

## **Divine King 171**

### Chapter 171 Killing Ding Hao

The Eight-star Martial Sect's Sun Zhan had actually lost.

Just now, Xu Nian's punch was truly domineering and terrifying, and what was going on with the Scale Armor on Xu Nian's right arm?

The crowd around them stared at Xu Nian's right arm, the fierce-looking Dragon Scale Blood Armor gave off a wild vibe, evoking an unstoppable sense of fear in their hearts.

Looking at Sun Zhan beside him, he was already lying on the ground, lifeless.

That punch from Xu Nian had shattered his heart.

Now, Xu Nian, wielding the hammer, could exert a hundred percent of the Collapse Thunder's power, and even with his fists, he possessed eighty percent.

And that punch just now, Xu Nian had focused all the power directly on his heart.

Sun Zhan was undoubtedly doomed to die; the Spiritual Energy Light Shield was of no use.

Ding Hao, standing next to him, was stunned and couldn't believe that Sun Zhan, at the peak of Eight-star Martial Sect Level, had actually been killed by Xu Nian.

It was simply unbelievable to him that all of this was real.

A Three-star Battle Sect, how could he possess such strong fighting ability?

Lin Rock was also frowning tightly, originally thinking that the sure-win Sun Zhan had actually lost.

"Haha, I told you Xu Nian would win, now do you believe it?" Chen Wudi laughed heartily to the young man in Battle Armor beside him.

The middle-aged man in Battle Armor was also full of emotion; he had to admit that the strength Xu Nian showed was quite a surprise to him.

"Young Master, there seems to be some movement from the Ding Family; they've probably noticed what's happening here," the middle-aged man in Battle Armor said after hearing reports from his subordinates.

"Block them all for me; I don't want them interfering with this duel. The younger generation's grudges are not for old fools to meddle in," Chen Wudi commanded with a cold laugh.

"Yes!" The middle-aged man in Battle Armor complied, then turned and gave a few orders to his men.

The subordinate turned into a black shadow and vanished atop the castle wall.

The middle-aged man in Battle Armor and Chen Wudi remained quietly standing on the castle wall; they both wanted to see what more surprises Xu Nian would bring them.

"You truly surprise me, to have even Sun Zhan fall at your hands. Kid, you have completely enraged me," Lin Rock stepped forward and spoke, his cold eyes staring intently at Xu Nian like a hawk eyeing its prey.

"Is Lin Rock preparing to make a move?" The surrounding crowd all showed looks of surprise, turning their attention towards Xu Nian.

"Do you think Xu Nian could defeat Lin Rock?" someone in the crowd speculated.

"That can't be, Xu Nian already defied the heavens by killing Sun Zhan; defeating Lin Rock seems impossible," someone responded with a shake of the head.

"It's hard to say, what if Xu Nian creates another miracle?" others began to express their support for Xu Nian.

Even the members of the Battle Mansion who had rushed over from the Battle Hall held their breath, not daring to make light predictions about Xu Nian's strength.

"Senior Brother Lin, kill him," Ding Hao shouted from the side.

The strength Xu Nian had displayed had already frightened him; now, he only wanted to end Xu Nian's life as soon as possible.

Xu Nian, however, started to smile, looking at Lin Rock and said, "Actually, everything that has happened today is your Mo Lang Team's own doing. If you hadn't tried to kill me here, I wouldn't have taken such extreme measures. If you leave now, I can spare your life; otherwise, today the Mo Lang Team will be completely expunged from the Battle Mansion."

Xu Nian's words stunned the entire arena; everyone's jaws dropped.

Completely expunged?

Was Xu Nian planning to massacre the entire Mo Lang Team?

Not to mention whether he could do it or not, just the thought alone was enough to chill people to the bone, wasn't it?

"Hmph, don't talk big, you're already at your wit's end, trying to scare us away with these tactics, you really underestimate us too much. You still want to kill our entire Mo Lang Team? You can't even kill me, Senior Brother Lin Rock, kill him, he's just bluffing," Ding Hao shouted disdainfully.

Xu Nian smiled faintly, a thick interest flashing in his eyes.

He never intended to let Ding Hao go; those words were only for Lin Rock. As for Ding Hao, today everyone might live, but he must die.

"Your fighting strength is indeed strange, but to kill me, Lin Rock, you're still not qualified. You've killed two members of my Mo Lang Team; today, I must kill you. My team's reputation will not be tarnished by you," Lin Rock said coldly.

