewhat disappointed.

"What good news?" Wang Tong asked with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Hong Cheng recounted what Xu Nian had told him about the Taihao Stone.

When Wang Tong heard this, his face immediately showed surprise.

"So, we should quickly go to that mountain range and extract all the Taihao Stones from there?" Wang Tong's eyes also lit up.

"Yes, the Taihao Vein is too crucial. We must extract it before the other two major alliances discover this secret." Hong Cheng said.

"There's no time to lose; let's set off immediately! Miss Lin, would you be willing to accompany us?" Wang Tong asked Lin Ruolan.

"Sure!" Lin Ruolan agreed with a smile at once.

Hearing this, Wang Tong was overjoyed.

"Brother Xu, why don't you come with us as well?" Hong Cheng asked Xu Nian who was standing beside him.

"Xu Nian would also like to witness this Taihao Vein," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Hong Cheng nodded, looking pleased.

Wang Tong, however, showed a disdainful expression, clearly having noticed that Xu Nian was just at the Middle Stage Earth Immortal cultivation.

In his view, such a cultivation level wasn't worthy enough to accompany him.

However, he couldn't outright face him just yet; if this guy became a hindrance midway.

He wouldn't mind dealing with him along the way.

"Boy, you better be sensible and not ruin my business. Otherwise, I'll make sure you seek life but not find it, seek death but cannot achieve it!" Wang Tong coldly laughed in his heart, his eyes full of wicked intention.

Xu Nian naturally detected Wang Tong's look, feeling a surge of killing intent.

Of course, he wasn't worried about Lin Ruolan at all, after all, Lin Ruolan's strength was above his.

Chapter 1206: Wang Tong's Despicaleness

Wang Tong and Hong Cheng took Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan directly out of Ghost City.

They flew all the way towards the east, covering nearly a thousand miles.

Finally, they stopped in front of a gigantic mountain range.

This mountain range was immensely large, standing a full seven thousand zhang tall, like a colossal wall in front of Xu Nian and the others.

"This is Dragon King Mountain, the Taihao Stones you mentioned are all mined from here," Hong Cheng pointed to the enormous mountain range ahead and said.

Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan both looked towards this Dragon King Mountain Range.

Xu Nian directly utilized the Gray Dragon Eye, and soon discovered that beneath the Dragon King Mountain Range were a large number of Taihao Stones.

"It really is a Taihao Stone Mountain Range, it seems the Taihao Mother Qi is deep within this range," Xu Nian transmitted to Lin Ruolan.

"Lucky indeed, I didn't expect to find Taihao Mother Qi in this Small World, but this range looks extremely tough, it might not be easy to mine Taihao Mother Qi," Lin Ruolan said.

Xu Nian nodded.

The rocky ground of this mountain is very similar to the palace rocks in Ghost City, some of the rock components are these gray stones.

Mining Taihao Mother Qi is indeed a very difficult task.

"How about it, is there a large amount of Taihao Stones?" Hong Cheng asked excitedly.

"Yes, there is indeed a large amount of Taihao Stones inside. It's a massive Taihao Stone Mountain Range, but the mountain body is extremely tough, it seems difficult to mine," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Indeed, it's not easy to mine. Otherwise, these stones would have spread across the Three Great Alliances long ago. People mine these stones because they find them peculiar, but haven't found a way to use them. Had it not been for Brother Xu's enlightenment, we wouldn't have known these stones have such marvelous uses," Hong Cheng said with a smile.

"Brother Hong, what are your plans on mining? If it's dug little by little, it might take hundreds or thousands of years and by then, the other two alliances will inevitably know about this. Then the secret of the Taihao Stone will no longer be kept," Xu Nian said.

"Haha, don't worry about that, Brother Xu. My second brother has a treasure that can easily break through the mountain rocks, speeding up the mining," Hong Cheng said with a smile.

"Huh? Such a treasure exists?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Yes, my second brother's Heavenly Dragon Cone is quite formidable. With one strike, it can shatter a large part of the mountain, making digging easy. Second Brother, take out your Heavenly Dragon Cone and show them," Hong Cheng turned to Wang Tong and said with a smile.

Xu Nian also turned to Wang Tong.

To have one strike shatter a large part of the mountain, such an item must be an Immortal Artifact, of likely high Grade.

"Hmph, third brother, don't be tricked by them. I highly suspect he's a spy from another alliance," Wang Tong said coldly.

