

Divine King 1391

Chapter 1391: Immortal King Powerhouse

The two gazed into each other's eyes.

They both could feel the other's presence.

At this moment, Xu Nian suddenly felt a bit dazed.

It must be said, Lin Hengxin was indeed quite beautiful, especially those eyes.

Under the long lashes were eyes as blue as the starry night.

"Junior Brother, thank you for saving me. I have nothing to repay you with, so I can only give you a small treat before you leave." Lin Hengxin smiled slightly, saying somewhat shyly.

"Leave?" Xu Nian was a bit surprised.

"Yes, Junior Brother, you risked your life to save me, and I will always remember this deep in my heart. In the next life, perhaps I will devote myself to you," Lin Hengxin said.

Xu Nian was speechless.

Who said he was going to die?

He was merely trying to absorb the thunder energy faster.

"Senior Sister, I think you misunderstand. I am not going to die. My cultivation technique seems to be able to absorb this thunder, which is why I drew it into my body," Xu Nian explained quickly.

At this moment, he had already absorbed more than half of the thunder.

And his cultivation had broken through continuously, directly from the Luoxian Realm Early Stage to the Luoxian Realm Late Stage.

Indeed, the energy contained in the Extreme Heavenly Thunder was terrifying.

At this moment, the Green Lotus Seed in Xu Nian's dantian had already begun to sprout.

But when it would fully grow, it might require reaching the Immortal King Realm.

"Is that so?" Lin Hengxin's face suddenly turned red.

Unexpectedly, she thought Xu Nian was going to die and even took the initiative to give him a kiss.

Thinking about it now, it was truly quite embarrassing.

"But, Senior Sister, you really are quite beautiful," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Lin Hengxin became even more bashful.

However, a hint of a smile appeared on her lips.

"By the way, Senior Sister, why do the people from the Ten Thousand Thunder Sect want to kill you?" Xu Nian asked.

Hearing this, Lin Hengxin's face suddenly turned icy, fists clenched, with intense anger in her eyes.

"Initially, I was with twelve other companions from my sect here in the Dragon Snow Immortal Domain searching for the Immortal Emperor's relics. Just as we braved countless perils to find the Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal, those people from the Ten Thousand Thunder Sect came to kill our fellow

disciples, trying to snatch the Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal. In the end, my fellow sect members died tragically at the hands of that Immortal King expert from the Ten Thousand Thunder Sect while escorting me. I was also seriously injured by that Immortal King. If it weren't for the Wind Escape Talisman, I would've died long ago."

Lin Hengxin clenched her fists, her eyes filled with immense fury.

Twelve lives.

Twelve blood debts.

In this way, the Ten Thousand Thunder Sect became a sworn enemy to her.

Xu Nian also furrowed his brows slightly.

Although killing for treasures was a common occurrence, the Ten Thousand Thunder Sect's ruthless actions were truly unreasonable.

"Does the Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal still remain with you, Senior Sister?" Xu Nian asked.

"No, I hid it in an extremely secretive location. Without knowing the exact location, it is impossible to find it," Lin Hengxin replied confidently.

Xu Nian nodded.

He wasn't particularly interested in the so-called Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal.

Although the Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal is the legacy of an Immortal Emperor Level expert, Xu Nian still preferred his own cultivation.

Because his cultivation path was entirely different from others.

"Senior Sister, should we return to Shendang Mountain next?" Xu Nian asked.

"Return, but we might not make it back. The people from the Ten Thousand Thunder Sect certainly won't let us go," Lin Hengxin said, having already fully recovered from her injuries, and even her cultivation had almost returned completely.

However, even if she were in peak condition, she wouldn't be able to contend with an Immortal King expert.

Xu Nian nodded.

Lin Hengxin held the location of the Immortal Emperor Blood Crystal, the Ten Thousand Thunder Sect wouldn't let her leave easily.

"Junior Brother, how about you go first? They probably don't know you yet, so you could quickly return to the sect and bring reinforcements," Lin Hengxin suggested.

Xu Nian shook his head.

Returning to Shendang Mountain for reinforcements would take at least several years.

In this lengthy period, Lin Hengxin might have already been killed by them.

But dealing with an Immortal King expert wasn't easy for him either.

With his current strength, it's not easy to contend with an Immortal King expert.

Suddenly, Xu Nian thought of something, his eyes brightening.

"Senior Sister, I have a plan. We might be able to avenge our sect members," Xu Nian suddenly smiled and said.

"Oh? What plan?" Lin Hengxin asked curiously.

"You'll find out soon enough," Xu Nian said mysteriously.

Lin Hengxin was puzzled.

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For the next two days, Xu Nian was executing his plan.

And Lin Hengxin's injuries had fully recovered.

Meanwhile, the experts from the Ten Thousand Thunder Sect were continuously searching for Lin Hengxin's whereabouts.

"Still haven't found her?"

The Immortal King expert looked at his three nephews, unhappy.

He hadn't expected the duck in his mouth to fly away.

"Reporting, Uncle, we have searched the entire area but haven't found their whereabouts," the Golden Immortal leader said.

"Yes, Uncle, Lin Hengxin was struck by your Extreme Heavenly Thunder, she shouldn't be able to escape, could it be an Immortal King expert from Shendang Mountain saved her?" another Golden Immortal Early Stage expert added.

The Immortal King furrowed his brows.

"That shouldn't be the case. If it were an Immortal King expert, do you think you'd still be alive? That person only trapped you but didn't appear, suggesting their strength might be inferior to yours," the Immortal King said.

The Golden Immortal experts nodded.

If it were an Immortal King expert from Shendang Mountain, they would have been dead long ago.

The enemy could kill them with ease.

"Then she should still be within the Dragon Snow Immortal Domain," the Golden Immortal Early Stage expert said.

The Immortal King said nothing.

Suddenly, a surprised expression appeared on his face.

"Eh, this jade pendant seems to be the one I gave away. Could there be news?"

The Immortal King suddenly looked toward the east with a surprised expression.

"Uncle, what's wrong?" a Golden Immortal asked.

"Earlier, I encountered a young man and told him to crush the jade pendant if he saw Lin Hengxin. I didn't have any hope, but the pendant shattered just now, and its direction is in the eastern forest," the Immortal King said.

"Forest? We searched there earlier but didn't find any trace of Lin Hengxin," the Golden Immortal expert said.

"Forests are the easiest places to hide. Immortal Consciousness cannot be used in the Dragon Snow Immortal Domain. You might've overlooked something. Let's go check it out," the Immortal King ordered.

"Yes, Uncle!"

The four Golden Immortals received the order immediately.

Then the Immortal King led the four towards the forest.

"Uh?"

However, when they reached the forest.

They found no trace of Lin Hengxin.

Instead, there was just a puppet there.

"Eh, such a high-level puppet? This should be a Sword Immortal Puppet!"

One Golden Immortal Realm expert stepped forward, surprised.

The other three Golden Immortal Early Stage experts nodded one after another.

This Sword Immortal Puppet was definitely a treasure.

The Immortal King expert furrowed his brows tightly, feeling a bad omen.

Chapter 1392: Arrival at Shendang Mountain

"You four be careful; this puppet's origin is unknown. It might be some kind of trap."

The Immortal King expert said, looking at the puppet.

"Don't worry, Martial Uncle; I've already checked. This puppet is an ownerless object," a Golden Immortal expert said with a smile.

He also suspected it might be a trap earlier.

But after a careful inspection, he found that there was no soul imprint on the puppet.

This means the puppet indeed has no owner.

An ownerless puppet is nothing more than a dead object.

What's there to fear about a dead object?

"An ownerless object?" The Immortal King expert was taken aback.

Then he also walked towards the puppet.

"Oh, there's a note here too."

At this moment, a Golden Immortal expert spoke.

After speaking, the Golden Immortal expert took off the note and read aloud, "Do not remove the note under any circumstances, or it will explode."

Just as the Golden Immortal expert finished reading the note.

A golden light emanated from the puppet.

The next instant, an extremely terrifying energy fluctuation swept across the entire dense forest.

"Boom!"

The energy fluctuation was immensely terrifying.

It was terrifying enough to match the self-detonation of an expert at the early stage of the Golden Immortal Realm.

Moments later, the Immortal King expert crawled out of a pile of soil.

He was covered in dirt, with blood at the corner of his mouth.

Looking at the gigantic pit before him and the four shattered corpses nearby.

A surge of immense anger emerged in the eyes of the Immortal King expert.

"Don't let me catch you, or I will tear you limb from limb!" the Immortal King expert roared.

His roar echoed in all directions, filled with murderous intent.

And on a mountain peak not far from the dense forest,

Lin Hengxin saw this massive pit and heard the Immortal King expert's earlier furious roar.

Her face showed an expression of extreme shock.

Was all of this really done by Xu Nian?

He directly blew up four early-stage Golden Immortal Realm powerhouses and made an Immortal King so embarrassed?

"Junior Brother, how did you do it?" Lin Hengxin looked at Xu Nian in surprise.

