

Divine King 1401

Chapter 1401: Mysterious Expert

Inside Xu Nian's courtyard.

Xu Nian looked at the information on his token, a satisfied smile appearing on his lips.

"Barely made it through the second level, and now my Extreme Point Penetration Law Domain has achieved Small Achievement." Xu Nian muttered to himself with a smile.

For the past six months, Xu Nian had been comprehending the Extreme Point Penetration Law.

At the same time, the strength of the Black Hole Law remained stable.

For the first, second, and third time, he used the Black Hole Law to break through the first level.

So, after six months, his control over the strength of the Black Hole Law reached the Perfect Realm.

Both are First-grade Laws.

Having such comprehension is already considered incredibly defying.

"There are ten days until the duel. Ten days using the Chaos Divine Palace, along with the Immortal Crystal Stones, it shouldn't be difficult to elevate the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus to the Golden Immortal Realm." Xu Nian muttered to himself with a smile.

"Xu Nian, Xu Nian, are you there?"

Just as Xu Nian was about to retreat into seclusion to elevate his Cultivation Realm, a familiar voice came from outside the courtyard.

"Here, Senior Sister, come in."

With a wave of his sleeve, Xu Nian opened the formation restriction of the courtyard.

Quickly, a lovely figure rushed in.

Indeed, it was Lin Hengxin.

At this moment, Lin Hengxin was in a hurry, looking anxious.

"Junior Brother Xu Nian, what's going on? Why did you accept a life-and-death duel with Tang Fei? Did he force you?" Lin Hengxin said angrily.

For most of the past six months, she had been in seclusion.

Upon hearing the sudden news of Xu Nian's life-and-death duel with Tang Fei, she was shocked and immediately ran to find Xu Nian.

"No, I actively proposed the life-and-death duel with Tang Fei." Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"You proposed it? Are you crazy? Tang Fei is a Golden Immortal Peak Level expert. He surely won't spare you in the duel." Lin Hengxin was extremely anxious.

Unexpectedly, Xu Nian actively proposed the life-and-death duel with Tang Fei.

Xu Nian smiled, unsure how to explain.

"It must be that bloke Tang Fei bullying you, huh, I'll go find him to settle the score." Lin Hengxin said angrily, ready to seek Tang Fei.

"Senior Sister, don't be impulsive. There's no use in finding him. I have already signed the challenge letter with him, so it has become a settled matter. In ten days, I will fight him." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Dashing off Lin Hengxin's concern for him.

Upon hearing his words, Lin Hengxin started pacing within the courtyard.

Suddenly, she seemed to recall something, taking out a jade box from the storage ring.

Positioned in the jade box was a resplendent golden Immortal Pill.

"This is the Great Saint Golden Pill. Once you ingest it, your strength will improve significantly; breaking through the Golden Immortal Realm shouldn't be an issue. I initially planned to use it for my breakthrough to the late-stage Golden Immortal; now you need it more than me." Lin Hengxin promptly pressed the jade box into Xu Nian's hand.

"Senior Sister, this Great Saint Golden Pill is the top-grade of Immortal Pills, right? It's too precious. I don't need it." Xu Nian quickly refused.

"You must take it. You saved my life once, so what is one Great Saint Golden Pill? As long as you survive, I'll do anything for you." Lin Hengxin said resolutely.

Xu Nian was deeply touched.

Lin Hengxin, although fiery, has a righteous heart.

He could see Lin Hengxin's genuine concern for him.

"Then I'll accept, thank you for your goodwill, Senior Sister." Xu Nian smiled.

"No need for thanks; getting through this calamity is what's important. Besides, there's a chance you'll survive. As long as you last through three cups of tea, you have the chance to concede. By then, you must admit defeat without hesitation, do you hear?" Lin Hengxin said sternly.

"Okay!" Xu Nian replied helplessly, nodding.

As for yielding?

That's definitely not going to happen.

After sending off Lin Hengxin, Xu Nian entered the Chaos Divine Palace again.

Sitting cross-legged, Xu Nian looked at the Great Saint Golden Pill in hand, a slight warmth in his heart.

"Senior Sister, I will remember this favor, and I promise to repay you doubly in the future." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Then, he swallowed the Great Saint Golden Pill.

As the Great Saint Golden Pill entered his abdomen, an incomparably pure energy burst within Xu Nian's body.

Xu Nian immediately operated the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus Technique.

With the Chaos Green Lotus Seed inside him, flickering between brightness and darkness, it continually absorbed the terrifying energy of the Immortal Pill.

Indeed, the energy it contains is truly terrifying.

Xu Nian's Chaos Green Lotus Seed absorbed immense energy.

Yet, despite this, the Great Tao Golden Core continued to provide a massive amount of Immortal Essence Power.

"Boom!"

A loud explosion.

Xu Nian's cultivation rose directly from the Luoxian Late Stage to the Luoxian Realm Peak.

Soon, the energy within the Great Tao Golden Core started dwindling.

Ultimately vanished completely.

Leaving Xu Nian's cultivation remained at the Luoxian Realm Peak.

"For an ordinary Luoxian, even a Sword Immortal, breaking through to a Profound Immortal wouldn't be problematic, but I lack a bit." Xu Nian muttered helplessly.

Indeed, the energy needed for the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus is overwhelmingly vast.

Even the Great Saint Golden Pill falls short.

Next, Xu Nian could only take out the Immortal Crystal Stones and start his frantic absorption.

The absorption process is exceedingly lengthy.

Two plus years went by in a flash.

"Boom!"

With a resonating sound like a grand clock from within Xu Nian's body.

A resplendent golden light enveloped Xu Nian's form.

Golden Immortal Realm!

Indeed, Xu Nian finally broke through to the Golden Immortal Realm Early Stage before the duel.

Xu Nian discovered the Chaos Green Lotus Seed inside him was bathed in a blue-golden light.

A mist was around the Chaos Green Lotus Seed, seemingly an extraordinarily formidable energy.

"It seems this mist is released from the Chaos Green Lotus Seed." Xu Nian muttered.

With the mist, it's akin to gaining another trump card.

"My Golden Immortal Realm should rival ordinary late-stage Golden Immortal law comprehension; activating the Ancestor Dragon Bloodline, contending with Golden Immortal Peak is not impossible, it should suffice against Tang Fei." Xu Nian mulled over.

Though his cultivation might lack a bit.

Still, cultivation isn't the bedrock of measuring one's strength.

Law Comprehension is!

Xu Nian is convinced of his comprehensions over the past six months can defeat Tang Fei.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian stepped out of the Chaos Divine Palace.

The duel commences in a day's time.

Xu Nian plans to relax during this period.

Thus he wandered casually around the Floating City.

"Hey, is that person cultivating?"

As Xu Nian ambled towards a lake within the Floating City, he was drawn to the figure hovering above the water.

The individual's strength was apparent; Xu Nian believed this person to be an Immortal King Level expert.

His Insight Realm was even more profound.

So profound that Xu Nian couldn't understand it.

"Buzz!"

The person waved his hand, and a water droplet detached from the water surface.

This droplet swiftly transformed into an incredibly intricate palace.

Each detail of the palace appeared vibrant, even the carvings on the stone pillars, conveying clarity.

"Such potent control!" Xu Nian marveled.

Regarding this, Xu Nian could affirm he wasn't capable.

Chapter 1402: Law Manifestation

"Could this be the Third Stage, the Law Manifestation, of the Middle Stage of Laws?"

Xu Nian suddenly thought of something, and he was astonished.

Even though he had already stepped into the Domain Level, he still knew nothing about the Third Stage.

So when he saw this man use a drop of water to conjure a vividly lifelike palace, Xu Nian thought of this Third Stage of the Middle Stage of Laws.

"Junior brother, if you have any questions, feel free to come forward and discuss."

However, just as Xu Nian was pondering this, the man on the lake smiled and spoke.

"Uh?" Xu Nian was a bit surprised.

He hadn't expected the other party to invite him proactively.

"Greetings, Brother!" Xu Nian floated forward and stood opposite the man.

"Please sit!" The man waved his hand, and a pair of chairs and a table formed on the surface of the water.

Xu Nian was slightly startled, and immediately took a seat.

He found that the chairs and table, formed by the condensation of water, were no different from solid ones.

"Are you curious about how I used a droplet of water to create a palace?" The other seemed to have seen through Xu Nian's thoughts and asked with a smile.

"Yes, Brother. Although the control and condensation of Heaven and Earth Elements is the foundation of the laws, for some reason, I feel that the palace you conjured just now is a bit different." Xu Nian voiced his doubts.

The other laughed heartily upon hearing Xu Nian's words.