With that, he stepped forward, and the aura of a Nine-star Body Sect burst forth from him.

It was clear that he didn't believe Xu Nian had the power to kill him.

"Buzz!"

Gang Qi surged from the surface of his body, condensing into a layer of armor around him.

Armor formed from Gang Qi was a tactic that a Battle Sect warrior could perform; obviously, Lin Rock's Gang Qi armor had reached the peak level.

Now Lin Rock's bodily armor was comparable to Xuan Iron, making it difficult for typical attacks at the Battle Sect Level to break through his defense.

"Is this Armor formed from Gang Qi? Such strong defense," the crowd around couldn't help but exclaim.

Even Xu Nian's face revealed a hint of surprise; the defense Lin Rock bore was much stronger than Sun Zhan's Spiritual Energy Light Shield.

"Die!"

With a fierce shout from Lin Rock, his figure suddenly burst forth, closing the distance to Xu Nian in the blink of an eye.

"So fast!"

Xu Nian was also startled and instantly performed the Illusion Fascinate Trace.

"Boom!"

The fist, carrying a terrifying gust of wind, almost grazed past Xu Nian's scalp, the gust of wind formed by the punch still causing his skin to sting painfully.

"Hmph, thinking of dodging, not so easy," Lin Rock coldly stated, swinging his other fist fiercely towards Xu Nian.

Unable to dodge in time, Xu Nian could only use his dragon-transformed arm to block.

"Boom!"

Lin Rock's punch smashed onto Xu Nian's dragon-transformed arm, emitting a thunderous boom.

Xu Nian was sent flying directly.

The scale armor on his arm was also shattered.

"Such tremendous strength, this Lin Rock's power is far above mine," Xu Nian thought in surprise.

The Nine-star Body Sect was not to be trifled with; his power was simply not comparable to that of Xu Nian.

Xu Nian skidded backwards for ten meters on the ground before stopping himself, his arm violently numb.

"Good, Senior Brother Lin, kill him!" Ding Hao, who was beside them, immediately shouted excitedly.

The crowd around also shook their heads helplessly, it seemed that this time Xu Nian was truly finished.

"Fist Technique, Ninth level Intense Sun!"

Just at that moment, Lin Rock had once again reached Xu Nian's presence, directly unleashing an Earth-level gang skill fist technique.

The fist burst into a brilliant light, like a raging inferno.

A fierce determination also flashed through Xu Nian's eyes, waving his dragon-transformed arm.

"Dragon Transformation Shattering Thunder!"

With a loud shout, Xu Nian's fist collided head-on with Lin Rock's.

"Boom!"

An energy wave spread from their feet, forming a strong gust that swept around them.

Lin Rock's body shook, he took a step back, while Xu Nian was sent flying straight out.

"Hmph, you still dare to exchange blows with me, courting death!" Lin Rock sneered.

The crowd around also showed expressions of regret; Xu Nian had chosen to clash head-on, an unwise move indeed.

However, Xu Nian, who was sent flying out, had the corners of his mouth hooked up in a cold smile. With a twist of his body and a tap of his foot on the ground, he headed straight for Ding Hao on the side.

The joyous Ding Hao's face changed drastically in an instant as he hastily shouted, "Senior Brother, save me!"

"How dare you!" Lin Rock also realized he had fallen for Xu Nian's ploy and hurriedly charged out, trying to intercept Xu Nian.

However, he was too far from Xu Nian and couldn't match Xu Nian's speed.

In the blink of an eye, Xu Nian arrived in front of Ding Hao.

"Go to hell!" Seeing he couldn't dodge, Ding Hao tried to resist.

But his speed ultimately couldn't keep up with Xu Nian's.

"Boom!"

One punch!

Xu Nian's fist smashed fiercely into the position of Ding Hao's chest heart.

"Boom!"

Ding Hao was sent flying backward, blood spurting from his mouth, crashing heavily into the distance, yet he did not die, his chest revealing a golden copper mirror.

It turned out he had a Heart Protecting Mirror on his person, guarding his heart muscles.

Xu Nian's punch only shattered his ribs and liver but failed to kill him.

As long as the heart isn't broken, other injuries could be healed.

Meanwhile, Lin Rock's body had already closed in on Xu Nian, not giving Xu Nian a second chance to strike.