She could hardly imagine that Xu Nian could create such a terrifying trap.

Xu Nian, hearing Lin Hengxin's words, flashed a small smile.

"Actually, it's simple. I just used twenty Immortal Crystal Stones and a Golden Light Talisman while using the puppet to draw their attention," Xu Nian said with a smile.

The Golden Light Talisman could activate the energy within the Immortal Crystal Stones, allowing it to all explode in an instant.

Removing the note was actually a step to activate the Golden Light Talisman.

The energy of twenty Immortal Crystal Stones fully matched an early-stage Golden Immortal.

With the Golden Immortal experts so close, there was no way they could withstand it.

"Twenty Immortal Crystal Stones?" Lin Hengxin gasped.

No wonder the explosion was so terrifying just now.

Twenty Immortal Crystal Stones are far more precious than Fourth Grade Immortal Marrow.

"But doesn't that mean you also lost a puppet?" Lin Hengxin asked.

Xu Nian nodded: "But this puppet could only exert the power of the Peak of Profound Immortal, which is not much use to me now. Being able to kill four Golden Immortals with it means it served its purpose well," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Being able to kill four Golden Immortals and make an Immortal King so embarrassed, if word gets out, Junior Brother, you'll probably be famous across the entire Immortal Realm," Lin Hengxin couldn't help but exclaim.

There are really not many people who could set up such a trap.

"Let's go. The Immortal King is surely furious, and we can still leave right now. If we're any later, we won't get away," Xu Nian smiled.

He knew that after setting up this trap,

the Immortal King expert would probably suspect him.

After all, the Immortal King expert had seen him before.

So, next time they meet, the other party probably won't let him go.

Lin Hengxin nodded.

He knew that this was the best time to leave, and any later would mean they couldn't leave.

Trapping an Immortal King was almost impossible.

So, the two of them quickly flew towards the outside of the Dragon Snow Immortal Domain.

After a long year of traveling, Xu Nian and his companions finally left the Dragon Snow Immortal Domain and arrived at the Immortal Domain where Divine Ripple Mountain was located.

"Junior Brother, ahead is Dragon Seal City. Once in Dragon Seal City, I can teleport directly to the inner Immortal Domain of Divine Ripple Mountain," Lin Hengxin said excitedly.

She never thought she could return alive to Divine Ripple Mountain.

"Is this the Immortal Domain of Divine Ripple Mountain?"

Xu Nian looked at the massive city ahead, feeling a vague sense of anticipation.

He had been traveling for so long and now finally arrived at Divine Ripple Mountain.

In the coming time, he would be cultivating here.

Although his cultivation had already reached the late stage of the Luoxian Realm, Xu Nian knew that he still had a long way to go.

With his current strength, he was still at the bottom tier in the Immortal Realm.

The two quickly entered the interior of Dragon Seal City.

Dragon Seal City was no different from the cities Xu Nian had seen before.

The only difference was that there seemed to be fewer people in Dragon Seal City, but the experts here were noticeably a grade higher than those in other Immortal Domains.

In other Immortal Domain's cities, Luoxian Realm experts were very rare.

Not to mention Golden Immortal level experts.

But here, one in every ten people was at the Luoxian Realm.

There were also quite a few Golden Immortal experts.

"What do you think? Do you feel that the people from Divine Ripple Mountain are all strong?" Lin Hengxin said with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded.

"Indeed stronger than those in other Immortal Domains."

"Of course, our Divine Ripple Mountain is recognized as the number one power in the Immortal Realm, naturally with many strong experts. Junior Brother, do you know how many Immortal Emperors Divine Ripple Mountain has?" Lin Hengxin asked with a smile.

Xu Nian shook his head.

"Nine! Out of thirty-six Immortal Emperors in the Immortal Realm, our Divine Ripple Mountain has nine. Among the Ten Great Immortal Emperors, we have three," Lin Hengxin said proudly.

"So many?" Xu Nian was extremely surprised.

He hadn't expected Divine Ripple Mountain to have nine Immortal Emperors.

This made the power of Divine Ripple Mountain extremely terrifying.

"Where does Taichu Immortal Emperor rank among the nine Immortal Emperors of Divine Ripple Mountain?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"Second! Don't underestimate second. Our Master is ranked sixth among the thirty-six Immortal Emperors. This means that throughout the Immortal Realm, only five people are above him," Lin Hengxin said.

"Ranked sixth? That's indeed not low," Xu Nian nodded.

With countless powerful figures in the Immortal Realm, ranking sixth in strength is indeed incredibly formidable.

"So work hard. You might have the chance to be accepted as a direct disciple by our Master. Once you become a direct disciple, you can walk across the entire Immortal Realm without fear. Let me tell you, our Master is extremely protective of his disciples," Lin Hengxin said proudly.

Xu Nian smiled, feeling even more curious about the Taichu Immortal Emperor.

"Oh, isn't that Junior Sister Heng Xin? You're back?"

But just as Xu Nian and his companions had been in Dragon Seal City for a short time, a young man walked over.

Seeing this young man, Lin Hengxin's face instantly changed.

Xu Nian also furrowed his brow slightly, as this young man in front of him gave him an extremely dangerous feeling.

This feeling was no less than when he encountered that Immortal King earlier.

Chapter 1393: Registered Disciple

"His name is Tang Fei, and he's also a disciple of Shendang Mountain. However, his strength is very strong, having reached the Golden Immortal Peak, and he's also a Sword Immortal. Most importantly,

the Second Grade Law of Fire Attribute, Samadhi True Fire, that he comprehends has reached the Middle Stage of Law, so even Immortal Kings generally dare not provoke him."

Lin Hengxin introduced to Xu Nian.

Golden Immortal Peak?

Middle Stage of Law?

No wonder this young man before me feels so terrifying.

With such strength, it's indeed not something I can contend with.

"He seems to have some hostility towards me," Xu Nian said.

Just now, the look in Tang Fei's eyes clearly carried a sense of threat.

Therefore, Xu Nian could confirm that Tang Fei harbored hostility towards him because of Lin Hengxin.

After all, he and Tang Fei met for the first time.

"Well... Tang Fei has been pursuing me, but I didn't agree. You don't need to mind him; he doesn't dare to do anything to you," Lin Hengxin said.

Xu Nian smiled helplessly inwardly.

Don't mind him?

Even if I don't want to mind him, the other party probably wouldn't agree.

Clearly, Tang Fei has already regarded me as a love rival.

"Hengxin, you've finally returned. I was worried you might be in danger," Tang Fei approached with a smile.

"Tang Fei, I've told you many times to call me Lin Hengxin, not Hengxin," Lin Hengxin said with some displeasure.

It seemed Lin Hengxin wasn't friendly towards Tang Fei.

Tang Fei narrowed his eyes at these words, but quickly regained his earlier smile.

"Junior Sister Hengxin, you haven't introduced this person?" Tang Fei laughed, looking at Xu Nian and asking.

"Xu Nian, my direct junior brother. Like me, he's an apprentice disciple of the Taichu Immortal Emperor," Lin Hengxin introduced.

"So he's the new junior brother, no wonder he seemed unfamiliar. But your timing is unfortunate; the Taichu Immortal Emperor has already gone into seclusion, and it's unknown when they will emerge," Tang Fei laughed.

As he spoke, he scrutinized Xu Nian carefully.

When he discovered Xu Nian's cultivation was only at the Luoxian Realm Late Stage, his eyes were filled with much less hostility, replaced by contempt.

Xu Nian naturally saw all this clearly.

Understanding Tang Fei's thoughts, Xu Nian was indifferent.

As long as Tang Fei doesn't provoke him, he doesn't care about Tang Fei's attitude towards him.

But if Tang Fei provokes him, even if he can't defeat him, Xu Nian would make sure Tang Fei knows there are people he can't afford to offend.

"Junior Brother Xu Nian, may I know under which Immortal Emperor you are apprenticed?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"I am not a disciple of any Immortal Emperor; my master is merely an Immortal Sovereign. However, I'm not just any apprentice disciple but a direct disciple of the master," Tang Fei sneered.

Though the tone seemed modest, it was actually filled with a dense arrogance.

Xu Nian knew that the real benefits and even status enjoyed by an apprentice disciple of an Immortal Emperor might not necessarily exceed those of a direct disciple of an Immortal Sovereign.

So Tang Fei's arrogance was understandable.

"Junior Brother Xu, do you know how many apprentice disciples there are under the Immortal Emperors at Shendang Mountain?" Tang Fei smiled and asked.

Xu Nian shook his head.

"There are thirteen thousand six hundred seventy-two of them, among which the Taichu Immortal Emperor alone has two thousand four hundred fifty-six apprentice disciples. With so many disciples, it's likely they only meet the Immortal Emperor once every few hundred years. But direct disciples are different; no Immortal Emperor or Immortal Sovereign takes more than ten direct disciples, so junior brother, you should understand the difference here," Tang Fei continued.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian was astonished.

He hadn't expected there to be so many apprentice disciples under each Immortal Emperor and Immortal Sovereign.