His gaze turned appreciative when he looked at Xu Nian.

"It seems you have a keen eye. Indeed, the palace I conjured is different from ordinary things condensed from Water Element Laws. This is the Law Manifestation of the Third Stage of the Middle Stage of Laws." The blue-clad youth said with a smile.

"Law Manifestation? So that's it." Xu Nian was surprised.

It seems his guess was correct.

The technique the blue-clad youth used earlier was indeed Law Manifestation.

"May I ask, Brother, what is the difference between Law Manifestation and Elemental Condensation?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"The difference is significant." The other responded with a smile.

"Please enlighten me, Brother." Xu Nian quickly seized this opportunity.

This was a rare opportunity for him.

Although he had a remarkably powerful Divine Emperor as a master.

Yet Ye Tian, the Divine Emperor, couldn't be bothered to answer such questions, always letting him comprehend it on his own.

So if this Immortal King brother could answer it for him, it would be an invaluable asset.

"Why don't you guess for yourself? If I directly tell you the answer, it won't be beneficial to you." The blue-clad youth smiled.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian began to ponder.

Law Manifestation and Elemental Condensation.

What exactly is the difference between the two?

"Could it be that Law Manifestation allows things to become vessels of laws?" Xu Nian thought and said.

He had clearly felt just now that the palace formed by the water droplet contained an incredibly powerful Water Attribute Law.

"Haha!" The blue-clad youth laughed heartily.

"Brother, am I wrong?" Xu Nian asked, a bit puzzled.

"You're not wrong, but you're not entirely correct either. Law Manifestation is essentially about condensing your own laws into tangible things. For example, the palace I conjured is itself a product of

the law. If you look closely, you'll find it is not composed of individual elements, but is a whole entity." The blue-clad youth explained with a smile.

"Uh?" Xu Nian examined the droplet carefully.

Only then did he discover that the droplet was not made up of individual elements, but, as the blue-clad youth said, the entire palace was completely integrated as a whole.

"But what's the significance of manifesting laws into concrete objects?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"Of course it's significant. The laws you've previously utilized were probably executed by communicating with Heaven and Earth, then integrating your own Immortal Essence to form an attack, right?" The blue-clad youth asked with a smile.

"Yes, isn't Law Manifestation done in the same way?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"Well, the objects manifested from laws themselves contain great power, known as the Law Power. The scars formed by this Law Power cannot be restored, and it can annihilate the Immortal Immortal Body of an Immortal King Level." The blue-clad youth explained.

Xu Nian understood this now.

Strong individuals at the Cultivator Level, upon reaching the Immortal King Level, would give birth to an Immortal Power within them, which could form an Immortal Immortal Body.

Ordinary attacks imbued with Immortal Essence, even if they contain the Power of Laws, cannot cause substantial damage to it.

Yet the objects manifested from laws are different; they are laws themselves.

For example, if one manifests a Law Sword through Law Manifestation, the damage caused by this sword cannot be restored by Immortal Power.

Of course, the strength of the manifested objects depends on the ability to manifest laws.

And Law Manifestation also requires the consumption of Immortal Essence.

So, in a sense, the more Immortal Essence one has, the stronger their ability to manifest, and the more powerful the items manifested from the laws will be.

"I understand now, thank you, Brother, for clearing up my doubts." Xu Nian nodded.

Now he finally understood what Law Manifestation truly was.

What was once a foggy mystery has now been unveiled.

"No need to thank me. Your comprehension is quite good, which is why I'm willing to speak a bit more with you. If your comprehension was poor, I wouldn't bother explaining." The blue-clad youth said with a smile.

"May I know the distinguished name of Brother and which powerful master you are apprenticed under?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"Haha, you will know this in the future. Alright, I must return now, let's meet again if fate permits." The blue-clad youth laughed heartily.

After finishing his words, his figure instantly turned into a puddle of water and disappeared on the spot.

Seeing this scene, Xu Nian was extremely astonished.

He couldn't discern how the other person left.

It must be said, the strength of this blue-clad youth was indeed remarkable.

Xu Nian stood on the lake for a while, then turned to leave.

And not long after Xu Nian left,

two figures suddenly appeared on the lake.

One of them was precisely the blue-clad youth who had just left.

"Do you really think he has the potential to become our junior brother?" The white-clad man asked the blue-clad youth from before.

"There's a thirty percent chance." The blue-clad youth smiled.

The white-clad man was stunned upon hearing this: "Thirty percent isn't low. I glimpsed his law wave just now and found he had already formed his own domain, and his law wave is strong, seemingly a rare first-grade law. Is that why you favor him?"

"Haha, yes and no. You might not know, but half a year ago, he hadn't even mastered momentum." The blue-clad youth laughed.

"What? Are you saying that it took him only half a year to move from momentum to domain?" The white-clad youth was struck with shock, gazing in amazement towards the direction Xu Nian left.

Comprehending two levels of laws in half a year; what a terrifying and abnormal feat.

This has never happened in the history of Shendang Mountain.

"However, I just tested him; his comprehension is good, but not as terrifying as I imagined. Maybe he has some talent we don't know about." The blue-clad youth smiled.

The white-clad youth nodded.

If he really advanced through two realms in half a year, then the entire Shendang Mountain would treat him as a treasure.

Chapter 1403: Underlying Currents Surging

Time flew by, and the day of Xu Nian and Tang Fei's life-and-death duel arrived.

The duel arena was now crowded with many people.

The dueling ground was vast, as large as hundreds of football fields.

"So many people have come, could it be that those direct disciples are intentionally creating momentum?"

Lin Hengxin looked at the audience stands filled with thousands and couldn't help but feel a bit angry.

So many people clearly came to see Xu Nian make a fool of himself.

"That's right, it's the handiwork of Tang Fei and Qin Ming. They want to use this opportunity to suppress the arrogance of our registered disciples. Even those direct disciples of the Immortal King have come." Xue Bing said.

"Damn it, if Xu Nian loses or admits defeat, won't they laugh him to death?" Lin Hengxin said angrily.

"That's still a good outcome. I'm afraid Xu Nian can't last the time for three cups of tea, and even if he hangs on and admits defeat, he will be resented by other registered disciples. So Xu Nian has taken the wrong step completely, but staying alive is more important than anything else." Xue Bing said with a frown.

He really felt that Xu Nian shouldn't have actively proposed a life-and-death duel with Tang Fei.

Lin Hengxin said nothing, but in his heart, he agreed with Xue Bing's view.

Xu Nian really shouldn't have proposed a life-and-death duel with Tang Fei.

If he can't hold on, wouldn't he lose his life?

Meanwhile, Tang Fei stood in the stands with Qin Ming.

Tang Fei was feeling extremely relaxed at the moment.

In his view, there wasn't the slightest suspense in this battle.

As long as he wanted, he could definitely resolve it in one move.

"That guy hasn't come yet. Could it be that he doesn't dare to show up?" Tang Fei glanced around and, seeing that Xu Nian wasn't present, sneered immediately.

"It's even better if he doesn't come. By then, the Law Enforcement Elder will come knocking, and he'll die even more miserably." Qin Ming said with a sneer.

This duel was meant to humiliate those registered disciples anyway.

If Xu Nian doesn't come, those registered disciples will be called cowards, lacking even the courage to face the challenge.

"Brother Qin, have those people arrived yet?" Tang Fei suddenly asked out of curiosity.

"They have, over there." Qin Ming pointed to a high platform on the audience stands.

Three tall and imposing men stood there.

The three stood there, naturally separated from the surroundings.

Disciples around them threw glances of awe and respect toward these three.

And the three had an air of looking down upon the world.

"Brother Xing, it's just a boring fight, so why did you call us here?" asked a handsome young man in red apparel, somewhat displeased.

"Yeah, Brother Xing, I heard this is a foregone duel with a huge disparity in strength. That challenging disciple has only Luoxian Realm cultivation, definitely a surefire loser." Another tall young man chimed in.

The young man called Brother Xing smiled lightly, pointing to another elevated platform, "Do you see them?"

The two youths followed Brother Xing's pointing finger.

What they saw instantly startled them.

"It's them? Why would even they come?" the red-clothed youth and the tall youth both muttered in surprise.

"This challenger is also under the Taichu Immortal Emperor, part of the same sect." Chen Zhixing said with a smile.

The two young men he pointed at were indeed the youngest direct disciples of the Taichu Immortal Emperor.

Yet even as the youngest, their strength was far above theirs.

"But even if from the same sect, that Xu Nian is only a registered disciple. Why would they care so much? Could it be they are just too bored and want some entertainment?" the red-clothed youth asked, perplexed.