"Impossible, second brother, they're from outside, look at their eyes if you don't believe," Hong Cheng quickly explained.

Wang Tong sneered: "Appearances can change, can you really be sure they're not from another alliance?"

Upon hearing this, Hong Cheng also didn't know what to say.

He really had no evidence to prove Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan were outsiders.

"But brother, if they were spies sent by another alliance, why would they tell us the secret of Taihao Stones? It doesn't make sense!" Hong Cheng said.

"Are you truly foolish or pretending? Taihao Stones are extremely difficult to mine, only my Heavenly Dragon Cone can shatter this Dragon King Range. They want to use us to mine Taihao Stones and might have already ambushed people from other alliances," Wang Tong said.

Upon hearing this, Hong Cheng's face showed suspicion.

Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan exchanged mocking glances.

This Wang Tong is truly cunning.

Although knowing they were outsiders, he claimed they were spies to justify attacking them.

"Brother, what do you plan to do?" Hong Cheng asked with a frown.

"Kill the man, capture the woman and torture her to reveal her identity," Wang Tong said.

"But what if they're innocent?" Hong Cheng quickly asked.

"Hmph, even if they're innocent, they must die. This is too crucial; they might reveal it. The best way to ensure silence is to kill. Moreover, this woman is quite attractive, if she isn't, she can warm my bed," Wang Tong said with a cold smile.

"Second brother! Is this alright?" Hong Cheng quickly frowned.

"Hmph, nothing's wrong, they entered our world with agendas. If they die, so be it. Don't forget, they have zero Power of Insight here," Wang Tong said with a sneer.

Hong Cheng's expression wavered; he wished to stop Wang Tong but felt helpless.

"A beauty is a curse, seems I've fallen for your trap again. This guy wants to make you his spoil," Xu Nian transmitted to Lin Ruolan beside him with a smile.

"Hmph, he dares! It's a good excuse to kill him and get his Heavenly Dragon Cone for the Taihao Mother Qi," Lin Ruolan sneered contemptuously.

Xu Nian smiled wryly.

He truly had no solution if a fight broke out.

Unable to use Profound Argumentation, whereas they could.

Only by using the Star Axe could he challenge Wang Tong.

Even against Hong Cheng, he wasn't sure he'd win.

"Boy, you've heard our conversation. Anything to say?" Wang Tong coldly asked Xu Nian.

In his view, a youth at Earth Immortal Realm Middle Stage is worth killing.

If this youth belongs to another alliance, killing him brings merit.

If from outside, it's even better. Killing him poses no threat of revenge.

So, from the start, he intended to slay the young man, capture the woman as a slave.

Such beauty isn't found in their alliance.

This outstanding beauty cannot be easily let go.

He lured them here specifically to make his move.

"I have nothing to say, but a reminder: not all women are weak; some are fiercer than men. Hope you won't regret your decision," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Regret? Never. Since you have nothing to say, I'll send you to see King Yan," Wang Tong said coldly, intending to strike Xu Nian next.

Xu Nian turned to Lin Ruolan beside him; she stayed indifferent: "He plans to kill you, not me."

Xu Nian's face turned dark.

This woman is unwilling to act?

Chapter 1207: Dragon King Cone

"Hmph, boy, prepare to die!"

Wang Tong shouted loudly, his figure darting out, directly striking toward Xu Nian with a palm.

The palm wind was exceptionally fierce, containing a peculiar power within.

"Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation?"

Xu Nian was stunned. Although he couldn't make sense of the profound argumentation within Wang Tong's palm wind, he could vaguely feel that Wang Tong was indeed utilizing Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation.

Xu Nian quickly dodged.

"Buzz!"

Wang Tong's palm blade nearly grazed Xu Nian's body, with the fierce palm wind vibrating the entire space.

"Hmph, trying to dodge!"

Wang Tong snorted coldly, then his palm wind shifted, instantly striking Xu Nian's abdomen with a slap.

Xu Nian felt a massive force in his abdomen, his entire body flying back and crashing against a distant mountain wall with a loud boom.

The incredibly hard stone on the mountain wall shattered.

"Such a strong attack, the palm actually contains Wind Blades. If not for the Cloud Silk Robe protecting me, these Wind Blades might have sliced my body open." Xu Nian showed a surprised expression.