Realizing this, his identity as an apprentice disciple indeed wasn't something to boast about.

No wonder Tang Fei, just being a direct disciple of an Immortal Sovereign, was so arrogant.

"Hmph, Tang Fei, don't be so smug. Junior Brother Xu Nian has great talent; it's merely a matter of his short cultivation time. It won't be long before he surpasses you," Lin Hengxin voiced her indignation upon seeing Tang Fei bully Xu Nian.

"Oh?" Tang Fei's eyes flashed with a cold light upon hearing this.

His gaze towards Xu Nian became icy.

Xu Nian felt immensely helpless.

Lin Hengxin was really stirring up trouble for him.

Knowing Tang Fei had feelings for her, yet she said such things.

This clearly made Tang Fei foster hostility towards him.

"I didn't expect Junior Brother Xu Nian to be so talented. Why don't we head to the Trial Ground for a spar?" Tang Fei coldly laughed, looking at Xu Nian as he spoke.

"Tang Fei, have some decency. You're a three-thousand-year-old veteran, bullying a new junior brother? If you have the skills, go spar with Xiang Pangyun," Lin Hengxin retorted immediately.

Tang Fei frowned upon hearing this.

Clearly, the mention of Xiang Pangu's name instinctively evoked a sense of fear in him.

Xu Nian silently took note of this name.

"I was merely joking with Junior Brother Xu Nian and wanted to know how strong he actually is, without any malicious intent. Why are you so agitated, Junior Sister Hengxin?" Tang Fei laughed.

"Junior Brother Xu Nian, let's go, ignore him."

Lin Hengxin directly pulled Xu Nian away.

Watching Xu Nian and Lin Hengxin's departing figures, Tang Fei squinted his eyes.

"Lin Hengxin, you'll be mine sooner or later. And Xu Nian, I remember you; I'll make your time at Shendang Mountain very difficult," Tang Fei sneered, his expression full of disdain.

With these words, he turned and left.

On the great road, Xu Nian and Lin Hengxin walked side by side.

"Xu Nian, be careful of Tang Fei. I have a hunch he will give you trouble," Lin Hengxin cautioned.

Xu Nian felt a mix of amusement and frustration inwardly.

If Tang Fei wants to give him trouble, who's to blame?

Isn't it because of her provoking?

Nonetheless, Xu Nian wasn't afraid.

"Oh, by the way, Senior Sister, who is this Xiang Pangyun you mentioned earlier?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"That Xiang Pangyun is an incredibly formidable figure, ranking first among all the apprentice disciples," Lin Hengxin replied with a serious tone upon mentioning Xiang Pangyun.

"First among the apprentice disciples?" Xu Nian was somewhat astonished.

Among so many apprentice disciples, being ranked first meant his strength must be extraordinary.

"Yes, his strength is immense. He already broke through to the Immortal King Realm ten years ago. His current strength is unknown to all. Not only that, his Law Comprehension has also reached the Peak of the Middle Stage, making his power unfathomable," Lin Hengxin elaborated.

"Uh, Immortal King Realm? Law Comprehension at the Peak of the Middle Stage?" Xu Nian was taken aback.

This individual's prowess seemed extremely terrifying.

No wonder even Tang Fei was fearful of him.

"Then... how about the apprentice disciples of those Immortal Emperors? How strong are they?" Xu Nian asked out of curiosity.

"Those people? Each of them is comparable to an unparalleled prodigy. Their lowest strength levels are in the Immortal King Realm, with some even reaching the Immortal Sovereign Realm. It's not just them; even the direct disciples of those Immortal Sovereigns boast of considerable power. Among the direct disciples of Immortal Sovereigns, Tang Fei is considered one of the weakest," Lin Hengxin explained.

"The weakest?" Xu Nian couldn't help but take a sharp breath.

It seemed Shendang Mountain was even more formidable than he had imagined.

Chapter 1394: The Three Great Trial Grounds

"Junior Brother Xu Nian, this is the main site of our Shendang Mountain."

Lin Hengxin pointed at the gigantic city floating ahead and said.

"Is this the main site of Shendang Mountain? Are all those Immortal Emperor powerhouses here?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

Having seen many grand constructions, Xu Nian was still stunned by the sight of Shendang Mountain's main site.

In front of him was an incredibly majestic gigantic city floating in the air, with an area as large as ten billion square kilometers.

Such a terrifying area is at least dozens of times that of other cities.

"That's not the case. Although the gigantic city of Shendang Mountain is vast, many powerful entities do not choose to establish their abodes here. Instead, they opt for a place rich in Immortal Essence within the Immortal Domain of Shendang Mountain to establish their abodes. Even those in the Immortal Sovereign Realm are rare here, so not many powerhouses reside in this floating city," Lin Hengxin explained with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded.

Upon reaching the Immortal Sovereign or Immortal Emperor realm, how could they be bothered with sect affairs?

Their main focus is on cultivation.

They only occasionally take time to guide the disciples.

Therefore, although the floating city is vast in area, it does not necessarily have strong occupants.

"Come, I'll take you to register at the Disciple Hall," Lin Hengxin said.

With that, she led Xu Nian towards the gigantic floating city.

The floating city did not have any defensive formation set up.

Yet even so, no one dared to cause trouble here.

After all, with the strength of an Immortal Emperor Level powerhouse, their words could manifest laws, and killing someone from thousands of miles away was as easy as turning one's hand.

Within the floating city, strong individuals constantly flew here and there.

Each and every one of them appeared hurried and none paid heed to Xu Nian's arrival.

At most, a few glanced at him out of curiosity before losing interest and moving on.

This made Xu Nian heave a sigh of relief.

He didn't wish to interact much with others either.

"Junior brother, people of our Shendang Mountain are mostly busy with cultivation or off executing missions, so few concern themselves with others' actions," Lin Hengxin said with a smile.

"Mm!"

Xu Nian nodded.

He also sensed it earlier.

The aura emanating from these disciples was generally strong.

Mostly at the Golden Immortal Level, there were a few in the Luoxian Realm but very few in number.

Even those in the Luoxian Realm had strong auras.

"Huh, what's that?"

Xu Nian was suddenly attracted by a massive stone tower in the distance.

This stone tower occupied the center of the floating city, towering over ten thousand meters high.

Its enormity was terrifying.

Most importantly, Xu Nian could distinctly feel the Heavenly Dao Pressure contained within the tower.

"This is the Supreme Tower, one of the holy lands for cultivation trials in our Shendang Mountain. The entire Supreme Tower has twelve levels; advancing each level requires an exceedingly strong insight into the Heaven and Earth Laws. Once you become a disciple of Shendang Mountain, you can give it a try," Lin Hengxin introduced.

"Is it very hard to pass through this tower?" Xu Nian asked with some curiosity.

"Hard is an understatement; it's terrifyingly difficult. Do you know what level our strongest Immortal Emperor in Shendang Mountain has reached?" Lin Hengxin said with exaggerated expression.

Xu Nian shook his head.

"The ninth level, and our Taichu Immortal Emperor only managed to reach the eighth level. It's rumored that in the history of Shendang Mountain, only one peerless genius reached the tenth level. As for the eleventh and twelfth levels, no one has ever reached them," Lin Hengxin said, her gaze at the Supreme Tower becoming extremely reverent.

"Is it that difficult?" Xu Nian, hearing this, was immediately intrigued.

He didn't expect that no one in the entire Immortal Realm could reach the eleventh level.

"So, Sister, what level have you reached?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"I couldn't even get past the first level," Lin Hengxin said somewhat helplessly.

The first level?

Xu Nian was amazed.

Although Lin Hengxin's insight into laws hadn't reached the Middle Stage, she was at least in the early to mid-stages.

Yet even so, she couldn't get past the first level.

This shows just how exceedingly difficult the Supreme Tower is.

"Sister, you mentioned that the Supreme Tower is one of the trial grounds, what other trial grounds are there?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"Your curiosity really knows no bounds. In that case, I'll introduce them to you in advance. Besides the Supreme Tower, there are two other trial treasures in Shendang Mountain. The first is the dueling

arena, where you can choose to challenge others or accept others' challenges. However, let me remind you, at the dueling arena, the fights are regardless of life or death, so unless you're absolutely confident, don't accept others' challenges," Lin Hengxin advised.

"Dueling arena?" Xu Nian noted it in his heart.

Such life-and-death duels are very common in many forces.

After all, practical combat is the best way to enhance strength, especially at the brink of life and death, easily triggering one's potential.

"And what's the other one?" Xu Nian asked out of curiosity.

"The last one is the most special one, the Emperor Platform. There, you can challenge any disciple from Shendang Mountain or Immortal Emperor, though not the true disciples or Immortal Emperors themselves, but rather avatars transformed from a strand of their Immortal Consciousness. The cultivation level of the avatars can be adjusted according to the challenger's cultivation level," Lin Hengxin explained.

"Challenging Immortal Sovereigns and Immortal Emperors?" Xu Nian was astounded.

Shendang Mountain actually had such a trial ground.