"No, even if they were bored, they wouldn't come to watch such an event. Could Xu Nian be special in some way?" the tall youth countered.

Chen Zhixing chuckled and said, "Xu Nian is indeed special. I've investigated him. He's personally taken in by the Taichu Immortal Emperor and was the champion of the Immortal Order Competition in the mortal world."

"Champion of the mortal realm competition? So what? Anyone who can cultivate to immortality is a standout in the mortal world." The red-clothed man didn't care.

"The key is that it's been less than a hundred years since that Immortal Order Competition." Chen Zhixing said.

"A hundred years? Less than a hundred years to reach the Luoxian Realm? How can this be?" The red-clothed youth and the tall youth were shocked.

Reaching the Luoxian Realm within a hundred years is indeed already considered genius-level.

"But even so, would that truly be enough to garner the attention of these direct disciples?" the red-clothed man asked.

"That's why I'm curious, too. But once the duel begins, we'll find out everything." Chen Zhixing smiled.

The red-clothed youth and the tall youth both nodded.

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Among those present were not only disciples of the Immortal King, Immortal Sovereign, and Immortal Emperor.

There were also disciples of the Golden Immortal and Luoxian levels.

Most of these disciples came with the attitude of observing and learning.

Among them was Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao had now broken through to the mid-stage Profound Immortal level, and she was dragged here by her senior sister today.

Only upon arriving did she learn that one of the protagonists in this battle was named Xu Nian.

"Xu Nian? Another registered disciple of the Taichu Immortal Emperor? Could it really be him?" Jiang Yao pondered in her heart.

Yet she felt it was impossible.

Since she last saw Xu Nian in the mortal world, not even a hundred years have passed.

In just a hundred years, how could Xu Nian have cultivated to the late stage of the Luoxian Realm, the same cultivation as his Master?

"Yao Yao, what are you thinking? Let me tell you, today's battle is completely Tang Fei's personal showcase, and that Xu Nian is doomed." Jiang Yao's senior sister said.

"Why?" Jiang Yao asked curiously.

"Why what? Don't you know Brother Tang Fei's strength? He has been a direct disciple of the Immortal Sovereign for three hundred years. His cultivation has long reached the Golden Immortal Peak, and his Law Comprehension has entered the second stage of the mid-law. That Xu Nian is only at the late stage of the Luoxian Realm, having joined Shendang Mountain less than two years ago. Do you think this battle has any suspense?" Yao Shan said with a look of admiration.

Clearly, she held great admiration for Brother Tang Fei.

"Is there such a huge gap in strength? Then why did he agree to the challenge?" Jiang Yao asked curiously.

"Why else? Overestimating his own abilities. Even if he gets killed, he deserves it." Yao Shan said confidently.

Jiang Yao frowned slightly, saying nothing.

For some reason, she really hoped that the Xu Nian in this duel wasn't the Xu Nian she knew.

But the next moment, she was completely stunned.

She watched as a familiar figure walked slowly in from the arena gate.

"Is it really him?"

Jiang Yao was utterly dumbfounded.

She couldn't believe that the protagonist of this battle was actually the Xu Nian she knew.

Doesn't that mean Xu Nian is destined to perish here today?

Chapter 1404: Battle Against Tang Fei

Xu Nian's entrance instantly drew a lot of attention.

"I didn't expect this guy to actually dare to come." Tang Fei said with a cold smile, his gaze full of amusement.

"It's good that he's here. Don't rush to kill him; thoroughly humiliate him so those registered disciples can see the consequences of offending us direct disciples." Qin Ming's eyes radiated a chilling intent.

"Don't worry, Brother Qin, I know what to do. I'll make sure he regrets coming into this world." Tang Fei said, laughing coldly.

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On the other side, as soon as Xu Nian appeared, Lin Hengxin and Xue Bing immediately surrounded him.

"Senior Sister Lin, Brother Xue, you're both here?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

He had not expected that his duel with Tang Fei would attract so much attention.

"Xu Nian, how about it? Did you take the Great Saint Golden Pill I gave you?" Lin Hengxin hurriedly asked.

"I did, thank you, Senior Sister." Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"It's good that you took it. You must hold out for the time of three cups of tea; then you can concede." Lin Hengxin advised.

"Concede?" Xu Nian laughed wryly.

He hadn't planned on conceding at all.

"Xu Nian, I know conceding might cause you to lose face at Shendang Mountain, but it's better than losing your life. In my opinion, Tang Fei won't let you off easily. He wants to use this chance to teach the registered disciples a lesson, so he'll certainly torture you mercilessly." Xue Bing said.

"Is that so? No wonder so many people came. Well, Brother Xue, Senior Sister Lin, I know what to do." Xu Nian nodded and said.

"It's good that you know." Xue Bing and Lin Hengxin nodded as well, saying no more.

They had said what they needed to; the rest was up to whether Xu Nian could endure.

"I didn't expect this kid has reached the Golden Immortal Realm; it seems he's taken a Pill." Chen Zhixing glanced at Xu Nian, chuckling lightly.

"Golden Immortal Early Stage, his rise is indeed rapid, but there's still quite a gap compared to the Golden Immortal Peak." the man in red said dismissively.

The tall young man nodded in agreement.

A gap of three full levels is not easily bridged.

Moreover, Tang Fei is a Sword Immortal.

Chen Zhixing smiled and said nothing.

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Elsewhere, the blue-clothed youth who had previously met Xu Nian by the lake was currently talking with a white-clothed man beside him.

"Do you really think he can defeat Tang Fei?" the white-clothed youth asked.

"I don't know if he can win, but I'm sure he won't die at Tang Fei's hands." the blue-clothed youth said with a smile.

"Holding out for the time of three cups of tea isn't an easy task either." the white-clothed youth shook his head.

One cup of tea is equivalent to two incense sticks.

Three cups of tea equal six incense sticks.

For a duel at the level of Golden Immortals, even six breaths can be exceedingly long, let alone six incense sticks.

Thus, he felt that Xu Nian might not be able to hold out that long.

The blue-clothed youth said nothing further. Why he felt Xu Nian wouldn't die was actually a kind of gut feeling.

After all, the gap between Xu Nian and Tang Fei was truly vast.

"Whoosh!"

Tang Fei's figure flashed, transforming directly into a ball of flame, appearing on the dueling platform.

Then he looked at Xu Nian, his gaze full of provocation.

Xu Nian didn't hesitate either, swiftly flying onto the battle platform.

"The challenge is set; life or death is not considered." Tang Fei declared the challenge.

The next moment, the declaration merged into the nearby stele.

The stele emitted a brilliant light, and the next moment, an invisible fluctuation enveloped the entire battle platform.

This defensive light shield not only blocked the energy dissipation from their attacks to avoid collateral damage,

but also locked both of them inside to prevent either side from escaping.

In the time of three cups of tea, no matter which side calls to concede, this energy shield will not open again.

"Xu Nian, today is the day you die." Tang Fei said with a cold smile.

His aura was exceedingly domineering.

"I think you are the one who's going to die." Xu Nian replied with a laugh.

His gaze towards Tang Fei was fearless.

There was an uproar among the onlookers.

Xu Nian actually said such words—could there be a turning point in this battle?

"Hmph, at death's door and still daring to boast. I'll beat you until you can't be arrogant anymore." Tang Fei said.

With that, the momentum of a Golden Immortal Peak Level surged from him.

The next instant, a terrifying flame aura gushed from his body.

"Let me show you the power of my Samadhi True Fire."

Tang Fei shouted, his figure flicking, appearing directly in front of Xu Nian.

A punch was thrown, the fist surging with intense flames.

As he watched the punch, a cold smile formed at the corners of Xu Nian's mouth.

He too threw a punch in return.

This punch didn't even harness any law power.

"Boom!"

A deafening explosion.

Xu Nian's body remained unmoved, yet Tang Fei was thrust back three steps.

"How is this possible?"

Tang Fei looked surprised.

The spectators on the platform were equally astonished.

Xu Nian had met Tang Fei's punch head-on and actually gained the upper hand?

Lin Hengxin and Xue Bing, seated in the stands, were also shocked.

"Have you ever seen Xu Nian make a move?" Xue Bing suddenly thought of a question, turning to ask Lin Hengxin.

"No." Lin Hengxin thought for a moment, then shook her head.

She indeed had never seen Xu Nian truly take action.

When Xu Nian saved her before, it was using some special method.

As for Xu Nian's actual strength, she knew nothing.

"Perhaps we've underestimated Xu Nian." Xue Bing said.

"Huh? You mean Xu Nian is very strong?" Lin Hengxin asked curiously.