In this world, it's truly a disadvantage not to be able to use profound argumentation.

"Oh, you're not dead, boy. It seems that robe you're wearing is quite a treasure!" Wang Tong said with a smile, looking at Xu Nian's Cloud Silk Robe with greed.

Being able to block one of his hits and remain unscathed, it must be of Immortal Level.

You must know, in their Small World, Immortal Level treasures are extremely rare.

If he could obtain this treasure, his power would definitely rise to another level.

"Do you intend to rob it?" Xu Nian asked with a cold smile.

"Nonsense, kill you, and of course, the treasure will be mine. Boy, don't think that just because you have a defensive treasure, I can't kill you. Your treasure can only block sharp attacks but can't help you resist strong force. As long as the power is strong enough, I can still shake you to death." Wang Tong said with a cold smile, his gaze full of irony.

Xu Nian also laughed.

He didn't expect Wang Tong to be determined to kill him.

In that case, he had no reason to hold back. If given a chance, he would directly strike him down with a Star Axe.

Yet he wondered if Wang Tong could withstand his Star Axe.

"Shake me to death? It seems you have comprehended Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation. The Wind Attribute is strong in sharpness and agility but weak in power. How can you kill me?" Xu Nian said with a cold smile.

"Haha, I didn't expect someone from the outside world to see through my profound argumentation. Don't think I don't know, the profound argumentations of you outsiders cannot be used in this world. Maybe you're a genius outside, but here, you're just a worthless being with only strength." Wang Tong said with a cold smile, his gaze filled with mockery.

Xu Nian also laughed, indeed Wang Tong knew they were from outside.

"Second brother, didn't you say they were spies from another alliance? Why are you now saying he's from the outside world?" Hong Cheng quickly asked.

"Hmph, third brother, even if they are from the outside world, they must be killed. To be honest with you, second brother here has taken a liking to this woman, and today I will make her my private possession." Wang Tong said, pointing at Lin Ruolan.

Lin Ruolan snorted with contempt, her gaze dismissive.

Hong Cheng immediately understood. It turned out his second brother wanted to kill Xu Nian because of Lin Ruolan.

"Second brother, if big brother finds out what you're doing, he will surely blame you. Moreover, Miss Lin is not from the outside world, but from the Upper World. If you really act, it might bring great disaster." Hong Cheng quickly stopped him.

"Great disaster? What disaster can there be? A woman from the Upper World? Even better, I've never tasted a woman from the Upper World. I'll taste it today. Third brother, if you don't speak of this, how will big brother know? Alright, stop talking. If you don't want to help, just watch from the side. Let big brother deal with this boy first, then I'll take the woman." Wang Tong said with disdain.

He couldn't be bothered to hide any longer and spoke his mind.

Hong Cheng was also helpless, as he really didn't know what to do since he wasn't a match for his second brother.

However, he felt a bit guilty towards Xu Nian and Lin Ruolan.

"Lin Ruolan, aren't you going to act? You heard him, once he deals with you, he'll take you as his property. Aren't you going to do something?" Xu Nian quickly said to Lin Ruolan.

"What's the rush? Isn't he going to deal with you first? Let him deal with you before we talk." Lin Ruolan said charmingly, showing no action despite Xu Nian's words.

Xu Nian was speechless for a moment, realizing this demoness believed he could handle Wang Tong and deliberately didn't want to interfere.

Now that Wang Tong intended to kill him first, he truly had to deal with it himself.

"Boy, since no one is willing to help you, just give up. No one can save you now." Wang Tong said with a cold smile.

With that, a metallic-looking cone appeared in his hand.

The cone was only the size of a palm, made of some unknown metal, engraved with strange patterns and gaps. As it spun rapidly, the gaps could directly convert wind speed into its energy, making it spin faster.

Moreover, as it spun in the air, the entire space was stirred.

Clearly, the weight of this cone was extremely terrifying.

"Dragon King Cone? Second brother, you intend to use the Dragon King Cone against Xu Nian?" Hong Cheng immediately became nervous.

He knew very well the terrifying power of the Dragon King Cone.

Using the Dragon King Cone on Xu Nian, wouldn't Xu Nian be doomed?

"Is this the Dragon King Cone?"

Xu Nian's eyes also flashed with surprise. If he guessed right, this Dragon King Cone should be a Mid-grade Immortal Artifact.

Otherwise, it couldn't possess such immense power.