To combat an Immortal Sovereign or Emperor Level powerhouse, do you realize what that means?

It means gaining invaluable combat experience from an Immortal Emperor.

Such experience can be said to be priceless.

"Of course, these challenges are not without costs. Anyone who wishes to challenge must complete an Earth-level or Heavenly Level task," Lin Hengxin stated.

"Are these Earth-level and Heavenly Level tasks very difficult?" Xu Nian asked, surprised.

"Very difficult," Lin Hengxin said, "Earth-level tasks usually face early or middle-stage Immortal King Level powerhouses, whereas Heavenly Level approximates late Immortal King Level or Peak Level."

Xu Nian frowned upon hearing this.

So, completing these tasks is really quite challenging.

"Come on, I know you're eager to improve your strength, but take your time to explore all these after entering Shendang Mountain," Lin Hengxin said with a smile.

Then she escorted Xu Nian to a gigantic palace.

This palace was the Disciple Hall.

"Yo, Junior Sister Hengxin, what brings you to the Disciple Hall? Could it be you were thinking of me?" A young man saw Lin Hengxin and joked with a smile.

"Stop flattering yourself, Xue Bing. Let me introduce you, this is our direct junior brother. He's the champion of the Immortal Order Competition in the Mortal World and was taken in as a disciple by Master personally," Lin Hengxin introduced to the young man.

"Oh? A direct junior brother?" The young man curiously sized up Xu Nian.

"His name is Xue Bing, also a disciple of our Master. Like us, he is a registered disciple, but he is quite strong, ranking among the upper-middle echelons of registered disciples," Lin Hengxin explained to Xu Nian.

"Upper-middle?" Xu Nian examined the young man.

He noticed the young man was powerful, with cultivation already at the peak of the Golden Immortal Realm.

As for insight cultivation, though he couldn't discern the exact level, it was certainly stronger than that of Tang Fei.

Such strength, yet only ranked in the upper-middle among registered disciples?

The power of the Immortal Realm forces is truly terrifying!

Chapter 1395: Talent Rating

Previously, Xu Nian had also come into contact with some powerful figures in the Immortal Realm.

But the vast majority were loose cultivators and hadn't interacted with any elites from the Nine Great Forces.

The only one who could be considered an elite from a major force was the Immortal Sovereign Hall Saintess.

However, the Immortal Sovereign Hall Saintess, like him, had not yet grown to maturity.

So he once thought that the disciples from the Nine Great Forces were not particularly impressive.

But now, upon truly understanding the situation of Shendang Mountain, Xu Nian realized the foundation of the Nine Great Forces.

Shendang Mountain is like this, and so are the other Eight Great Forces.

The truly formidable masters are focused solely on cultivation and aren't prone to wandering aimlessly around the world.

"So you're a new junior brother, very good. Our Taichu Lineage has gained fresh blood," Xue Bing happily patted Xu Nian's shoulder and laughed.

"Xu Nian greets Brother Xue," Xu Nian quickly and respectfully bowed.

"Oh, no need to be polite. Since we're both under the Taichu Immortal Emperor, we're naturally like brothers. There's no need to be so formal in the future. If you don't mind, you can call me senior brother or even big brother. If anyone bullies you, just come to me," Xue Bing laughed.

"Brother Xue!" Xu Nian smiled.

He was also touched by Xue Bing's enthusiasm.

He could feel that Xue Bing genuinely recognized him as a junior brother.

This made Xu Nian instantly develop a favorable impression of Shendang Mountain.

"That's more like it, junior brother. Let me tell you, although we're just registered disciples, we are still under the Taichu Immortal Emperor. Don't belittle yourself and let those snobbish direct disciples look down on you, especially those disciples of the Immortal Sovereign," Xue Bing said.

Xu Nian chuckled.

It seems that within Shendang Mountain, there is an irreconcilable conflict between direct disciples and registered disciples.

This conflict seems to mainly originate between the direct disciples of the Immortal Sovereign and the registered disciples of the Immortal Emperor.

The direct disciples of the Immortal Emperor have their pride because they have the capital to back it.

But the direct disciples of the Immortal Sovereign are not necessarily more talented than the registered disciples of the Immortal Emperor.

"Don't worry, Brother Xue, I will work hard to become a direct disciple of our master as soon as possible," Xu Nian said with determination.

"That's ambitious, but it's a tough goal. Especially for our master, who has only six direct disciples to date, and all of them are exceptional adventurers. Our master hasn't taken any direct disciples for eight hundred years, so if you don't get selected, don't be discouraged; registered disciples also cultivate," Xue Bing said.

"Eight hundred years?" Xu Nian looked incredulous.

"That's right, our master hasn't taken a direct disciple in eight hundred years. Other Immortal Emperors take one every century, but our master is very selective," Lin Hengxin said.

She did not seem too disappointed.

After all, even if the Taichu Immortal Emperor was to take a direct disciple, it wouldn't be her turn.

"Alright, let's not waste words. You're here to register as a disciple, right?" Xue Bing smiled.

"Yes!" Xu Nian nodded.

"Hmm, the procedure is actually quite simple. You just need to drop a drop of your blood onto this Sky-reaching Stele. Your aura will then be recognized by the stele, and it will issue your identity token," Xue Bing pointed to the giant stele ahead.

Xu Nian was somewhat surprised.

Looking at the giant stele in front of him, he suddenly felt a familiar aura on it.

A divine artifact?

Indeed, it was the aura of a divine artifact.

The massive Sky-reaching Stele in front of him was itself a divine artifact.

"It seems Junior Brother has a sharp eye; you recognized it as a divine artifact in one glance. Indeed, the Sky-reaching Stele is a divine artifact, responsible for maintaining all information on Shendang Mountain. Those not recognized by the stele cannot approach the Floating City," Xue Bing smiled.

"Then why can I come here?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"That's because you have our master's token. This token is also issued by the Sky-reaching Stele, so naturally, you can enter," Xue Bing smiled.

Xu Nian suddenly realized.

It seems that without an Immortal Emperor to oversee it, Shendang Mountain is still impregnable.

Xu Nian no longer hesitated, cutting his finger and letting the blood drip onto the stele.

"Buzz!"

The stele instantly absorbed Xu Nian's blood.

"I wonder what rating our junior brother will receive. I remember I was only rated Xuan Level Low Grade back then," Xue Bing said with a smile, a trace of anticipation in his eyes.

"At least you were Xuan Level Low Grade. I was only Yellow-level Middle Level," Lin Hengxin couldn't help but shoot Xue Bing a glance.

Xue Bing chuckled.

Every disciple entering Shendang Mountain receives an initial rating from the Sky-reaching Stele.

This rating represents the disciple's potential.

They are divided into Heaven, Earth, Xuan, and Huang levels, each divided into top, mid, and low grades.

Anyone who can reach the Xuan level is considered an exceptionally gifted disciple.

An Earth-level rating represents a rare genius.

If one appears, it surely draws the attention of Shendang Mountain's experts.

Earth-level talents are often taken as direct disciples by an Immortal Emperor.

"Junior Brother Xu Nian should at least be rated as Xuan Level Low Grade, maybe even higher, reaching Xuan Level Middle Grade," Lin Hengxin confidently said.

"Oh? You think so highly of him?" Xue Bing said, unfazed and with a smile.

At his level, his heart realm wouldn't be easily swayed by mere talent.

"Yes, his talent should be very high," Lin Hengxin nodded.

Although she hadn't seen Xu Nian in action, the fact that he could trap and kill four Golden Immortal Early Stages was proof of extraordinary talent.

Xu Nian, naturally overhearing their conversation, was also curious about what rating he would receive.

"Buzz!"

At that moment, letters appeared on the previously wordless stele.

Xu Nian, Luoxian Realm Late Stage, Yellow-level Top Grade.

"Huh? How could it only be Yellow-level Top Grade?" Lin Hengxin exclaimed in surprise.

She even questioned if she had seen it wrong.

Xue Bing wasn't too surprised, merely smiling as he said to Xu Nian, "Don't be discouraged. Yellow-level Top Grade is still good. In the Immortal Realm, true respect is earned through strength, not talent ratings."

Xu Nian smiled without speaking.

Instead, he sent a soul transmission and asked, "Dao Tian Rat, did you meddle?"

"Hehe, you caught me. Yes, I communicated with the Artifact Spirit of the Sky-reaching Stele and had it adjust your rating a bit. Your actual rating should be Earth-level Top Grade. Revealing such a rating would bring you more harm than good," Dao Tian Rat chuckled.

He was the Artifact Spirit of the Chaos Divine Palace.

His grade was higher than that of the Sky-reaching Stele.

So having the stele modify Xu Nian's information was simple.

Xu Nian felt helpless after hearing this.

He knew this was the doing of Dao Tian Rat.

Hidden talent attracts trouble.

And this was probably directed by Master Ye Tian Divine Emperor.

"Forget it, Yellow-level Top Grade is fine," Xu Nian didn't mind.

Just as Xue Bing said, true respect is earned through strength, not talent ratings.