"I don't know if he's strong, but Xu Nian's physical body should be very strong." Xue Bing said.

Anyone with insight could see that Xu Nian's physical body contained a terrifying strength.

"You're not even using any force; do you think you can kill me? You'd better use your true strength, or you won't get another chance." Xu Nian said with a smile.

That punch from earlier, Tang Fei had surely underestimated him.

It simply used a bit of the law power, and only a trace of Immortal Essence.

Such an attack couldn't hurt him in the slightest.

"Seems I've indeed underestimated you. In that case, let me show you my true strength." At this moment, Tang Fei also realized he had underestimated Xu Nian.

His eyes burst with blazing red flames.

The next instant, Tang Fei struck with another punch.

This punch carried immense momentum.

Xu Nian could clearly feel a towering force surging towards him from all directions.

This force was incredibly scorching too.

Once burnt by it, there would likely be no quick way to recover.

"Now, this is interesting!" Xu Nian smiled slightly.

At the same time, he clenched his fist, throwing another punch.

"Buzz!"

A terrifying law power suddenly rippled from him.

The ground beneath him collapsed resoundingly, forming rings of cracks.

"Huh?"

Tang Fei clearly felt the law power contained in Xu Nian's punch.

The two fists collided.

"Boom!"

A deafening explosion.

The entire battle platform instantly shattered.

The terrifying power formed a shockwave, reducing everything around to ashes.

Both Xu Nian and Tang Fei were simultaneously pushed back several dozen zhang before the force dissipated from their bodies.

Chapter 1405: Ksitigarbha Fist

"Impossible, how could you possibly block my Law Power?"

Tang Fei looked at Xu Nian with disbelief.

That punch just now, he had already used the Law Power.

But even so, it was still blocked by Xu Nian.

This was something he couldn't accept.

The audience in the stands were also in a daze.

They didn't understand how Xu Nian managed to do it.

Clearly, Xu Nian's cultivation was only at the Golden Immortal Early Stage.

Even if Xu Nian also used Law Power, he shouldn't be able to match Tang Fei.

"First-grade Law, Black Hole Power? This kid is really surprising," said the blue-clothed youth with a smile.

The white-clothed youth nodded in agreement.

Even they had only comprehended the Second Grade Law.

Yet Xu Nian had already comprehended a First-grade Law.

"It seems that his use of Law Power has reached the Perfect Realm, but being able to block Tang Fei's punch earlier was not just due to the Law; his own immortal essence seems very strong," the white-clothed youth added.

"Yes, if I'm not mistaken, the strength of his immortal essence should already match the Golden Immortal Late Stage, it's unexpected that his cultivation technique is so formidable," said the blue-clothed youth.

"You're right, he might really have the potential to become our junior martial brother, but why is his evaluation only at Yellow-level Top?" the white-clothed youth couldn't figure it out.

The blue-clothed youth couldn't figure it out either.

Because they had no idea that even the Sky-reaching Stele would cheat.

"A fine First-grade Law, it seems this battle will not be simple," said Chen Zhixing with some surprise.

The Black Hole Power Law is an extremely rare First-grade Law within the earth attribute.

The power Xu Nian unleashed in that punch could only be a First-grade Law.

"First-grade Law, there are only three comprehenders of First-grade Law in our Shendang Mountain, this guy is actually the fourth one," said both the red-clothed youth and the tall youth in astonishment.

They didn't expect they could also misjudge someone.

"First-grade Law?" Xue Bing and Lin Hengxin were also dumbfounded.

They really didn't think that Xu Nian could match Tang Fei.

"First-grade Law, First-grade Law? Argh, I refuse to accept this," Tang Fei's eyes suddenly erupted with intense killing intent.

It was only at this moment that he truly ignited his fighting spirit.

Previously, he just wanted to teach Xu Nian a lesson as a warning to those outer disciples.

But when Xu Nian consecutively blocked his attacks without a scratch, he realized that today's battle required his full effort, or else he might really end up defeated.

"Xu Nian, I didn't expect you to hide so deeply, not only have you comprehended a First-grade Law but also completely mastered Law Power," Tang Fei said, his eyes cold.

He had already formed a grudge with Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's comprehension of a First-grade Law meant his potential was vast.

If he didn't kill him today, he might be counter-killed in the future.

"So I told you, the one who will die today is you," Xu Nian said with a cold smile.

He naturally sensed Tang Fei's killing intent.

However, he had no intention of letting Tang Fei go.

"Hmph, even if your strength exceeds my expectations, if you think that's enough to kill me, you're too naive. The gap between the Golden Immortal Peak and the Golden Immortal Early Stage is not so easily bridged," Tang Fei snorted coldly.

Immediately, a strong golden light surged from his body.

Golden Immortal Power entwined.

Tang Fei wielded a sharp sword, with terrifying flames surging on it.

Samadhi True Fire!

This is an extremely terrifying flame, causing destructive damage once it harms someone.

Incredibly domineering and inexorable.

"Looks like Tang Fei is serious now, his Samadhi True Fire is still terrifying," Qin Ming commented from the stands.

Many direct disciples nodded.

Tang Fei's Samadhi True Fire was indeed incredibly domineering.

There were people who were once wounded by his Samadhi True Fire and couldn't recover for hundreds of years.

One could imagine the destructive power of this Samadhi True Fire.

"Die, Flame King Slash!"

Tang Fei shouted, and the flaming sword in his hand immediately slashed toward Xu Nian.

This slash also contained extremely strong Law Power.

The strength was formidable beyond measure.

"So strong, this is Tang Fei senior brother's true power, Xu Nian will surely be burned into ashes," Yao Shan said excitedly.

Although Xu Nian had blocked Tang Fei's attacks twice before, it didn't affect Tang Fei's status in Yao Shan's heart.

In her view, there was no way this Xu Nian could be a match for Tang Fei.

But meanwhile, Jiang Yao furrowed her brows.

At this moment, she hoped Xu Nian could win.

She even felt her senior sister here was being a bit noisy.

The flaming sword came crashing down.

Xu Nian instantly felt as if several flame greatswords had locked onto him completely.

There was nowhere to dodge.

He could only take it head-on.

But he hadn't planned to dodge in the first place.

"Is this your strongest sword?" Xu Nian said disdainfully.

The next moment, everyone saw Xu Nian standing in mid-air.

A terrifying force spread out from him in circles.

The next moment, Xu Nian clenched his fist.

The Black Hole Power Law Force completely converged on his fist.

"Ksitigarbha Fist!"

Saying this, Xu Nian punched toward the flaming sword.

"Boom!"

In an instant, the encirclement formed by Tang Fei shattered immediately.

Then Xu Nian's fist hit directly on Tang Fei's chest.

"Pfft!"

Tang Fei's whole body fluttered as if hit by waves, a terrifying force rippled from his chest.

Then his whole body flew like a meteor, crashing into the distant defensive light shield.

Where Tang Fei passed, the battle platform completely shattered, as if crushed by an invisible Great Tao Power.

"Boom!"

The defensive light shield vibrated, emitting a loud roar.

Tang Fei fell to the ground, blood gushing out, seriously injured.

Everyone around was stunned.

They didn't expect the Samadhi True Fire's Law Power summoned by Tang Fei to be broken.

How strong was Xu Nian's punch?

"He has already comprehended this Black Hole Power Law to the extreme, Tang Fei's loss is not unjust," Chen Zhixing said.

Both the red-clothed man and the tall youth nodded.

Xu Nian's mastery of Law Power was clearly much higher than Tang Fei's.

"Is this really Xu Nian's strength? With this strength, I might only be trampled upon," Lin Hengxin said.

"Don't say just you, even I wouldn't be able to win without using my domain," Xue Bing remarked with admiration.

They didn't expect Xu Nian to be this strong.

With such strength, he could definitely rank in the upper-middle tier among the outer disciples.

And to think earlier they advised Xu Nian to concede, their faces felt hot with embarrassment.

"I'll kill you!"

Yet at this moment, a terrifying roar resounded.

In the next instant, terrifying flames instantly formed a sea of fire, trapping Xu Nian within.

Only to see Tang Fei with disheveled hair and wild, flaring hair.

His entire body was ablaze.

An awe-inspiring aura shook the land.

"Domain?"

The audience on the stands watching this scene all showed looks of surprise.

Chapter 1406: Black Hole Domain

"Domain?"

Lin Hengxin looked surprised.

Could it be that Tang Fei has really stepped into the Domain Realm?

If that's the case, then Xu Nian is in trouble.

"It should be that he has just stepped into the Domain, it's not very stable yet, and the range is quite small, but for Xu Nian, it could be a huge problem," Xue Bing said.