"Stay out of this. The boy is wearing a defensive Immortal Level treasure. If I don't use the Dragon King Cone, how can I defeat him?" Wang Tong said with a cold smile.

With that, he moved his fingers, causing the Dragon King Cone in his hand to spin even faster.

As the Dragon King Cone spun rapidly, Xu Nian also felt an overwhelmingly powerful wave of energy.

Wind Attribute Treasure!

Now Xu Nian understood, this Dragon King Cone seemed to be a treasure designed specifically for the Wind Attribute.

Because the force driving this Dragon King Cone was precisely this ethereal wind.

"Boy, didn't you say my Wind Attribute power was weak? Now watch and see the power of my Dragon King Cone." Wang Tong's gaze sharpened, his hand waving forward.

In the next moment, the Dragon King Cone shot rapidly toward Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was suddenly alarmed, the Dragon King Cone gave him an immense pressure, as if a giant mountain was pressing down, an enormous pressure.

Xu Nian immediately mobilized his entire body's Immortal Essence, his figure turning into a phantom.

"Boom!"

The Dragon King Cone continuously attacked where Xu Nian dodged. Each attack shattered a large portion of the mountain.

Xu Nian, forced with no other option, could only flee in all directions.

Chapter 1208: Slaying Wang Tong

Xu Nian kept dodging, but the Dragon King Cone relentlessly pursued.

Wherever it passed, devastation ensued.

The Dragon King Cone was immensely powerful, effortlessly tearing through the solid mountains before it.

Just like Hong Cheng mentioned earlier, with this Dragon King Cone, excavating this mountain range would be extremely easy.

"Boom boom boom!"

The mountains continued to explode, as if the Dragon King Cone was a giant dragon rampaging through them.

"Hmph, your speed isn't bad, but I want to see how you'll keep dodging now," Wang Tong snorted coldly.

Suddenly, a strong wave of energy surged from him, and the Dragon King Cone that was floating in the air split into three, each emitting a wave of powerful energy.

"Damn!"

Xu Nian cursed inwardly.

Dodging one Dragon King Cone had already been difficult for him, and he hadn't expected it to split.

Actually, it wasn't truly splitting; the Dragon King Cone originally consisted of three cones of the same size cleverly combined together.

Now, splitting into three might seem like its power hasn't diminished, but in reality, the cones' weight was evenly divided.

Of course, the Dragon King Cone, with reduced weight, would become faster.

"Swish swish swish!"

The three Dragon King Cones pierced the air, heading towards Xu Nian.

As the Dragon King Cones spun, they emitted a fierce wind blade around them.

Seeing this, Xu Nian's brows furrowed instantly.

The King Jing Sword immediately appeared in his hand.

The King Jing Sword in Xu Nian's hands had long been honed to the Immortal Artifact level.

Furthermore, the sword embryo of the King Jing Sword had already awakened, and when Xu Nian wielded it now, its power was doubled.

"Clang!"

Xu Nian swung repeatedly, the sword edge continually colliding with the Dragon King Cone.

Yet each clash only allowed Xu Nian to deflect the Dragon King Cone, unable to dismantle its attack.

Moreover, each strike left his arm numb from the massive counterforce exerted by the Dragon King Cone.

After just dozens of attacks, Xu Nian's entire right arm was numb.

"Haha, you think you can resist my Dragon King Cone? To be honest, my Dragon King Cone is composed of 10,800 incredibly thin blades, capable of forming over a thousand shapes. I can only use three shapes, but even these can kill you," Wang Tong sneered.

Xu Nian was taken aback upon hearing this.

The Dragon King Cone composed of 10,800 blades?

If that's true, this Dragon King Cone isn't merely a Mid-grade Immortal Artifact.

It's likely a Top-grade Immortal Artifact, and as he said, wielding this Immortal Artifact must be extremely difficult, perhaps its power equals a Top-grade Immortal Artifact.

Who would've thought Wang Tong was lucky enough to acquire such a treasure?

Even Xu Nian was tempted by such a treasure.

It's hard to imagine any wind attribute Profound Argumentation user wouldn't be tempted by such a treasure.

"Judging by his Argumentation level, it should only be around the Second or Third Level, otherwise, with this Dragon King Cone, he would've killed me already," Xu Nian thought coldly.

In Wang Tong's hands, this treasure was truly wasted.