"How could it only be Yellow-level Top Grade?"

But Lin Hengxin was quite troubled, feeling sorry for Xu Nian.

This left Xu Nian with a wry smile.

Chapter 1396: Middle Stage of Law

"Junior Brother, this is your residence, what do you think about it?"

Xue Bing led Xu Nian to a courtyard and said with a smile.

It has to be said, this courtyard is quite large, with all the necessary amenities.

Within the courtyard, there is also a blocking formation that can isolate Immortal Consciousness below the Immortal Sovereign level, and even if an Immortal Sovereign wants to enter the courtyard, they must get his consent first.

This made Xu Nian very satisfied.

"Very nice, thank you, Brother Xue." Xu Nian said with a smile.

"As long as you're satisfied, I live next door to you, feel free to ask if you need anything. By the way, has Lin Hengxin told you about the three major testing grounds?" Xue Bing asked.

Xu Nian nodded, "Yes, he has!"

"You can try the Supreme Tower when you have time, but for the Duel Arena and the Emperor Platform, it's better not to touch them for now. Although there are many tasks over there at the Task Hall with rich rewards, I have some suggestions for you." Xue Bing said earnestly.

"Please go ahead, Brother Xue!" Xu Nian replied seriously.

"Although these tasks can provide you with more practice, practice is a great waste of time. So unless you hit a bottleneck, it's best not to take on tasks. Besides, cultivation is not important, the insight cultivation into laws is your true strength." Xue Bing said.

Xu Nian nodded.

"Do you know why many talented experts, who can clearly break through to the Immortal King Realm, haven't done so?" Xue Bing asked.

Xu Nian shook his head.

"It's because, below the Immortal King Realm, the insight into Heaven and Earth Laws is more sensitive compared to above the Immortal King Realm. It's easier to harmonize with Heaven and Earth, so many strive to improve their insight cultivation before reaching the Immortal King Realm. Your talent is only Yellow-level Top Grade. To be honest, this rating is really a bit low, and you need to make up for it with effort," Xue Bing said earnestly.

"Thank you, Brother Xue, I'll remember." Xu Nian nodded seriously.

He could feel Xue Bing's goodwill.

Seeing Xu Nian say this, Xue Bing said no more and turned away, leaving Xu Nian's residence.

"Master, is it true that below the Immortal King Realm is more sensitive to the Heaven and Earth Laws than above?" Xu Nian asked Emperor Ye Tian in his heart.

This concept was something he was hearing for the first time.

"He's right, above the Immortal King Realm indeed has less comprehension ability compared to below. Although the gap is not large, there is a slight difference because upon reaching the Immortal King Realm, one will be locked by the Heavenly Dao, subtly blocking some perception of Heaven and Earth Laws." Emperor Ye Tian said.

Xu Nian understood.

He didn't expect there to be such a saying.

It seems that the main focus of the next cultivation is within law comprehension.

Thinking of this, Xu Nian directly summoned a sharp sword, trying to mobilize the Extreme Point Principle.

A sword thrusts out, the void instantly ripples.

Extreme Point Penetration!

He could perform it effortlessly.

But Xu Nian still felt it wasn't enough.

"Buzz!"

Another sword slashed out.

Extreme Point Annihilation Divine Slash!

The ultimate sharpness burst forth from the sword's tip.

Although it didn't contain any Immortal Essence, the formed Sword Qi was still incredibly terrifying.

"This sword is tyrannical, but something still feels off." Xu Nian frowned slightly.

He felt the power of his Extreme Point Annihilation Divine Slash could still be improved.

Yet he didn't know how to improve it.

"Since I don't know, I can only use the dumbest method, try again and again." Xu Nian murmured to himself.

Then he started continuously waving his sword.

One sword!

Two swords!

Ten swords!

A hundred swords!

Ten thousand swords!

Xu Nian continued to swing his sword, then swing again.

He switched from a top-grade immortal sword to a wooden sword.

He found that using a wooden sword to perform the Extreme Point Annihilation Divine Slash was significantly less powerful than with the top-grade immortal sword.

This was completely unreasonable.

The application of Law True Intent should be unrelated to the material of the weapon.

"Fool, practicing like this, you'll never comprehend it in your lifetime, you're not even in the right direction, how can you succeed?"

Just as Xu Nian was troubled, Emperor Ye Tian's scolding echoed.

"Please, Master, guide me!" Xu Nian humbly asked for advice.

"Do you know what a law is?" Emperor Ye Tian asked.

"The operational rules of the elements of Heaven and Earth are natural laws." Xu Nian said.

"Hmph, that's your understanding?" Emperor Ye Tian sneered.

"Master, is that not correct?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

What he said was not wrong!

"The laws being the operational rules of the elements of Heaven and Earth is correct, but do you know why the elements of Heaven and Earth operate?" Emperor Ye Tian asked with a cold snort.

This question left Xu Nian dumbfounded.

He truly did not know why Heaven and Earth Laws operate.

"You figure it out on your own, when you understand this question, you'll know how to cultivate next." Emperor Ye Tian said.

Xu Nian said no more and began to contemplate the question posed by Emperor Ye Tian.

In the courtyard, Xu Nian held a wooden sword, sat on the steps, pondering the question.

Why do the elements of Heaven and Earth operate?

This question, he had indeed never considered before.

Now that he thinks about it, he indeed only knew the surface, not the underlying cause.

So, pondering over it took a month.

For a whole month, Xu Nian sat on the steps without moving.

Even dust settled on his body.

If someone saw this scene, they would definitely think Xu Nian was dead.

"I got it!"

Suddenly, Xu Nian's eyes lit up.

He abruptly stood up from the steps.

Saying this, Xu Nian swung the wooden sword in his hand.

A sword thrust out, and the huge rock beside him was instantly penetrated into a sieve.

"As expected!"

Looking at the densely packed sword holes on the giant rock, Xu Nian's mouth revealed a satisfied smile.

"The reason the elements of Heaven and Earth operate is due to 'momentum,' and the development similarly possesses its own 'momentum'!" Xu Nian said with a smile.

Just now, he had integrated the momentum into the move.

The moment the sword thrusts out.

The terrifying penetration power no longer just burst from the sword tip, but from all directions around the space.

Hence, the giant rock was covered with densely packed sword holes.

With such a thrust, the opponent cannot resist.

"This is the true Extreme Point Penetration, I'll name it Thousand Blade Kill." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Then he started trying to integrate the momentum into the Extreme Point Annihilation Divine Slash.

However, he failed.

Obviously, his control over momentum was still inadequate.

But Xu Nian wasn't discouraged; now he had a direction.

As long as he kept trying, there would eventually be a day of comprehension.

Time passed little by little.

A full three years.

Xu Nian was completely immersed in mastering momentum.

"Thousand Blade Slash!"

Xu Nian shouted, and wielded the wooden sword to slash out.

In an instant, the giant rock in front was sliced into countless pieces.

Extreme cutting, attacks from all directions, there was nowhere to hide.

Now, Xu Nian had somewhat comprehended momentum.

"I suppose I've broken through to the Middle Stage of Law." Xu Nian looked at his results, his eyes showing a joyful expression.

Momentum is the insight of the middle stage of Law.

"It's time to venture into the Supreme Tower." Xu Nian looked towards the towering giant tower at the center of Floating City, his eyes carrying a hint of anticipation.

He wondered if he could make it through the first level.

Chapter 1397: Supreme Tower Trial

Xu Nian arrived in front of the Supreme Tower.

An incredibly terrifying Heavenly Dao Pressure weighed down on him, making him feel breathless.

"Dong!"

In front of the Supreme Tower, the immortal bell tolled.

As loud as a grand bell, it instilled fear in the hearts of men.

Numerous disciples were coming and going around.

Some disciples who walked out of the Supreme Tower mostly looked dejected and dispirited.

Of course, there were also some disciples who had made slight breakthroughs and felt joyous.

But most of the disciples were still battered and bruised by the Supreme Tower.

"Huh, is it him?"

Tang Fei, who was chatting with his brothers, suddenly turned his gaze to Xu Nian, showing a hint of surprise in his eyes.

However, this hint of surprise quickly turned into disdain.

"Do you know him?"

A tall man standing with Tang Fei also looked at Xu Nian, curiously asking.

"I've seen him once. He's Lin Hengxin's new junior brother and a named disciple under the Taichu Immortal Emperor." Tang Fei said with a cold smile.

"A named disciple? Judging by his appearance, it should be his first time here at the Supreme Tower." The tall youth, hearing that Xu Nian was a named disciple, also sneered with disdain.

Especially seeing Xu Nian standing at the front of the Supreme Tower, gave off a feeling of looking at a country bumpkin.

"Do you know his name?" The tall youth suddenly asked.

"Seems like it's Xu Nian." Tang Fei said.

Upon hearing this, the tall youth immediately took out a token and input Xu Nian's name using his Immortal Consciousness.

Instantly, Xu Nian's information appeared on the token.