He had just entered the Domain not long ago.

Although stronger than Tang Fei's Domain, it wasn't much better.

"Haha, I told you, Senior Brother Tang Fei will definitely win. Look, he has already unleashed his Domain. Next, Xu Nian is doomed," Yao Shan said smugly.

Seemingly forgetting the moment earlier when Xu Nian punched Tang Fei away.

"That's not certain. What if Xu Nian has also comprehended a Domain?" Jiang Yao couldn't help but retort.

"Him? How could he have comprehended a Domain?" Yao Shan said disdainfully.

Jiang Yao felt a surge of anger but was too lazy to argue further.

After all, whether Xu Nian had comprehended a Domain, she didn't know either.

"Is this even considered a Domain?" Chen Zhixing looked at Tang Fei's Domain and laughed disdainfully.

"This Domain is indeed very weak, just like a thin piece of paper. But even so, that Xu Nian might not be able to manage," a man in red said.

"Right, once a Domain shows up, all laws become illusions," a tall young man added.

"So, do you think Xu Nian has comprehended a Domain?" Chen Zhixing asked with a smile.

"Probably not. He's only been here for a short time, and how could a First-grade Law Domain be so easy to comprehend?" said the man in red.

"How about we make a bet? I bet he has stepped in, for a thousand drops of Third-grade Immortal Marrow, how about that?" Chen Zhixing smiled.

"A thousand drops? Okay, I bet!" said the man in red immediately.

"I'll bet too! I bet he hasn't comprehended it," the tall young man quickly chimed in.

Hearing this, Chen Zhixing laughed.

Meanwhile, the young men in blue and white were also discussing at this moment.

"Do you think Xu Nian has already comprehended the Domain Realm?" the one in white asked curiously.

"Yes, I sensed the Domain fluctuations from him before, it shouldn't be fake," said the one in blue.

"In that case, this battle is basically decided," said the one in white.

The one in blue nodded.

Xu Nian's performance was still beyond their expectations.

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"Xu Nian, prepare to die. In my Samadhi True Fire Domain, you can't possibly wield any law; you've already lost," Tang Fei's eyes were fervent, his killing intent overwhelming.

The punch Xu Nian delivered earlier nearly took his life.

If he hadn't promptly summoned his Top-Grade Immortal Armor, he might have been dead.

Even so, his Top-Grade Immortal Armor was already ruined.

His injuries were not minor either.

So he had to kill Xu Nian, not giving him any chance to grow.

Xu Nian heard Tang Fei's words but showed no panic on his face.

Instead, he displayed a slight, disdainful smile.

A so-called Domain means spreading the force of one's law throughout every corner of a space.

Thus forming a region where other laws would be excluded, unable to be wielded at all.

So once an opponent enters another's Domain, they are basically at the mercy of the Domain master.

Of course, the premise is that your Domain can withstand the other's Domain impact.

"Do you really think you can kill me?" Xu Nian laughed.

"Nonsense, Xu Nian, just obediently accept death. I won't let you last for the time it takes to brew a pot of tea," Tang Fei said arrogantly.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian helplessly shook his head.

"It seems you haven't recognized reality. Do you think you can trap me with your Domain? Since that's the case, then try my Domain," Xu Nian's eyes instantly sharpened, and he took a step forward.

In an instant, the Black Hole Power erupted.

Then everyone saw a massive black hole radiating from Xu Nian, instantly expanding.

And Tang Fei's Samadhi True Fire Domain shattered piece by piece.

Domains cannot overlap; once the opponent's Domain is stronger, it can destroy your Domain.

"No...impossible!"

Tang Fei was utterly terrified.

His Domain was actually broken.

Did Xu Nian actually step into the Domain Realm as well?

But before he could think more, the next moment, he was swallowed by an invisible force, and then everything went black, he could see nothing.

Light and sound all vanished.

Even Immortal Consciousness couldn't be released.

Yes, that's the Black Hole.

At this moment, Tang Fei seemed to be in the center of a Black Hole, unable to sense anything.

From the outside, one could only see a massive black sphere.

What scenes were inside, they couldn't see.

"The Domain formed by the Black Hole Law is indeed monstrous; it can devour light, sound, Immortal Essence, and Immortal Consciousness, depriving the opponent of all senses while remaining unaffected himself. Once you fall into such a Domain, you're at the mercy of others," Chen Zhixing said with emotion.

The man in red and the tall young man both nodded in agreement.

The Domain formed by the Black Hole Law is truly terrifying.

If Xu Nian were in the same realm as them and used such a Domain, they might also feel chills down their spines.

But soon, they grew bitter.

Because they each lost a thousand drops of Third-grade Immortal Marrow.

"This battle is already without suspense, this Junior Brother of ours is very likely to be a nailed certainty," the young man in blue smiled.

"Yes, now, just waiting for the Master to come out of seclusion. By then, he will have a chance to meet the Master, and it's likely that he will be accepted as a Direct Disciple," the man in white nodded.

The young man in blue smiled.

"Boom!"

The Black Hole Power dispersed.

The Black Hole disappeared along with it.

Xu Nian and Tang Fei's figures were once again revealed to everyone.

At this moment, Tang Fei was already a corpse.

In Xu Nian's hand was an Immortal Embryo without a soul.

"The life-and-death duel is over, Xu Nian wins!"

The Sky-reaching Stele displayed a line of words.

The Defensive Light Shield was also lifted.

In the crowd, Qin Ming witnessed this scene, his eyes also flashing with a cold light.

"Haha, weren't you all so arrogant, you Direct Disciples? Why so silent now?"

Indeed, jeering voices from some outer disciples echoed around.

The Direct Disciples of the Immortal Sovereigns all looked furious.

Such a result was entirely unexpected for them.

"Let's go!" Qin Ming said.

He then led a group of Direct Disciples to leave dejectedly.

Xu Nian at this moment was surrounded by Xue Bing, Lin Hengxin, and all the outer disciples.

These outer disciples, having witnessed Xu Nian's strength, were eager to befriend him.

Xu Nian naturally did not refuse, dealing with them simply.

"Junior Brother Xu Nian, you truly surprised Senior Sister. I didn't expect your strength to be so formidable. Why didn't you say so earlier?" Lin Hengxin finally spoke up, seeing no one around.

"Senior Sister, I wanted to say, but none of you believed me," Xu Nian said helplessly.

Lin Hengxin was a bit embarrassed since Xu Nian had indeed hinted, but they all thought he was bragging.

"Xu Nian, how about we spar sometime?" Xue Bing added.

"Sure!" Xu Nian immediately agreed.

After a simple conversation with the two of them.

Xu Nian saw Chen Zhixing, the man in red, and the tall young man approaching him.

Xu Nian's eyes became instantly vigilant because he felt these three were very strong, and any one of them could easily defeat him.

Chapter 1407: Jiang Yao's Request

"Xu Nian, right? Nice to meet you, my name is Chen Zhixing."

Chen Zhixing walked up to Xu Nian with a smile and introduced himself.

"Hong Ren!" said the man in the red robe.

"Wei Gang!" announced the tall man.

Xu Nian was momentarily stunned.

These three seemed to be experts of the Immortal King Level.

Unexpectedly, they approached him voluntarily.

"Xu Nian greets the three senior brothers." Xu Nian said respectfully.

Faced with these three strong individuals, Xu Nian dared not be disrespectful.

"No need for formalities. With your talent, you should soon catch up to us. Taichu Immortal Emperor will also accept you as a direct disciple, and your status will then surpass ours." Chen Zhixing said with a smile.

"Your Black Hole Law is really impressive. Once you reach the Immortal King Realm, I'd like to learn from it." Hong Ren said.

"Yes, I'd like to learn too," Wei Gang followed.

Xu Nian smiled.

"I will definitely seek guidance from my senior brothers when the time comes," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Unexpectedly, these direct disciples were quite approachable.

According to his impression, there should be irreconcilable conflicts between direct disciples and named disciples.

Seeing through Xu Nian's thoughts, Chen Zhixing spoke: "Do you think there is conflict between named disciples and direct disciples, yet we are making friends with you?"

Xu Nian nodded.

Seeing Xu Nian nod, Chen Zhixing also laughed.

"In fact, there isn't much conflict between direct disciples and named disciples. Sometimes these conflicts are intentionally created to encourage these disciples to cultivate. In reality, we are all members of the same faction, so there really is no deep-seated hatred. But nowadays, some disciples have walked into a dead end, becoming increasingly obsessed with competing for these superficial titles." Chen Zhixing said helplessly.