"Haha, you can't kill me, I have the Heart Protecting Mirror!" Ding Hao laughed wildly with a bloody mouth, his face full of a triumphant ferocity.

The crowd around were all shocked, Xu Nian had almost killed Ding Hao.

"Really can't kill you?"

However, Xu Nian, dealing with Lin Rock's attack, let out a cold laugh.

Meanwhile, by Ding Hao, two flying daggers instantly sliced through the void, severing Ding Hao's neck.

The smile on Ding Hao's face instantly froze as he covered his neck, but the blood wouldn't stop.

Xu Nian sneered inwardly; that previous punch was nothing more than a feint, the two flying daggers were the true killing move.

The crowd stood dumbfounded, staring at the two flying daggers suspended in mid-air, their eyes filled with astonishment.

Even Lin Rock, who was attacking Xu Nian, was stunned.

Controlling swords from the void was a Saint's technique.

Chapter 172 Expulsion of the Ink Wolf

Ding Hao, until his death, had not expected that Xu Nian would actually awaken his Spiritual Sense and be able to control swords without contact.

The surrounding crowd also reacted at this point.

Controlling objects with Spiritual Sense was a Saint's method, and unexpectedly, Xu Nian could do it too.

Such a surprise!

The shocks Xu Nian gave him kept coming one after another.

Lin Rock's face turned completely grim, the potential displayed by this young man before him was simply terrifying.

At the age of sixteen, to possess so many combat strengths that ordinary people wouldn't even dare to dream of was just too frightening.

"This Xu Nian must die today, otherwise, there is no possibility for me to survive," Lin Rock said to himself internally, his gaze filled with even more intense killing intent as he looked at Xu Nian.

The relationships between team members were actually not that important to him; the reason he had so fervently protected Ding Hao was because of the Ding Family.

If Ding Hao died, the Ding Family would definitely cause trouble for him.

Even if they didn't blame him directly, they would still displace their anger onto him.

Now that Ding Hao had been killed, his only option to pacify the Ding Family's fury was to kill Xu Nian.

"Xu Nian, do you realize how great your crime is?" Lin Rock asked with a cold voice as he looked at Xu Nian.

"Isn't it just the wrath of the Ding Family? Do you think I would dare to do this if I feared the Ding Family's revenge?" Xu Nian said with a cold laugh, retrieving the two flying knives back into his storage ring.

Madman!

He was simply a madman.

Lin Rock could not express the craziness he felt inside; this Xu Nian before him was truly a madman.

"You've killed three members of my Mo Lang Team today, I must kill you, prepare to die!" Lin Rock bellowed, his Gang Qi surging wildly around him.

With one foot stomping onto the ground, he created a huge crater below him.

Carrying a terrifying momentum, he charged towards Xu Nian, his sole thought being to kill Xu Nian as quickly as possible, otherwise, he too would be doomed.

However, when Xu Nian saw this scene, there was not a trace of fear on his face; instead, a hint of madness flickered in his eyes.

"I have already warned you, yet you still remain stubborn, then let your Mo Lang Team be completely eliminated today!"

Xu Nian looked at the charging Lin Rock and made a statement that shocked everyone present.

Then, the people felt the earth beneath their feet begin to tremble.

"What's happening, is it an earthquake?"

All around, the crowd exclaimed in shock, feeling the ground shake as if thousands of troops were charging from a distance.

"Look over there!"

At this moment, someone pointed in the direction of Xu Nian and cried out in alarm.

The people turned their gazes toward Xu Nian.

They saw that Xu Nian's robe was now billowing wildly, as a yellowish earthy power surged from the ground, converging towards his body.

That earthy power transformed into numerous yellowish dragons, furiously funneling into Xu Nian's body.

And as this yellowish earthy power poured into him, Xu Nian's aura soared rapidly.

This was a secret technique!

Such a formidable secret technique! Could it really absorb the Power of Earth?

People around were utterly astonished.

Even the middle-aged man in battle armor atop the city tower showed an expression of surprise, his face filled with shock as he watched Xu Nian below.

The charging Lin Rock also suddenly halted, a surprised look plastered on his face as he stared at the power-encircled Xu Nian, a strong sense of foreboding emerging in his heart.

At this moment, Xu Nian's eyes burst with brilliance, the Power of Earth pouring into his body, filling him with boundless strength.

He felt invincible under heaven at that moment.

Indeed, this was the First Level of the Earth God Devouring Sky Secret Technique, Swallowing the Earth!