"Haha, he's actually at the Luoxian Realm Late Stage, really weak and talentless, only Yellow-level Top Grade. Tang Fei, someone like him isn't worth considering as an opponent. You're just a bit paranoid." The tall youth sneered mockingly.

"Senior brother, when have I ever considered him an opponent? I just think that Lin Hengxin is blind, being more enthusiastic about such a waste than me." Tang Fei said angrily.

Thinking of Lin Hengxin's attitude, a wave of anger surged in his heart.

"Tang Fei, you're too pathetic. With women, you shouldn't give them a kind face. The more you stoop low for her, the less she'll respect you. A woman like Lin Hengxin should be crushed with absolute strength. The next time she goes on a mission, just take care of her. I guarantee she'll be pining for you in the future." The tall youth said with an evil grin.

"As expected, senior brother is truly formidable. No wonder those named female disciples are so obedient when they see you. So, this is how it is." Tang Fei flattered.

The tall youth chuckled arrogantly.

"How long do you think that guy will last on the first floor?" The tall youth suddenly asked with a laugh.

"Him? No more than 15 minutes!" Tang Fei said disdainfully.

"I bet 7.5 minutes!" The tall youth laughed.

"Haha!" Tang Fei burst into laughter.

He looked at Xu Nian as if he were watching a clown.

Xu Nian naturally noticed Tang Fei and the tall youth.

Although he didn't hear their conversation, he could guess what they were talking about.

Especially their expressions towards him, which said it all.

However, Xu Nian couldn't be bothered with them.

He always felt that Xue Bing's words were correct.

To be worthy of respect, one must rely on strength.

"Xue Bing, incredible! Didn't expect you to last two hours on the second floor."

Just as Xu Nian prepared to enter the Supreme Tower.

Two youths walked out from within the Supreme Tower.

One of them was none other than Xu Nian's acquaintance, Xue Bing.

"Lasting two hours on the second floor?"

Tang Fei and the tall youth both frowned upon hearing this.

Being able to last two hours on the second floor meant that Xue Bing's Insight Realm had thoroughly advanced to the Middle Stage of Law's second stage.

The Middle Stage of Law is divided into three stages.

The first stage is Momentum!

And the second stage is the more challenging domain.

As for the third stage, he didn't even know what it was yet.

He had only just stepped into the second stage.

Yet, he didn't expect Xue Bing to already be stabilized at the second stage of the Middle Stage of Law.

"This Xue Bing is progressing rapidly. Senior brother, you can only last 15 minutes on the second floor, right?" Tang Fei asked in surprise.

"Hmph, he's just temporarily ahead. Sooner or later, I'll surpass him." The tall youth said angrily.

Tang Fei nodded, but said nothing.

This senior brother of his did not lack talent, but Xue Bing was also no ordinary figure.

Surpassing him might not be as easy as it looked.

However, he still hoped his senior brother would surpass him, as he and Xue Bing had some past grievances.

"Xu Nian, you finally came?"

Xue Bing immediately spotted Xu Nian.

"Brother Xue, congratulations on stabilizing at the second stage of the Middle Stage of Law," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

He now knew that Momentum was the first stage of the Middle Stage of Law.

He, too, had just stepped into the first stage of the Middle Stage of Law.

"Cultivate well, and within a hundred years, you can also step into the second floor. Since this is your first time at the Supreme Tower, don't be too aggressive. You can experience it first, and if you can't bear it, exit." Xue Bing smiled and said.

A hundred years?

Xu Nian smiled gently.

Perhaps he wouldn't need a hundred years.

This time, he intended to break into the second level.

However, he didn't share this thought with Xue Bing.

Because even if he did, Xue Bing wouldn't believe him.

"Alright, Brother Xue, I'll head in first," Xu Nian said.

"Go, I'll wait for you outside," Xue Bing said with a smile.

Quite clearly, he also believed Xu Nian wouldn't be inside for long.

Xu Nian smiled wryly.

Without saying more, he walked straight into the first floor of the Supreme Tower.

The Supreme Tower was incredibly grand, yet it was not what Xu Nian had imagined. There was no intense combat inside.

Instead, there were over a thousand stone platforms suspended within.

Some powerful figures were sitting on these platforms.

They had their eyes closed tight, sometimes frowning, sometimes joyful, sometimes in pain.

Clearly, they were undergoing intense battles of their own.

Xu Nian noticed a stone pillar in the main hall of the first floor.

The stone pillar inscribed the purpose of these stone platforms.

"I see, this Supreme Tower doesn't rely on the physical body for trials but instead uses the stone platforms to transmit one's soul to a Mind Space, where battles are conducted. Upon entering the Mind Space, everyone's strength is unified at the Luoxian Early Level."

Xu Nian spoke to himself as he read the content on the stone pillar.

He finally understood why Lin Hengxin mentioned that the Supreme Tower only tested Law comprehension.

No matter the strength, in the Mind Space, everyone only had the strength of the Luoxian Early Level. Thus, they could only rely on their insight into the Law.

"This trial method is quite new to me. Let's see how challenging this first layer is." Xu Nian said with a smile.

With that, he moved towards a stone platform.

In the next moment, a protective energy shield enveloped Xu Nian.

Soon, strange Array Patterns emerged on the stone platform.

The patterns surged instantly, and Xu Nian felt a dizzying spin.

Upon regaining clarity, he found himself on a desolate plain.

In front of him were five hundred Taigu Fierce Wolves at the Luoxian Early Level.

"This is the test of the first layer?"

Xu Nian's scalp tingled instantly.

No wonder Lin Hengxin couldn't overcome it.

Facing five hundred Taigu Fierce Wolves at the Luoxian Early Level with the same level?

This is just too insane!

Chapter 1398: Life-and-Death Challenge

Taigu Fierce Wolf is a Wind Attribute Law fierce beast.

This type of beast is extremely brutal and bloodthirsty, with incredible speed.

It is especially skilled in deploying Wind Blades.

A Taigu Fierce Wolf at the Luoxian Realm level is undoubtedly a nightmare of the same level.

And now, there are actually five hundred of them.

To kill all these Taigu Fierce Wolves, one must have an extraordinary understanding of the laws.

"This is just the first level, no wonder Senior Sister Lin said that even beyond the ninth level of the Supreme Tower, no one can set foot upon. Even an Immortal Emperor would find it nearly impossible to complete such a challenge," Xu Nian mused to himself.

However, there was no time for him to think now.

Because those five hundred Taigu Fierce Wolves had already discovered Xu Nian, with fierce glint erupting in their eyes.

"Buzz!"

With a thought, a sharp sword appeared in Xu Nian's hand.

This was merely an ordinary Low Grade Immortal Sword.

According to the rules of the Supreme Tower, all weapons can be condensed through consciousness, but the grade is only low-grade Immortal Artifact level.

So relying on weapons is also impossible.

"Roar!"

The Taigu Fierce Wolves issued roaring sounds.

Then they rapidly charged toward Xu Nian.

Their speed was so fast, like fleeting shadows.

Xu Nian held the sharp sword, yet there wasn't the slightest panic in his eyes.

"Let's test the results of my recent insights."

"Thousand Blade Kill!"

The sharp sword in Xu Nian's hand trembled.

Then, he stabbed a sword toward a rapidly charging Taigu Fierce Wolf.

"Buzz!"

The power of law erupted instantly.

One sword pierced like thousands of swords, surging from all directions.

"Puchi!"

The Taigu Fierce Wolf was instantly pierced into a sieve, dead on the spot.

"Thousand Blade Slash!"

Xu Nian immediately followed with another sword slash.

At the instant the sword was slashed, the three Taigu Fierce Wolves in front seemed to be locked by an invisible force.

They had nowhere to dodge.

The next moment, extreme sharpness surged from all directions.

The three Taigu Fierce Wolves were directly sliced into pieces.

Just like that, Xu Nian successively struck out with his sword.

Stabbing, slashing, hooking, flicking!

Every move contained the force of the Extreme Point Principle.

His control over force was no longer limited to stabs and slashes.

Yet despite this, Xu Nian was still being desperately chased by the five hundred Taigu Fierce Wolves.

"This body not only has low cultivation, but the quality of Immortal Essence is far inferior to my original body, even the body's strength is lacking greatly."

Xu Nian mused to himself.

After consecutively killing three hundred, Xu Nian already felt that the Immortal Essence within his body was nearly exhausted.

To deploy the Extreme Point Law requires consuming a large amount of Immortal Essence.

If it were Xu Nian's original body deploying it, not only would the power be several times greater than now, but the number of times it could be deployed would also be much more.

"It seems my control over force is not yet perfect. If it were perfect, it shouldn't be so tiring."

Xu Nian dodged while swinging the sharp sword in his hand.

At this moment, his sword-striking frequency had significantly decreased.

His body had suffered large claw marks from the Taigu Fierce Wolves at many places.

Some marks were deep, some shallow, with some so deep that bone could be seen.

This pain and injury felt no different from Xu Nian's own body.

So Xu Nian could be said to be fighting while enduring the pain.

"Hmph, I don't believe they can do it, but I can't."