Xu Nian, upon hearing this, was somewhat surprised.

Unexpectedly, it was such a case.

It seems sometimes what one sees may not be the truth.

But indeed, at Chen Zhixing's level, why would he fight fiercely over some vainglory?

Only some disciples cannot figure it out.

"Alright, Xu Nian, when you become a direct disciple, you'll know my words aren't false. Our Shendang Mountain disciples are quite united." Chen Zhixing said with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded.

He trusted that Chen Zhixing's words were true.

"Cultivate well; perhaps in the future, we might become comrades." Chen Zhixing said before leaving with Hong Ren and Wei Gang.

"Comrades?"

Xu Nian found the term somewhat unusual.

Could it be that there are hidden secrets in the Immortal Realm?

As Chen Zhixing and company just departed, a young man in blue and another in white approached.

"Xu Nian, well done, you didn't disappoint me." The man in blue said with a smile.

"Thank you, senior brother, for the praise." Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Xu Nian had genuine respect for the man in blue.

Because he was the one who taught him about the manifestation of laws.

"Xu Nian, do you recognize me?" The young man in white suddenly asked.

"Who is senior brother?" Xu Nian asked, confused.

The man in blue immediately laughed.

The young man in white, though somewhat helpless, was not angry.

"My name is Lu Jiang, the fifth direct disciple of Taichu Immortal Emperor, and he is the sixth, named Zhao Qiong." said the man in white.

Xu Nian was a bit startled.

Direct disciples of Taichu Immortal Emperor?

Wouldn't that make them his immediate senior brothers?

"Xu Nian greets the two senior brothers," Xu Nian said hurriedly.

"We introduced ourselves not for your flattery, but to tell you that with your talent and strength, you will surely become our little junior brother in the future and then become the seventh direct disciple of the Immortal Emperor." Lu Jiang said.

"Why is senior brother so certain?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

He felt this matter should be decided by Taichu Immortal Emperor.

How were these senior brothers so certain he would become a direct disciple?

"Xu Nian, I must remind you, you could think over whether to become a direct disciple because once you do, your calm and peaceful cultivation life might end." Lu Jiang said.

Xu Nian frowned.

There seemed to be more to Lu Jiang's words.

It seemed that becoming a direct disciple might mean facing some dangerous matters.

Plus, with Chen Zhixing's mention of "comrades," Xu Nian vaguely guessed something.

"Senior brother, is there some war in the Immortal Realm that we are unaware of?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, Lu Jiang and Zhao Qiong exchanged glances.

"Alright, we've said all we can; the rest will be known once you become a direct disciple. Xu Nian, the master will probably emerge in about ten years, use this time to carefully consider whether you want to become a direct disciple." Zhao Qiong said with a smile.

After speaking, the two bid farewell and left.

Xu Nian watched their departing silhouettes and fell into contemplation.

Is there really some unknown war in the Immortal Realm?

"Could it be an immortal-demon war? Perhaps I can ask the Wentian Demon Sovereign when he awakens." Xu Nian mused aloud.

Judging by time, Wentian Demon Sovereign should be waking soon.

As for Emperor Ye Tian.

She might not necessarily know.

Because Emperor Ye Tian grew up in the Divine World and has never been in the Immortal Realm.

"Xu Nian!"

Just when Xu Nian was deep in thought, a voice came from behind.

"Jiang Yao?"

Xu Nian turned to look, instantly recognizing the person as Fairy Jiang Yao, who once helped him in the Cultivation World.

However, back then, Jiang Yao was a lofty Heavenly Immortal, while he was only in the Primordial Immortal Realm.

Now, he had far surpassed Jiang Yao.

"Xu Nian, I didn't expect it to really be you. Initially, when I saw you, I couldn't believe it. How did your cultivation progress so quickly?" Jiang Yao seemed somewhat agitated.

After all, seeing someone who once was lesser, now having become someone unattainable, was indeed hard to accept.

"Fairy Jiang Yao, I was fortunate, having encountered some opportunities, so my cultivation advanced rapidly." Xu Nian explained with a smile.

Jiang Yao nodded.

But she knew Xu Nian was comforting her.

"Xu Nian, may I ask you for a favor?" Jiang Yao hesitated for a moment, ultimately gathering her courage, and spoke solemnly.

"Of course, Fairy Jiang Yao, you helped me greatly in the Mortal World, and I haven't yet had the chance to thank you. Whatever you need, feel free to ask, and I'll certainly assist you." Xu Nian said hurriedly.

Hearing this, Jiang Yao's face softened significantly.

"I want to ask if you could save my master. My master is severely wounded and is about to lose his strength." Jiang Yao said.

"Really? Severely injured? Are healing pills ineffective?" Xu Nian asked puzzledly.

Generally, immortals, unless hurt by laws, their injuries could heal quickly.

"Ineffective, the injury was caused by a Law Manifestation Item." Jiang Yao said.

"A Law Manifestation Item?" Xu Nian was instantly surprised upon hearing this.

Unexpectedly, Jiang Yao's master was injured by a Law Manifestation Item.

Chapter 1408: The Damage Power of Law Manifestation

Xu Nian followed Jiang Yao to her master's residence.

Her master lived on the outermost edge of the Floating City.

"Xu Nian, this is my master's place. I initially wanted you to become my master's disciple, but now it seems I was overly ambitious," Jiang Yao said somewhat bitterly.

Back when they were in the Mortal World, Jiang Yao had been planning to recruit a disciple for her master.

However, Xu Nian's cultivation had now far surpassed her master's.

"I was just lucky. Let's go, we'll first pay respects to your venerable master," Xu Nian said with a smile.

It wasn't incorrect for him to refer to the other as the venerable master.

Xu Nian was only a little over a hundred years old, while the other was over three thousand years old.

In any case, he was considered an elder.

"Yaoyao, you're back. How did today's duel go?"

Upon entering the courtyard, Xu Nian saw an old man with white hair lying on a chair.

The old man's face was pale and he looked very weak.

"My master reached immortality rather late, so he always maintained an elderly appearance and got used to it, so he hasn't changed his appearance. After this injury, his Immortal Essence has been completely exhausted, and his lifespan is slipping away," Jiang Yao transmitted to Xu Nian.

She then looked at her master and smiled, "Master, I'm back. Today's duel was very exciting; it was a battle between two Golden Immortal level experts, and they both used their domains."

"Oh? Golden Immortal experts, and they used domains. That's indeed a rare duel. If I weren't unable to cultivate, I would have loved to see such a battle. Who won in the end?" the old man asked with emotion.

"In the end, the Golden Immortal Early Stage one won, and that Immortal Sovereign's direct disciple, a Golden Immortal Peak expert, was killed," Jiang Yao replied.

"A Golden Immortal Peak was killed by a Golden Immortal Early Stage? That's indeed rare. That Golden Immortal Early Stage must be an exceptional genius," the old man remarked in surprise.

Xu Nian smiled.

He felt a bit embarrassed to be praised like that.

"Oh, and who might this be?" the old man noticed Xu Nian standing behind Jiang Yao and asked curiously.

"Senior, I am the so-called exceptional genius," Xu Nian said with a smile as he stepped forward.

The old man was momentarily stunned, then hurriedly climbed up from his chair.

"This old one greets you, Lord!" the old man quickly attempted to bow.

Xu Nian waved his hand, immediately lifting the old man up.

"Senior, you are my elder. How can you salute me?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Master, do you remember when you sent me to the Lower Realm to find someone recognized by Emperor Wujiang?" Jiang Yao asked.

"I remember, it was a hundred years ago. I sent you to the Lower Realm to find someone on my master's orders. But later, that disciple was taken by our ancestral master, the Taichu Immortal Emperor, as a nominal disciple. What happened? Has that genius ascended now? Entered Shendang Mountain?" the old man inquired.

"Master, that genius is standing right in front of you. His name is Xu Nian," Jiang Yao explained.

"What?" the old man expressed utter shock.

In just a hundred years, Xu Nian had grown from a Primordial Immortal to a Golden Immortal?

And even defeated a Golden Immortal Peak level expert?

How was this possible?

Yet the facts were laid out before him, he had no choice but to believe.

He was about to give another bow, but Xu Nian stopped him.

"Senior, Jiang Yao once saved my life, so there's no need for formalities. Let me take a look at your injury, okay?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Injury?" The old man seemed a bit confused.

"Master, I asked Xu Nian to come and see if there's a way to help you recover from your injuries," Jiang Yao said.

However, the old man shook his head.

"This injury is impossible to heal. I got hit by a Law Manifestation Item, and the damage it caused is indelible, let's not waste our efforts," the old man quickly waved his hand.