By absorbing the Power of Earth from the ground into oneself, one could unleash an incredibly strong combat ability.

Right now, Xu Nian was barely able to use Swallowing the Earth, and with his current physical strength, he was far from fully unleashing the true power of Swallowing the Earth.

Nevertheless, it was more than sufficient to deal with Lin Rock of the Nine-star Body Sect.

Xu Nian took a slow step forward, and the ground beneath his foot formed a deep impression.

His strength was now so immense, it far exceeded his own control.

Lin Rock took a subconscious step back upon witnessing this scene, a sense of fear welling up from the depths of his heart at the aura now emanating from Xu Nian.

"Run! I must run, or else death is certain," Lin Rock had completely lost his will to fight and was about to flee.

However, before he could even turn around, a figure suddenly appeared before him.

"What? So fast!" Lin Rock exclaimed in shock.

He hadn't had a chance to see how Xu Nian had gotten in front of him.

"Now it's too late to think about running!" Xu Nian let out a cold snort and hurled a punch at Lin Rock.

"Bang!"

The Spiritual Armor on Lin Rock's body shattered instantly.

The armor, as sturdy as Xuan Iron, was like mere paper paste before Xu Nian.

"Spurt!"

Lin Rock spat out a mouthful of blood and his body was sent flying backwards in an instant.

The onlookers all stood frozen, faces filled with awe as they stared at Xu Nian, who seemed like a demonic god.

But before Lin Rock could stabilize his body, Xu Nian's form had already pursued him once again.

Lin Rock, terrified to his core, hurriedly hurled a punch at Xu Nian in a bid to block his approach.

But his punch, easily grasped by Xu Nian, led to a scene that shocked everyone present.

Xu Nian grabbed Lin Rock's arm and swung him around like a long whip, relentlessly smashing Lin Rock into the ground.

The earth cracked, Lin Rock's body creating a huge crater upon impact.

Everyone swallowed hard; they had witnessed violent battles before, but they had never seen such a domineering scene as this.

Lin Rock from the Nine-star Body Sect, despite his formidable physical strength, couldn't withstand such a blow and was now a complete mess.

Xu Nian's body shook, his heart convulsed violently, and a trickle of fresh blood seeped from the corner of his mouth.

This was a side effect of the Earth God Devouring Sky; the forced infusion of the immense Power of Earth inflicted substantial damage to his body.

"A quick battle must be fought!" Xu Nian muttered to himself and then advanced toward Lin Rock.

"I want you dead!" Lin Rock, who was now completely deranged, released all his Gang Qi and unleashed a Heavenly Rank Gang Skill, aiming a devastating attack at Xu Nian.

Yet Xu Nian seemed to completely disregard Lin Rock's attack.

With a clenched fist, the Power of Earth surged out like a colossal dragon, his body like Mystical Skill, exploding with the sound of thunder.

"Boom!"

With one punch, Lin Rock's entire arm shattered.

"Ah!"

Lin Rock screamed in agony, retreating several steps.

Xu Nian followed without pause, delivering an Immortal Touching the Top with a fierce strike to Lin Rock's forehead.

"Bang!"

Lin Rock immediately fell to his knees before Xu Nian, his kneecaps hitting the ground creating two deep pits.

Lin Rock's gaze was vacant, blood streaming from his forehead, his eyes now utterly lifeless.

With that last palm strike, Xu Nian had shattered Lin Rock's skull and brain, leaving him completely unconscious.

The onlookers around swallowed hard once more, their gazes filled with fear as they looked toward Xu Nian.

Chen Wudi and the middle-aged man in battle armor on the city tower stood dumbfounded as well.

But having done all this, Xu Nian's body was also at its breaking point.

With just a thought, Xu Yu appeared before the crowd.

Xu Nian lay across Xu Yu's back and then passed out.

Xu Yu spread his wings and soared high, disappearing from sight of all those present.

The crowd stared in the direction Xu Nian had vanished, standing silently for a long time.

It wasn't until the Ding Family arrived that they finally snapped out of their shock.

After this battle, the Mo Lang Team was disqualified.

Xu Nian became famous!

Chapter 173 Mysterious Young Girl

On a small hill thousands of miles away from Tianfeng City,

Xu Nian was meditating and healing his injuries.

After a long while, Xu Nian opened his eyes and exhaled a breath of stale air.