"Wang Tong, huh? I'm sorry to inform you, but I've taken a liking to your Dragon King Cone," Xu Nian said to Wang Tong with a smile.

"Haha, what good does it do for you to covet my Dragon King Cone? It doesn't matter how many people in this world want my Dragon King Cone. They all ended up dead at my hands," Wang Tong sneered disdainfully.

Xu Nian simply chuckled and spread his palm, revealing a battle axe.

As soon as the Star Axe appeared, Lin Ruolan, watching from the side, narrowed her eyes in shock and looked at Xu Nian in astonishment.

Only at this moment did she truly take Xu Nian seriously.

Others might not see it, but being the daughter of the Demon Realm's ruler, she knew what Xu Nian held was a Divine Artifact.

Not just any Divine Artifact, but a Supreme Divine Artifact, incredibly powerful.

Though she expected Xu Nian to have hidden cards, she didn't anticipate him having one this powerful.

"Haha, you think you can resist my Dragon King Cone with a broken axe? You're dreaming!" Wang Tong laughed.

In his view, the Dragon King Cone was exceedingly agile and extraordinarily fast.

While a battle axe was a blunt weapon, slow to wield.

How could such a weapon possibly withstand his Dragon King Cone?

"Idiot!" Lin Ruolan cursed as she heard Wang Tong's laughter.

"We'll see if it can withstand; give it a try," Xu Nian said, smiling and holding the Star Axe.

"Hmph, since you're determined to die, I'll grant you that wish. I'll show you the Dragon King Cone's third shape," Wang Tong snorted coldly, and the Dragon King Cone transformed.

The three Dragon King Cones swiftly united, forming a giant blade disk.

The disk spun rapidly, emitting waves of terrifying power.

The fierce energy sliced through the space, unsettling those who witnessed it.

"What a powerful treasure," Xu Nian thought in surprise.

Wang Tong had barely scratched the surface of the Dragon King Cone's potential, yet he could already unleash such immense power. Who knows how terrifying it fully unleashed could be?

"Die!" Wang Tong shouted.

His gaze turned sharp as he propelled the spinning disk towards Xu Nian.

Wherever it passed, space split.

Xu Nian's eyes gleamed sharply, gripping the Star Axe tightly, exuding a domineering aura.

"Slash for me!"

Xu Nian shouted loudly and struck with fury.

An axe light flashed instantly, chopping at the approaching Dragon King Cone.

"Boom!"

The Dragon King Cone clashed with the axe light, then suddenly was hurled into the distant mountains, vanishing from sight.

"What?" Wang Tong gasped, disbelief etched across his face.

In shock, Hong Cheng also stood aghast; his second brother's Dragon King Cone's third shape boasted tremendous power.

Yet Xu Nian's axe light managed to hurl it away?

Now wasn't the moment for Wang Tong to ponder, as Xu Nian's axe light, undissolved, came fiercely towards him.

Its speed was so fast that he couldn't dodge.

"Desperate!"

Wang Tong shouted, conjuring a sturdy Top-grade Spiritual Artifact Shield, attempting to deflect Xu Nian's attack.

"Puff!"

Yet the Top-grade Spiritual Artifact Shield crumbled like paper under Xu Nian's axe light, splitting Wang Tong and the shield in half.

"Second brother!" Hong Cheng cried in despair, rushing over.

But Wang Tong had lost all consciousness, his soul obliterated by the axe.

"Hong Cheng, leave. I don't want to kill you; you know your second brother started this," Xu Nian said to Hong Cheng.

Hong Cheng showed a complex expression before bowing respectfully to Xu Nian and disappearing from sight.

Seeing Hong Cheng leave, Xu Nian sighed with exhaustion.

The Star Axe drained him greatly.

Yet Xu Nian dared not relax, aware of the lurking danger beside him.

Chapter 1209: Wind Blade Tornado

"I didn't expect that you have such a formidable divine artifact on you. It seems your fortuitous encounters are not small!" Lin Ruolan chuckled as she looked at Xu Nian, her gaze playfully perfect.

"Obtained by chance, why? Do you want it?" Xu Nian looked at Lin Ruolan and said, though he spoke lightly, he was extremely vigilant in his heart.

After all, the Star Axe is a divine artifact, and of a not low level.

There's no guarantee Lin Ruolan wouldn't be tempted.