Damage caused by a law was already difficult to heal, and damage from a Law Manifestation Item was hard to withstand even for an Immortal King, let alone him, a Luoxian.

"Senior, would you mind letting me take a look?" Xu Nian asked.

The old man hesitated for a while, then finally nodded.

He pulled apart his shirt at the chest, revealing a gruesome scar.

It was the size of a fist, and appeared to have burn marks on it, but now the fire on the scar had spread across the whole chest, branching out like vines.

Xu Nian furrowed his brow. Just seeing such a scar looked unbelievably painful.

Xu Nian attempted to channel his Immortal Essence to heal the scar.

However, as soon as his Immortal Essence approached, it was incinerated by the terrifying flames.

"It's useless. This scar was caused by a manifestation of the Flame Law, and it's indelible," the old man sighed.

Xu Nian's brows knitted tightly.

His expression grew very serious.

He had anticipated that damage from a Law Manifestation Item would be intense, but he hadn't expected it to be this severe.

Even though the attack had long ceased, the resulting wound still contained powerful Law forces.

This kind of Law power was virtually impossible to remove.

"Xu Nian, what do you think? Do you have any way to save my master?" Jiang Yao asked eagerly.

Xu Nian shook his head.

He had no solution.

Seeing Xu Nian shake his head, Jiang Yao was immediately filled with disappointment.

"Daotian, do you know any way to heal damage caused by a Law Manifestation Item?" Xu Nian pondered for a moment before deciding to ask Daotian.

"Damage caused by a Law Manifestation? That's virtually impossible to heal unless you have an Immortal Elixir capable of repairing Law wounds," Daotian replied.

"Immortal Elixir for repairing Law wounds? What is that?" Xu Nian asked.

"Such Immortal Elixirs are extremely rare, and hard to find. The only one I know is called the Taigu Netherworld Grass," Daotian explained.

"Taigu Netherworld Grass?" Xu Nian looked puzzled.

He had never even heard of such a name.

And he didn't know if such an Immortal Elixir even existed in the Immortal Realm.

"Isn't there any other way?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

"There is. You could comprehend the Water of All Things Law of the Water Attribute or the Holy Radiance Principle of the Light Attribute to the point of Law Manifestation. Only then could you heal his wound, as both the Water of All Things and Holy Radiance have the ability to mend any Law wounds," Daotian replied.

Water of All Things Law? Holy Radiance?

Both of these are extremely rare laws.

These healing attributes require extraordinarily high talent to cultivate.

Ordinary people can't cultivate such healing laws at all.

"Don't worry about it, Xu Nian. I'll find a way on my own regarding my master's issue. He raised me, so no matter what, I'll heal his wound," Jiang Yao said to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian thought for a moment and then relayed Daotian's words to Jiang Yao.

She too looked very serious.

She had never heard of the Immortal Elixirs mentioned.

As for the other method, it was even harder to pursue.

"Thank you, Xu Nian. At least now I have a direction," Jiang Yao expressed gratefulness.

"Alright, I'll ask around with other senior brothers and sisters later to see if they know any way to obtain these methods," Xu Nian said.

Jiang Yao nodded appreciatively.

Then Xu Nian left Jiang Yao's residence and headed to Xue Bing's courtyard.

Chapter 1409: Domain Perfection

"Are you talking about the wounds caused by Law Manifestation?" Brother Xue's brows furrowed instantly upon hearing Xu Nian's question.

"That's right, does Brother Xue know any solution?" Xu Nian asked.

Xue Bing shook his head.

He doesn't even know how Law Manifestation truly manifests, how could he know how to resolve the wounds it causes?

"Then, has Brother Xue heard of Taigu Netherworld Grass?" Xu Nian asked.

"Taigu Netherworld Grass, it's a highly toxic herb, but it's extremely rare and only exists in the demon realm. What are you asking this for, junior brother?" Xue Bing curiously asked back.

"I just heard that it can heal wounds caused by Law Manifestation. Since it only exists in the demon realm, then never mind." Xu Nian said disappointedly.

It seems that relying on the Immortal Elixir to save Jiang Yao's master is almost impossible.

Xu Nian didn't doubt that Taigu Netherworld Grass could be poisonous.

After all, some highly toxic substances might have certain uses sometimes.

"Then does Senior Brother know if anyone in Shendang Mountain cultivates the Water of All Things Law and Holy Radiance?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

"Water of All Things? Holy Radiance?" Xue Bing fell into contemplation.

He seemed to be searching his mind for members of Shendang Mountain.

"There doesn't seem to be anyone with Holy Radiance, but there seem to be two with Water of All Things." Xue Bing said.

"And those who have reached Law Manifestation?" Xu Nian quickly asked.

"Law Manifestation? Then there's only one, I know what you're thinking, you want to use the Water of All Things Law to heal the wounds, but I advise you to give up." Xue Bing shook his head and said.

"Why?" Xu Nian asked puzzled.

"Because the one who masters the Water of All Things is very strange, he bears hostility towards everyone, and is very antisocial. Many have sought his help for healing only to be driven away." Xue Bing said.

Xu Nian furrowed his brows upon hearing this.

"What realm is he in? What's his name?" Xu Nian asked.

"He's called Xu Xingfu, already at the Immortal King Realm, junior brother, I advise you not to provoke him, he's very peculiar. If you anger him, you might not die but you'll certainly suffer." Xue Bing said.

"Alright, thank you, senior brother." Xu Nian replied before taking his leave.

Despite Xue Bing's warning, he decided to try anyway.

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So, after inquiring far and wide, Xu Nian finally discovered Gu An's whereabouts.

It turns out Xu Xingfu enjoys fishing and often goes to a secluded area at Dragon Head River beneath Floating City to fish.

On this day, it was Gu An's fishing day again.

Xu Nian arrived at Dragon Head River, and from afar he saw a gray-haired man. Dressed in plain cloth, he sat on a small boat on the river.

Holding a fishing rod, he was fishing across the river.

"Senior, junior Xu Nian pays respects to you."

Xu Nian saluted at the riverbank, transmitting soul communication.

However, after Xu Nian's words fell, there was no response whatsoever.

The gray-haired man remained motionless.

"Senior, junior is here for an important matter, hoping you would help save someone." Xu Nian spoke respectfully again.

"Leave!"

But this time, the gray-haired man finally responded.

Yet it was a cold eviction order!

"As expected, his personality is peculiar, seems Brother Xue was right, he indeed won't agree to anyone's request." Xu Nian thought to himself.

But Xu Nian wasn't planning to give up so easily.

Knowing he wouldn't easily agree, Xu Nian prepared for the long haul.

"Senior..."

Just as Xu Nian was about to speak.

"I told you to leave, didn't you hear?"

But this time, the gray-haired man seemed thoroughly angered.

With a flick of his fishing rod, he directly swung out a Water Sword.

The Water Sword was incredibly fast, shooting directly at Xu Nian.

"Law Manifestation?"

Xu Nian was shocked.

This Water Sword wasn't ordinary water-coagulated, but a sword entirely condensed from the Water of All Things Law.

At the moment the sword flew.

Xu Nian felt himself locked by a powerful force, with no place to dodge.

And the terrifying energy contained in this sword made him unable to move at all.

"Am I going to die?" Xu Nian thought in terror.

He could only watch the Water Sword fly toward him, powerless to resist.

"Bang!"

Just when the Water Sword was about to strike Xu Nian, it suddenly exploded and turned into nothingness.

Xu Nian narrowly escaped the calamity.

"So strong, facing him, I have no ability to fight back." Xu Nian thought to himself.

The opponent is both Immortal King Level and Law Manifestation Level master.

He had no ability to retaliate.

"Leave, this is your lesson, I won't let you off easily next time."

The gray-haired man finally looked up, glared at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian had no choice but to bow to the gray-haired man and turn away.

The opponent's strength was too overwhelming, and his personality too stubborn, giving no chance for Xu Nian to speak.

Seeking his help seemed harder than climbing to the heavens.

"However, I have personally experienced the power of Law Manifestation this time."

On the way back, Xu Nian thought to himself.

Previously in battle with Tang Fei.

He didn't use the Wind Attribute Extreme Point Penetration Law.

Actually, his understanding of the Extreme Point Penetration Law is higher than the Black Hole Law.

The Black Hole Law's domain can only be considered rudimentary, but the Extreme Point Penetration Law's domain now can be regarded as Small Achievement Realm.

However, Xu Nian didn't wish to expose his true strength prematurely.

"Looks like I need to strive to improve. Once my cultivation reaches a certain level, I can withstand his Law Manifestation attack, then we'll be able to talk." Xu Nian thought to himself.