Xu Nian gritted his teeth, swinging the sharp sword in his hand to continue battling with the remaining Taigu Fierce Wolves.

"Kill!"

Xu Nian deployed the Extreme Point Penetration Law and began a crazy slaughter again.

This time he was even more frenzied.

With each swing of the sword, six or seven Taigu Fierce Wolves were slain.

Finally, right before exhausting his strength, Xu Nian had slain all the five hundred Taigu Fierce Wolves.

And he was also severely injured, with a huge bloody hole in his chest.

This was from a sneak attack by a Taigu Fierce Wolf, with the claws piercing through his chest, nearly ripping him apart.

"Buzz!"

The world spun.

When Xu Nian woke up again, he found that his soul had returned to his original body.

"I'm back, does this mean I passed the trial?" Xu Nian took out his Token.

However, the Token displayed the result: Trial Failed.

"Huh?"

Xu Nian was a bit confused.

He immediately probed the information on the Token.

It showed that Xu Nian had slain five hundred Taigu Fierce Wolves, taking one and a quarter two hours.

But the requirement of the Trial Tower was to complete it within two hours.

In other words, Xu Nian exceeded the time by a quarter-hour, thus leading to trial failure.

"This Supreme Tower's trial is indeed exceptionally difficult, but failing means I have room for improvement," Xu Nian mused to himself.

However, thinking that Xue Bing could persist for two hours on the second floor, Xu Nian felt Xue Bing was extremely remarkable.

It seems that only by completely mastering the first stage of the Mid-Law, 'force', could one enter the second level.

The second level requires complete mastery of domains.

"Forget it, let's leave first, but today's trial has deepened my understanding of utilizing 'force'." Xu Nian stood up and walked out of the hall.

"How was it?" Xue Bing approached with a smile.

"I failed!" Xu Nian replied with a helpless smile.

Xue Bing smiled, "It's fine, failure at first is quite normal. Not many in Shendang Mountain can succeed on the first attempt into the second level. You've done well to persist for so long inside."

In Xue Bing's view, Xu Nian must have forcefully persisted to last so long.

He didn't believe Xu Nian could kill all the Taigu Fierce Wolves.

Xu Nian nodded with a smile.

He didn't mind Xue Bing's misunderstanding.

"You couldn't hold on for long, yet you insisted on staying in there for so long. Kid, do you think deceiving yourself helps?" Tang Fei approached with a cold smile.

As soon as he spoke, many people turned to look at Xu Nian.

Did this kid deliberately stay in there for a long time?

Is he so vain?

"Tang Fei, are you looking for trouble again?" Xue Bing snorted coldly.

"Xue Bing, what business do you have here?" Tang Fei said, anger surging as he narrowed his eyes.

Back then, he was harshly reprimanded by Xue Bing for aggressively pursuing Lin Hengxin.

He still remembers this grudge to this day.

If he could beat Xue Bing, he would have challenged him to a life-and-death duel long ago.

"What business? Xu Nian is my direct junior brother, he's acknowledged me as his big brother. You're publicly slandering him; do you think I'll ignore it? Tang Fei, if you continue to spread rumors and cause trouble, don't blame me for challenging you to a life-and-death duel," Xue Bing snorted.

Tang Fei, hearing this, frowned without saying more.

Though he could decline if Xue Bing challenged him to a life-and-death duel.

But doing so would bring shame to a Direct Disciple.

Then, in Shendang Mountain, he could no longer hold his head high.

"Xue Bing, my junior merely speaks the truth, yet you're using strength to suppress him. Do you think this will silence everyone?" A tall young man stood out, looking sharply at Xue Bing.

"Exactly, if you can't pass, you can't pass. Staying inside and wasting time thinking you'd earn respect?" an adjacent Direct Disciple mocked.

This statement instantly resonated with the other disciples nearby.

It was clear that they were supported by Immortal Sovereign-level nominal disciples.

Xue Bing frowned tightly, not knowing how to counter.

After all, he didn't know if Xu Nian really had wasted time inside.

"Tang Fei, you're a bit too restless, aren't you?" Xue Bing snorted coldly.

"Xue Bing, trying to use your strength to suppress my junior disciple, do you really think you can silence everyone like that?" a tall young man said, stepping forward and looking at Xue Bing.

"Just tell the truth, if you really think wasting time in there will earn you respect?" another Direct Disciple scoffed.

The remark immediately resonated with many disciples.

Xue Bing frowned tightly, not knowing how to retort.

He didn't know if Xu Nian was really in there wasting time.

"Tang Fei, are you itching for trouble again?" Xue Bing said with a cold snort.

Finally, Xu Nian, who had been silent all this time, suddenly spoke with a smile, "Is self-deception really useful?"

This statement immediately caused a stir among the crowd.

"Tang Fei, are you asking for trouble again?" Xue Bing said angrily.

Chapter 1399: Reviewing the Battle

Xu Nian is going to have a life-and-death duel with Tang Fei?

This guy must be crazy, right?

That Tang Fei's cultivation is at the Golden Immortal Peak, and his comprehension has reached the pinnacle of the Middle Stage of Law.

And Xu Nian is just at the Luoxian Realm Late Stage, the gap is an entire major realm.

Isn't this looking for death?

Xue Bing also thought he heard wrong, and quickly looked at Xu Nian, only to find that the latter's expression was particularly serious.

"Xu Nian, do you know the significance of the duel arena?" Xue Bing hurriedly asked.

"I know, Brother Xue." Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Xue Bing immediately felt that Xu Nian was crazy.

On the other side, Tang Fei was also full of surprise.

He really didn't expect Xu Nian to take the initiative to propose a life-and-death duel with him.

He didn't dare to have a life-and-death duel with Xue Bing, but with Xu Nian, a newcomer rookie, he had no fear at all.

"Tang Fei, it seems this newcomer is very dissatisfied and actually wants to have a life-and-death duel with you." A tall young man laughed along.

"Just an ignorant fool." Tang Fei sneered disdainfully.

Then he looked at Xu Nian: "Do you really plan to have a life-and-death duel with me? Kid, this could result in death, don't expect me to be lenient."

The surrounding disciples all looked at Xu Nian with mockery.

As if watching a clown.

After all, in their view, Xu Nian having a life-and-death duel with Tang Fei is simply courting disaster.

Xue Bing also felt that Xu Nian was being too rash.

Is a life-and-death duel child's play?

"Yes, I want to have a life-and-death duel with you, but not now, but six months later." Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Six months? Do you think you can surpass me in six months?" Tang Fei said disdainfully.

For immortals, even a hundred years is just a fleeting moment, let alone just six months?

Many powerful beings go into seclusion for decades or even a hundred years at a time.

Not to mention giving him six months, even if given ten years or a hundred years, he might not catch up to himself.

"Didn't you say I'm delaying on purpose to save face? In that case, let's duel in six months. By then, if I defeat you, no one will think I'm delaying on purpose, right?" Xu Nian said with a light smile.

"Fine, since you want to die, I'll grant your wish." Tang Fei snorted coldly.

Since this Xu Nian insists on seeking death, he has no reason not to oblige.

After speaking, Tang Fei directly took out his token and issued a life-and-death challenge to Xu Nian.

Soon, Xu Nian's token received a challenge letter from Tang Fei.

Once Xu Nian signs this challenge, there's no turning back.

If Xu Nian wants to back out later, he will surely face annihilation from Shendang Mountain.

"Xu Nian, don't be impulsive." Xue Bing quickly stopped Xu Nian.

"Don't worry, Brother Xue, I have my plans." Xu Nian reassured him with a smile.

Then he directly signed the challenge letter.

Since Tang Fei has already shown hostility toward him, he must eliminate him.

As for the six months, in reality, for Xu Nian, it means fifty years.

After all, the time flow in the Chaos Divine Palace is a hundred times faster than the outside world.

Fifty years, enough for Xu Nian's cultivation to take a qualitative leap.

"This kid really has lost his mind, actually signing a challenge letter with Tang Fei."

"Yes, even though Tang Fei is at the bottom among direct disciples, he's still a Sword Immortal at the Golden Immortal Peak Level, and his law comprehension is also at the Middle Stage. He's not weaker than some ordinary Immortal Kings, it's something a Luoxian Realm Late Stage can shake?"

"Alas, man-made missteps can be avoided, self-made missteps cannot live."

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Everyone around sighed.

They all felt Xu Nian had gone mad, seeking a life-and-death duel with Tang Fei.

Watching Xu Nian sign the challenge letter, Tang Fei also revealed a scornful sneer.

"Didn't expect you to really dare, so be it, six months later, it will be your death day," Tang Fei said coldly.

The tall young man beside him also sneered.

"Didn't expect, a hundred years later, to witness a duel between a direct disciple and a registered disciple again, wondering who will win this time?" The tall young man said with a laugh.

These words made the registered disciples grit their teeth.

This damned guy.

Clearly, it's just a personal vendetta between Xu Nian and Tang Fei, now he insists on escalating it to a battle for the honor of direct disciples versus registered disciples.