"Rest assured, I won't seize your divine artifact. Don't think I don't know that weapons of this level have extremely powerful artifact spirits inside. Without them, you wouldn't be able to control this artifact with your power alone, let alone wield it. Although he won't intervene, if your life is threatened, he will protect you. I don't want to die just like that." Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

Xu Nian smiled at these words.

However, he did not completely lower his guard and began to operate the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus, continuously restoring his strength.

Fifteen minutes later, Xu Nian opened his eyes again, and the previous slump was wiped away.

"Not bad, to recover so quickly, and absorbing such strange gray energy, it seems your cultivation technique is not weak." Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

Xu Nian smiled bitterly, in front of this witch, he really had no secrets at all.

Xu Nian walked towards the mountain, he wanted that Dragon King Cone.

Lin Ruolan displayed a disdainful expression.

Clearly, she did not care about the Dragon King Cone, otherwise, she would have taken it while Xu Nian's strength hadn't recovered.

Of course, she also knew that the Dragon King Cone wasn't very useful to her, so she didn't take it.

"The Dragon King Cone is an extraordinary immortal weapon, a rare weapon that complements attack methods. Wang Tong couldn't use it, wasting this weapon. When you cultivate it to great success, you'll surely be invincible at the same rank." Lin Ruolan mildly reminded as she saw Xu Nian take out the Dragon King Cone.

Xu Nian was surprised; to get praise from Lin Ruolan, this weapon really wasn't simple.

He then directly bit his finger, dripping his blood on it.

As the blood landed on the Dragon King Cone, a vast amount of information flooded into Xu Nian's mind.

A cultivation technique "Wind Killing Cone One Hundred and Eight Style" immediately appeared in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian discovered that these one hundred and eight styles were the one hundred and eight utilizations of the Dragon King Cone.

The further he read, the more profound it became.

Apart from the first eight styles, the remaining hundred involve laws and must be cultivated only if one enters the realm of wind attribute laws.

Xu Nian instantly felt the power of the Dragon King Cone.

"Buzz!"

With a thought, a thin blade as light as a cicada's wing separated from the Dragon King Cone.

This thin blade was almost transparent; for metal to be forged to this degree, Xu Nian truly admired the immense craftsmanship of its creator.

With the Dragon King Cone, his strength would surely soar.

Moreover, the Dragon King Cone seemed tailor-made for him to use for a long time.

"First, comprehend the Dragon King Cone and see how to wield it, then try to break open this mountain wall to find the Taihao Mother Qi." Lin Ruolan suggested.

Xu Nian nodded and hurriedly attempted to drive the Dragon King Cone.

The Dragon King Cone floated in the air, spinning rapidly.

"Go!"

With a loud shout from Xu Nian, the Dragon King Cone shot out, bombarding the mountain wall.

"Boom!"

The mountain wall was penetrated, but the Dragon King Cone hadn't gone in a few meters before Xu Nian was panting heavily.

The Dragon King Cone's consumption was indeed too large. Without the profound argumentation, trying to force open the wall with one's own power demanded far more than relying on the wind attribute profound argumentation.

After all, with profound argumentation enhancement, the Dragon King Cone would become incredibly sharp, making breaking through the wall naturally much easier.

"Useless." Lin Ruolan couldn't help but curse.

Xu Nian was speechless.

Is it his fault?

If anything, blame the rules of this world for being different from the outside.

"How about you wield your divine artifact again, chop down with the axe, I assure you it will split the mountain." Lin Ruolan said.

Xu Nian rolled his eyes directly.

Using the Star Axe once took all his power away.

When would he ever find the Taihao Mother Qi at this rate?

"Forget it, I'd better attempt to comprehend this world's profound argumentation. Just now when Wang Tong deployed his, I could sense that the profound argumentation here and outside were somewhat interconnected." Xu Nian said.

With that, Xu Nian sat cross-legged, trying to conceive the wind attribute profound argumentation here via the Dragon King Cone.

The Dragon King Cone spun incessantly before Xu Nian, unpredictably.

Lin Ruolan stood on the side all along, watching the scene and not stopping him.

Watching Xu Nian immersed in cultivation, a faint smile appeared on her lips.

Who knows what she was thinking!

Time passed by bit by bit, and soon a day had passed.

Xu Nian opened his eyes again, revealing a look of joy.

"How is it? Have you comprehended the profound argumentation?" Lin Ruolan asked.