"Alas, I didn't expect the Earth God Devouring Sky technique to be so damaging to the body. It's been two days, and my body has only recovered by half, with significant loss of strength," Xu Nian said, shaking his head helplessly.

His combat power was now at most at the level of a One-star Battle Sect. To return to his peak form, he would need a few more days of rest.

With his current strength, not to mention slaying a Nine-star War Sect Level Demon Beast, he might not even be able to defeat a Demon Beast at a Three-star Warrior level.

Fortunately, there were still nearly ten days left until the deadline for his mission, giving him plenty of time to execute it.

This mission was not simple—the opponent was a tremendously powerful Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

Moreover, the location of Ice Dust Lake was a bit special; it sat at the border between East Field County and Southern Wilderness County.

The border between East Field County and Southern Wilderness County was mostly steep, rugged mountains, which made Ice Dust Lake an essential thoroughfare for north-south traffic.

Three months ago, the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper came to Ice Dust Lake and took over this body of water.

Many merchant ships traveling between the two counties were dragged to the bottom of the lake by this terrifying Demon Beast and devoured completely.

Gradually, the number of merchant ships traveling between the two counties dwindled, with even those setting out employing strong mercenaries for protection.

The civilians who depended on Ice Dust Lake for fishing were suffering tremendously.

During this period, it wasn't that no powerful individuals tried to deal with this beast, but the creature was extremely cunning and hid at the bottom of the lake without emerging.

Ice Dust Lake was vast, and even high-level Battle Generals couldn't do anything about it.

It's safe to say that this mission was exceedingly difficult.

Nevertheless, Xu Nian had taken on this mission, firstly to eliminate a menace.

Secondly, he was also targeting this particular Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper was descended from the Ice Frost Giant Dragon, ranked fifth among the Nine Great Ancestor Dragons, and contained the Bloodline Power of the Ice Frost Giant Dragon within its body.

If Xu Nian could obtain this Bloodline Power of the Ice Frost Giant Dragon, his Body Cultivation would be significantly enhanced.

"I should not be very far from Ice Dust Lake now; I'll just walk there slowly," Xu Nian said to himself.

Given his current level of Cultivation, hurrying to Ice Dust Lake would be futile; it would be better to cultivate along the way.

Moreover, recently Little Xu Yu was at a critical point of breaking through to the Six-star Silver Moon Level, and Xu Nian did not want to disturb him.

"Eh, is that a merchant caravan from Southern Wilderness County?" Xu Nian hadn't walked far when a caravan rushed up from behind and caught his attention.

The caravan wasn't very large, consisting of just over a dozen people, all wearing the attire of Southern Wilderness County.

Though the two counties were adjacent, their customs were somewhat different.

The people of Southern Wilderness County liked brightly colored clothing with a unique style, which made their attire easily recognizable.

The appearance of a merchant caravan from Southern Wilderness County here meant only one thing: they had sold their goods and were preparing to return to Southern Wilderness County.

There were three horse-drawn carriages, two of which were laden with goods.

Clearly, these were items purchased in East Field County, ready to be transported back to Southern Wilderness County.

Apart from this, there were eight Jiao Long Horses, ten guards, each equipped with the typical curved sabers of Southern Wilderness County.

Eight of these guards were at the Warrior Level.

However, the lowest among them was a Seven-star Warrior, while two were experts at Battle Sect level.

One was a One-star Battle Sect member, and the other was a Three-star Body Sect member.

The ten guards had sharp eyes, clearly coming from a well-trained and not weakly skilled group of mercenaries.

However, what really caught Xu Nian's attention was the old coachman driving the carriage in front.

At first glance, this old coachman looked no different from any ordinary one, with white hair and a hunched back, but in reality, he was a Battle Sect Peak powerhouse.

His cloudy eyes, however, gleamed with a sharp light.

The person inside the coach had taken Xu Nian by surprise, he discovered through his Spiritual Sense that she was a young and beautiful girl, only about fourteen or fifteen years old.

Yet, the girl was not a cultivator, but an ordinary young girl.

Such a combination made Xu Nian feel it was very eerie; this was surely not a combination a merchant caravan should have. Clearly, the identity of a merchant caravan was merely a cover for them.

"Who is it, come out!"

Suddenly, the Three-star Body Sect powerhouse riding at the very front abruptly turned his head and looked in Xu Nian's direction.

At the same time, he swiftly threw a curved blade from his hand, with fierce and decisive action.