Currently, he doesn't even have the qualification to converse with the opponent.

How could he persuade him to help save someone?

Returning to his residence, Xu Nian once again went into seclusion.

Time flew by, and three months passed.

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Supreme Tower, second floor.

Xu Nian stood hovering, holding a sharp sword.

Surrounding him were ten thousand Taigu Fierce Wolves.

Xu Nian's eyes focused, and an invisible wave burst out from his body.

"Domain, open!"

Xu Nian shouted.

The entire domain instantly covered a ten-mile radius.

The Extreme Point Penetration Law blew like the wind through the entire space.

Xu Nian now became the ruler of this space.

Within the domain, no other law could be wielded besides Xu Nian's Extreme Point Penetration Law.

Thus, at Xu Nian's intent, countless swords appeared out of thin air.

One Sword Stab.

Like ten thousand swords stabbing simultaneously.

"Buzz!"

Instant Kill!

Ten thousand Taigu Fierce Wolves fell dead on the spot, none survived.

With just one sword, he slaughtered ten thousand Taigu Fierce Wolves.

This is the terrifying aspect of the domain.

Within the domain, it's the extent of Extreme Point Penetration.

"Buzz!"

Inside the second floor of the tower, Xu Nian suddenly opened his eyes.

The battle in the consciousness space just now took him only three breaths' time.

Now, his Wind Attribute Extreme Point Penetration Law domain can be considered Perfect.

"Yet I've always struggled to enter the gate of Law Manifestation." Xu Nian thought to himself.

Helpless, he had to exit the Supreme Tower.

But just as he stepped out of the Supreme Tower, he saw Xue Bing walking toward him.

Chapter 1410: Sky-reaching Stele Trial

"Brother Xue, are you here for the Supreme Tower trial too?"

Xu Nian looked at Xue Bing and said.

"No, I came to find you," Xue Bing replied.

"Uh, find me? What's the matter?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Have you heard of the Sky-reaching Stele trial?" Xue Bing inquired.

Xu Nian shook his head.

"Just as Heng Xin mentioned, you surely don't know about this," Xue Bing said.

"What is the Sky-reaching Stele trial?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"Let's go back to your place; I'll explain as we walk," Xue Bing said.

Xu Nian nodded, then walked with Xue Bing towards his residence.

"The Sky-reaching Stele trial is a grand event held every five hundred years at Shendang Mountain, lasting for ten years. It's aimed at cultivating the disciples' strength and preventing them from becoming complacent. All disciples below Immortal Sovereign can participate," Xue Bing explained.

"Every five hundred years? Lasting ten years? Disciples below Immortal Sovereign can participate? Doesn't that mean even Immortal Kings will join the trial?" Xu Nian asked with some surprise.

"Exactly, from Heavenly Immortals to Immortal Kings, almost all disciples will sign up to participate. Even some allied forces with Shendang Mountain send their talented experts to join our Sky-reaching Stele trial," Xue Bing said.

"So many people? This is indeed a grand event. But in what form is this Sky-reaching Stele trial conducted?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

He couldn't quite understand what kind of trial would require ten years.

"Haha, you've asked the crux of the matter. This Sky-reaching Stele trial is extremely special; you know the Sky-reaching Stele is a very powerful Divine Artifact, don't you?" Xue Bing said.

Xu Nian nodded.

He had learned about this before.

"But did you know the Sky-reaching Stele is a powerful Soul Space type Divine Artifact?" Xue Bing said with a smile.

"Soul Space type Divine Artifact?" Xu Nian looked shocked.

So-called Soul Spaces are different from his Chaos Divine Palace.

His Chaos Divine Palace is a tangible space Divine Artifact that allows any material entity to enter.

Whereas Soul Space type Divine Artifacts only allow the soul's consciousness to enter.

"Yes, a Soul Space type Divine Artifact. So this time the Sky-reaching Stele trial is held inside the Soul Space of the Sky-reaching Stele. Everyone who signs up will use their Identity Token to have their soul enter the Sky-reaching Stele for the trial. You should be familiar with the Supreme Tower trial, right?" Xue Bing said.

Xu Nian nodded.

The Supreme Tower is a type of Soul Space treasure.

Allowing the soul's consciousness to enter a specific space.

"The Sky-reaching Stele trial is somewhat similar to the Supreme Tower assessment, but the difference is that all trial participants conduct the trial in the same space, and they can also engage in battles and interactions. Moreover, as long as you remain undying, you can exit the Sky-reaching Stele Space and re-enter at any time; the entire trial lasts ten years," Xue Bing said with a smile.

"You can exit and re-enter?" Xu Nian was quite surprised.

No wonder this assessment takes up to ten years.

Turns out one can exit to the real world and return at any time.

"Interesting. Is there anything special about the Sky-reaching Stele Space?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

He felt that this form of trial seemed like an excellent cultivation for him.

"Indeed there is. The Sky-reaching Stele Space is huge, no smaller than an Immortal Domain. Every trial's map inside the Sky-reaching Stele Space is different, manifested by the Artifact Spirit of the Stele. In the Sky-reaching World, there are many powerful Demon Beasts, Demons, and Abyssal Demons, especially Abyssal Demons, whose strength is extremely terrifying," Xue Bing said.

Xu Nian nodded.

He had also seen Abyssal Demon introductions in an ancient book before.

These are extremely powerful and evil creatures.

These creatures possess formidable strength and terrifying Abyss Power.

The Abyss Power is incredibly deadly.

Its potency is not much less than Law Manifestation.

So generally, humans of the same level encountering Abyssal Demons are almost sure to die.

"So is the trial ranked by killing Demons, Demon Beasts, and Abyssal Demons?" Xu Nian asked.

"Yes, we can kill the creatures manifested by the Sky-reaching Stele. Before killing them, we can check their score on the Token, and the final ranking is based on the score," Xue Bing said.

"Can killing participants also plunder their scores?" Xu Nian smiled.

"Haha, you're certainly smart," Xue Bing said with a laugh.

Xu Nian smiled. It's not that he's smart; it's that many assessments follow such a format.

"What are the rewards for this assessment?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"The rewards for the assessment are based on the ranking. Anyone within the top ten thousand receives rewards, but the truly lucrative rewards are only for the top three," Xue Bing said.

"It's said the first place gets three opportunities to enter the Emperor Platform, the second place gets two, and the third place gets one. Of course, these don't concern us. For us, the precious part is the trial itself," Xue Bing said.

"Huh? Three opportunities to enter the Emperor Platform?" Xu Nian's eyes lit up.

Getting to enter the Emperor Platform is a highly valuable reward.

This equals an opportunity to battle with an Immortal Emperor.

"Alright, how do I register?" Xu Nian was immediately intrigued.

Xue Bing smiled: "Registration is simple; you just need to undergo an initial assessment through your Identity Token."

Xu Nian nodded.

Then, after carefully learning about the trial with Xue Bing,

he returned to his residence and took out his Identity Token.

He held the Token, channeling his Soul Power into the Token.

In the next moment, Xu Nian felt a suction force from the Token.

Then his consciousness was already present in a void space.

"Welcome to the Sky-reaching Stele Space, I am the Artifact Spirit's avatar, Little Stele. Are you planning to participate in the Sky-reaching Stele trial?"

A pretty girl appeared before Xu Nian.

"Artifact Spirit avatar?" Xu Nian was startled.

Looks like everyone entering the Sky-reaching Stele Space will have such an Artifact Spirit avatar accompanying them.

"Yes, I intend to register for the Sky-reaching Stele trial," Xu Nian said.

"Great, participation requires an initial assessment. Would you like to undergo the assessment now?" The Artifact Spirit avatar said mechanically.

"Participate!" Xu Nian said.

"Buzz!"

In an instant, the scene before Xu Nian changed.

Then he discovered himself in a barren land.

"This initial assessment provides a preliminary evaluation of the disciple's ability, and it will not be publicly disclosed. Please choose your opponent," the Artifact Spirit avatar said.

Several opponents appeared in front of Xu Nian.

These opponents were from the Demon Clan, Demon Clan, and Abyss Clan.

All with the same cultivation level at Golden Immortal Early Stage.

"I choose the Abyss Clan!" Xu Nian said.

"Alright, arranging an opponent for the disciple now. Please prepare," the Artifact Spirit avatar said.

In the next instant, a powerful Abyssal Demon appeared before Xu Nian.

Immediately, an overwhelmingly terrifying Abyss atmosphere rushed towards him.

"This is an Abyssal Demon?"

Xu Nian looked in shock at the Abyssal Demon in front of him.