"I have. Although the profound argumentation here differs from the outside, it essentially has interconnected aspects. But what surprised me is that Dimension Cutting Triple Level Profound Argumentation only allows the Dragon King Cone to deploy its first form, Wind Blade Tornado. What Wang Tong comprehended was just superficial and didn't bring out the true power of the Dragon King Cone." Xu Nian said excitedly.

Only after truly understanding the Dragon King Cone's power did he sense its strength and complexity.

What Wang Tong understood before was just rudimentary, without mastering the Dragon King Cone's real power.

"So, can you break the mountain wall now?" Lin Ruolan asked with a smile.

"I think it should be no problem." Xu Nian smiled slightly and then stood up.

Take control of the Dragon King Cone!

"Buzz!"

With a wave attached to the Dragon King Cone, it began to change instantly.

Sharp blades emerged around it, and as the Dragon King Cone spun rapidly, an incredibly terrifying wind blade airflow formed around it.

The space was directly cut open, forming spatial cracks.

"Go!"

Xu Nian shouted.

The Dragon King Cone transformed into a beam of light, instantly drilling into the mountain wall.

From taking a long time to dig just a few meters deep, now under the Dragon King Cone's attack, it penetrated tens of meters instantly.

The incredibly hard rocks in the mountain also turned fragile and brittle.

Back and forth action, soon a cave was carved into the mountain by Xu Nian.

Lin Ruolan showed a look of surprise, not expecting the Dragon King Cone to be so formidable in Xu Nian's hands.

"I wonder what expression Wang Tong would have seeing you wield the Dragon King Cone." Lin Ruolan chuckled.

With that, she headed into the cave.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and followed her inside.

Continuing to drive the Dragon King Cone to bore a bigger hole.

Through his probing, he could basically locate the Taihao Mother Qi.

It was at the deepest part of this mountain's belly!

Chapter 1210: Dragon King Cone Enhancement

Very soon, Xu Nian arrived deep within the mountain.

Along the way, Xu Nian discovered a large quantity of Taihao Stone.

Just as Xu Nian and his companions had speculated before, there really was a Taihao Vein here.

Xu Nian only casually collected a bit, probably less than one-tenth of the entire vein.

But even so, it's likely that the quantity of Taihao Stone is not less than several million.

These Taihao Stones, Xu Nian plans to take back for the disciples of the Heavenly Court Gang, so the strength of its members will undoubtedly increase considerably.

As for Lin Ruolan, she isn't interested in the Taihao Stone at all, so she collected none.

"Eh!"

Suddenly, Xu Nian showed a surprised expression.

"What's wrong?" Lin Ruolan asked, puzzled.

"There seems to be something extremely hard ahead that my Dragon King Cone can't break through," Xu Nian said.

"Let's go check it out!" Lin Ruolan quickly suggested.

Xu Nian nodded and followed her.

As they approached, they discovered ahead of them an expanse of metallic walls.

These metallic walls seemed incredibly hard, as Xu Nian's Wind Blade Tornado couldn't leave a mark on them.

"This is Taigu Green Fallen Copper, an extremely hard metal used to craft Top-Grade Immortal Artifacts in the Immortal, Demon, and Devil World, very rare." Lin Ruolan touched the metallic wall and said.

"Materials for Top-Grade Immortal Artifacts, who would use them to forge walls?" Xu Nian showed a surprised expression.

"It should not be a wall, but a palace. If you don't believe it, try breaking the surrounding mountain walls, you might find the entrance to this palace." Lin Ruolan said.

Xu Nian paused, then started controlling the Dragon King Cone to destroy alongside the metallic wall.

Soon, a palace appeared in their view.

The entirety of the palace was made of metal, extremely hard.

"Why would there be a palace here?" Xu Nian showed an astonished expression.

"Someone probably deliberately left it here to nurture the palace with the Taihao Mother Qi here." Lin Ruolan frowned, pondering.

"But this palace seems to be an ownerless item without any Soul Mark fluctuations." Xu Nian looked at the entire palace, thought for a moment, and said.

"Someone probably placed it here and unfortunately died before reclaiming this Immortal Palace." Lin Ruolan said.

Xu Nian nodded, as this seemed to be the only explanation.

Otherwise, who would leave an ownerless Immortal Palace here?

"This Immortal Palace is mine, and I won't take the Taihao Mother Qi beneath it; it's yours." Lin Ruolan said to Xu Nian.