Isn't this obviously to bring disgrace to registered disciples?

"Yes, such a wonderful duel should be well publicized," those direct disciples shouted.

They thought this a great opportunity to humiliate the registered disciples.

The registered disciples were extremely angry, but had no outlet for it, they could only glare fiercely at Xu Nian and then leave with a flick of their sleeves.

Xu Nian ignored their gazes and instead turned around to fly back to his residence.

Xue Bing quickly followed up.

"Xu Nian, are you confident in dealing with that Tang Fei?" Xue Bing asked in surprise.

"Right now, I have no confidence at all," Xu Nian answered truthfully.

Tang Fei's strength is indeed not low, at present, he has no advantage in cultivation or comprehension.

"Then why did you challenge him first?" Xue Bing asked anxiously.

"Isn't there still six months?" Xu Nian smiled.

"Six months?" Xue Bing was at a loss for words.

What can you do in six months?

Does he think he can surpass Tang Fei just with six months?

"Forget it, this matter is a done deal, there's no point discussing further. Here, this is my comprehension of the law, some records I know about law cultivation, it might help you." Xue Bing said helplessly.

Then he took out a jade scroll.

Xu Nian's eyes immediately lit up.

Records of law cultivation?

This is a priceless treasure!

Xue Bing actually gave him such a treasure, it seems Xue Bing genuinely wants to help him.

"Thank you, Brother Xue, I'll definitely work hard and won't disgrace the registered disciples," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Xue Bing nodded helplessly, then patted Xu Nian's shoulder and turned to leave.

Watching Xue Bing's helpless back, Xu Nian felt a bit amused.

It seems that until he truly defeats Tang Fei.

No matter what he says, no one will believe in him.

"Well, in six months, everything will be revealed," Xu Nian also turned back to his residence to start seclusion and cultivation.

He intends to capitalize on the insights from the Supreme Tower trial to overturn today's battle.

So, Xu Nian directly entered the second layer of the Chaos Divine Palace.

And began calculating today's battle process.

Striving to deduce every detail of the battle.

At his cultivation realm, he can remember every tiny detail of past experiences clearly.

So now, he was like projecting a movie in his mind.

Reviewing the battle process bit by bit.

"Here the speed of drawing the sword should be faster, here the consumption of immortal essence is a bit too much, here the application of momentum is not proficient enough..."

Xu Nian pinpointed each mistake he made during the battle.

And tried to integrate these precious experiences to see if he could resolve these issues.

Time, passed just like that.

Chapter 1400: Half a Year of Cultivation

In the following month, Xu Nian spent most of his time in the Chaos Divine Palace.

After a month of reviewing, Xu Nian's application of the Extreme Point Penetration Law's mastery of '勢' had reached new heights.

However, in the outside world, less than a day had passed.

"According to the Jade Scroll given by Brother Xue, the three stages of the Middle Stage of Law are '勢', Domain, and Law Manifestation. The concepts of '勢' and Domain are not hard to grasp, but what exactly is Law Manifestation?"

Xu Nian was somewhat puzzled.

The Jade Scroll provided no information on Law Manifestation.

Obviously, even Xue Bing had no research on it.

"Forget it, I should focus on understanding '勢' first," Xu Nian murmured to himself.

He began to seriously study the introduction of '勢' in Xue Bing's Jade Scroll.

Actually, Xue Bing didn't provide much on '勢'.

But it was extremely profound and concise.

勢!

It is the tendency of all forces.

Mastering '勢' is to control the tendency of all things.

Xu Nian carefully contemplated these two sentences.

Suddenly, a realization dawned on him.

It means that to master '勢', one must foresee all possible movements of the opponent and preemptively block all potential paths of movement.

This way, one gains mastery over '勢'.

While the opponent loses theirs!

Understanding this, Xu Nian suddenly had a deeper comprehension.

He did not hesitate and began to wield the wooden sword in his hand.

This time, his attacks were not like before, oppressing from all directions.

Instead, he attacked from specific angles.

These angles could be any direction of the opponent's actions, unnecessary directions that would not waste Immortal Essence.

Thus, the Immortal Essence could be concentrated on necessary attack directions, greatly increasing the attack power.

"So this is the true '勢', not a full-scale oppression resembling Immortal Essence," Xu Nian murmured to himself.

With this understanding, it was now just a matter of mastering it skillfully.

He could easily pass through the first layer of the Supreme Tower.

Thus, for the next year, Xu Nian focused on this task.

A year later, Xu Nian had reached a level where he could control '勢' as he wished.

"It seems my mastery of the Extreme Point Penetration Law's '勢' has reached Great Success. I wonder if my Black Hole Law can also enter the realm of '勢'," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

During this time, his main body was always contemplating the Extreme Point Penetration Law.

While the Divine Demon Avatar was comprehending the '勢' of the Black Hole Law.

However, the '勢' of the Black Hole Law was much more difficult than Xu Nian had imagined.

He had contemplated it for a year without any results.

"Take it slow. I don't believe a year won't suffice; if not, then ten years will," Xu Nian said with determination in his eyes.

His main body continued to comprehend the Extreme Point Penetration Law, attempting to grasp the second layer of the Middle Stage of Law, the Domain Realm.

While the Divine Demon Avatar continued to comprehend the Black Hole Law.

As for the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, it entered a rapid growth phase, slipping into dormancy.

Time flew by, and twelve years passed.

Meanwhile, in the outside world, just over a month had elapsed.

Finally, Xu Nian stepped out of the courtyard for the first time and headed towards the Supreme Tower.

This time, Xu Nian spent only 90 minutes inside the Supreme Tower.

Since an hour equals two hours, Xu Nian's stay of 90 minutes wasn't long.

After 90 minutes, Xu Nian left the Supreme Tower and returned to the Chaos Divine Palace.

Another twelve years passed.

Xu Nian visited the Supreme Tower again.

This time, Xu Nian only stayed for 15 minutes.

Then he returned to his residence.

Over a month later, Xu Nian visited the Supreme Tower once more.

This time, Xu Nian only stayed for a mere 15 minutes before returning.

After a month.

Xu Nian came to the Supreme Tower again, and this time, Xu Nian remained inside for a whole hour.

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In a very luxurious courtyard within the Floating City.

Tang Fei sat opposite a tall young man.

The tall young man, surnamed Qin and named Qin Ming, was also a Golden Immortal Peak Level expert.

"Brother Qin, did Xu Nian go to the Supreme Tower again?" Tang Fei asked curiously.

"Yes, he went to the Supreme Tower again, but this time he stayed a lengthy one hour," Qin Ming chuckled lightly.

"This guy went to the Supreme Tower four times in half a year, with each of the first three times being shorter than the last, but this last time was a full hour. It seems the first three times were just a pretense, and this last time reflects his real strength. Staying for one hour in the first layer without completing the assessment, yet he thinks he can duel me to the death?" Tang Fei sneered disdainfully.

Xu Nian's first visit lasted 90 minutes.

The second was just 15 minutes.

The third, only for a mere 15 minutes.

The fourth, however, was a full hour.

According to Tang Fei's estimates, the first and fourth visits should be genuine.

He could perhaps only last 90 minutes during the first visit and finally managed to endure an entire hour on the fourth.

"You can now step into the second layer, right?" Qin Ming asked with a smile.

"Yes, I can last a full 15 minutes in the second layer," Tang Fei said proudly.

His understanding of '勢' had reached Perfect.

As for Domain, he had gained some insight.

He wouldn't need ten years to step into entry-level Domain.

"Not bad. It seems this duel is without suspense. Do you know Xu Nian's current cultivation level?" Qin Ming smiled and asked.

"Peak of Luoxian?" Tang Fei asked curiously.

Qin Ming shook his head, "Still Luoxian Late Stage. Compared to Law Comprehension, cultivation is easier to improve, yet his cultivation hasn't advanced much over five months. It's evident that his challenge to a duel was a rash decision made in the heat of the moment."

At first, Qin Ming was worried that Xu Nian might have some extraordinary talent.

Thus, he had been keeping an eye on Xu Nian for the past half-year.

But after observing for half a year, he found that Xu Nian was merely an ordinary cultivator.

"Brother, I told you before you were overthinking, yet you kept urging caution. Now it seems you were overly wary," Tang Fei said with a laugh.

Qin Ming nodded in agreement.

It indeed seemed like he had overthought it.

"There are only ten days left until the death match. I've spoken to some others, and they will come to watch your duel. Perform well, and you might gain their recognition," Qin Ming said.

"Really, Brother, are they really coming?" Tang Fei said with delight.

He naturally knew who Qin Ming was referring to.

Those individuals were certainly among the top Immortal Sovereign Level Disciples.

If he could gain their favor, his future in Shendang Mountain would be bright.

"So make sure to seize this opportunity and strive to tarnish the face of those subordinate disciples," Qin Ming said.

"Rest assured, Brother. I guarantee those subordinate disciples will deeply resent Xu Nian," Tang Fei smirked confidently.

Hearing this, Qin Ming nodded in reassurance.