"There's not much Taihao Mother Qi left; won't you give me a bit more benefit? Otherwise, I'll be too disadvantaged." Xu Nian smiled and said.

He didn't have much interest in the Immortal Palace; he already had the Chaos Divine Palace, making this Top-Grade Immortal Palace somewhat redundant to him.

Since Lin Ruolan wanted it, he would give it to her, but not for free.

"What do you want? How about I give myself to you?" Lin Ruolan suddenly gave Xu Nian a coquettish smile.

Xu Nian shuddered instantly; he dared not accept Lin Ruolan.

She was a witch, extremely terrifying; if he accepted her, he'd be clueless about how he'd die.

"Here, this should be useful to you, as compensation for me taking the Immortal Palace." Lin Ruolan tossed a seed to Xu Nian.

"What is this..."

Xu Nian showed an astonished expression.

What exactly was this seed?

"Kid, this is a Demon Vine Seed from the Demon World, capable of growing into a very powerful Demon Vine. When matured, it can attain Immortal Emperor Level strength, extremely formidable, and can become your aid; it's considered a treasure in the Demon World." Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian was startled, looking at the seed in his hand with a surprised expression.

This Demon Vine Seed was terrifying, being able to grow to Immortal Emperor Level?

Equating to having an extra Immortal Emperor Level master?

"Okay, I'll take it. This Immortal Palace is yours." Xu Nian nodded in agreement.

Then he put away the Demon Vine Seed.

Lin Ruolan didn't hesitate, directly dripping blood to recognize the Immortal Palace as her own.

As Lin Ruolan collected the Immortal Palace, the inside of the mountain was instantly hollowed out.

Xu Nian also discovered the Qi Eye of Taihao Mother Qi.

At this moment, the Mother Qi in the Qi Eye was nearly depleted.

But on the bright side, it was enough to refine a weapon.

Xu Nian contemplated for a moment before taking out the Dragon King Cone.

He chose not to use the Star Axe because it was already powerful enough, and could only unleash one move each time.

But the Dragon King Cone was different; until he reached Immortal Emperor Level, he would likely be using this weapon.

Thus, the more powerful the Dragon King Cone became, the stronger he would be.

Xu Nian controlled the Dragon King Cone to absorb the Taihao Mother Qi.

As the Dragon King Cone absorbed, it underwent a tremendous transformation.

The originally silver Dragon King Cone began to become gradually transparent, and the entire cone seemed to become ethereal.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian's thoughts moved, and an extremely sharp Wind Blade flew out.

The Wind Blade flew out, dazzling in air, slicing through the surrounding rocks as if slicing tofu.

"It became so sharp, this Taihao Mother Qi is that strong?" Xu Nian looked at the increasingly sharp and fierce blade, showing an expression of extreme joy.

Earlier, the hardness and sharpness of the Dragon King Cone were only at the level of a Top-Grade Immortal Artifact, but now it completely advanced to the level of a Top-grade Immortal Artifact.

In the future, as his control over the Dragon King Cone strengthened, he might even be able to cut through Top-grade Immortal Artifacts.

Lin Ruolan looked at Xu Nian, surprised to see him integrating Taihao Mother Qi into the Dragon King Cone.

This Dragon King Cone indeed was incredibly powerful.

"Looks like you've determined your future cultivation path; with the Dragon King Cone, in the outside world, even Peak of Earth Immortal Realm below Eighth Level Profound Argumentation will not be your opponents." Lin Ruolan said.

Xu Nian grinned; this Dragon King Cone was indeed strong.

He had only mastered the First Style; there were still 107 styles remaining, and thinking of this, Xu Nian looked forward to it more.

"Let's go out!" Xu Nian said to Lin Ruolan.

Lin Ruolan nodded, her expression suddenly changed, and she smirked coldly: "Looks like we won't be leaving easily; someone wants to host us."

"Huh?" Xu Nian released soul power and probed outside.

Sure enough, he discovered that at that moment, Dragon King Mountain was surrounded, with people standing all around.

There were no fewer than ten thousand cultivators, including a hundred from the Earth Immortal Realm.

Leading them were two men, particularly one with gray hair whose aura was particularly intimidating.

Xu Nian instantly understood; this gray-haired man must be Wang Tong's older brother, this wraith-like compassionate first Alliance Hierarch.