Xu Nian shifted his feet, utilized Illusion Fascinate Trace, and hastily dodged.

"Boom!"

Just as Xu Nian dodged, a stone about half the height of a person where he had been standing was cut into two by the curved blade.

At the same time, other mercenaries also drew their curved blades, all of them warily looking at Xu Nian.

Although the old coachman on the carriage did not move, his murky eyes were tightly locked on Xu Nian.

"I mean no harm, I was just passing by and got curious seeing you rush along," Xu Nian said with a smile.

He certainly did not wish to start a fight with these people, firstly because he had no grudges with them, and secondly, with his current strength, facing these people would only mean courting death.

However, the mercenaries were not relaxed by Xu Nian's words.

"Don't be nervous, we are still in East Field County. Even if someone over there has long arms, they wouldn't dare to cause trouble here. This young brother means no harm," the old coachman's aged voice sounded, slightly hoarse.

Listening to the old coachman's words, the guards around them finally sheathed their curved blades, though their gaze towards Xu Nian did not soften much.

Xu Nian helplessly smiled, not minding their attitude.

Rather, the old coachman jumped down from the carriage and walked towards Xu Nian with a beaming smile.

Xu Nian instinctively took a step back; this old coachman was a Nine-star Martial Sect Peak Powerhouse. If he harbored any malice, Xu Nian would stand no chance at such close range.

But the old coachman showed no malice and instead cheerfully said to Xu Nian, "Young brother, I see you're heading in the same direction as us. Are you also going to Ice Dust Lake?"

"Yes, I have something to do at Ice Dust Lake," Xu Nian nodded and said, not concealing anything.

The old coachman chuckled and said, "Although it's not too far to Ice Dust Lake—about a hundred fifty miles away—it will still take at least two to three days on foot. We plan to go to Binglan Town up ahead before heading to Ice Dust Lake. If you don't mind, young brother, how about you travel with us?"

The guards around frowned upon hearing this, clearly not expecting the old coachman to invite Xu Nian to join them.

However, they dared not disobey the old coachman's words, so they remained silent.

Xu Nian thought for a moment and smiled, "Then I thank you, Old... Grandpa Yann!"

The old coachman laughed heartily and said, "You're about as old as my granddaughter. My surname is Yann, you can call me Grandpa Yann!"

Xu Nian scratched his head awkwardly.

"Come on, let's get on the carriage," Old Coachman Yann patted Xu Nian's shoulder and smiled.

Xu Nian did not hold back, pulling back the carriage curtain to enter the coach.

But the moment he opened the curtain, he was completely stunned.

Inside the carriage, the girl in black was as beautiful as a heavenly immortal, her delicate and fair youthful face seemed like a fairy untouched by the mortal world.

But what really shocked Xu Nian was the eyes of the girl in black.

Her eyes were eerily red, and at the moment their gazes met,

Xu Nian saw a vision of mountains of corpses and seas of blood, causing an involuntary shiver of fear within him.

## Chapter 174 Blood God Demon Eyes

"What strange eyes this girl has, who exactly is she?" Xu Nian murmured to himself.

Yet, he remained calm and sat opposite the girl in the black dress.

"These are the Ancient Witch Eyes, the Blood God Demon Eyes," the voice of Emperor Ye Tian echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"What are the Blood God Demon Eyes? Are they also a special physique?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"No, the Blood God Demon Eyes are not a special physique, but a curse!" the voice of Emperor Ye Tian continued.

"A curse?" Xu Nian said in surprise.

A curse, he had only heard of, was a very ancient and powerful force.

It had been long lost on this continent, and the girl before him was only fourteen or fifteen years old—how could she possibly be afflicted with a curse?

"The Blood God Demon Eyes are an ancient and malevolent curse. Anyone afflicted will show the eerie sight of mountains of corpses and seas of blood in their eyes, instilling fear and disgust in others. Due to the overwhelming power of the Blood God Demon Eyes, those cursed can never cultivate, but they are the best sacrifices," Emperor Ye Tian replied.

"Sacrifices?" Xu Nian asked, not understanding.

"Yes, sacrifices. Those who cultivate the Blood God Demon Technique by consuming the blood of someone with the Blood God Demon Eyes can acquire the Blood God Power, significantly enhancing their cultivation. This was a common practice among the Ancient Witch Clan, and the descendants of the cursed also bear the same curse, clearly passed from the previous generation to this girl," Emperor Ye Tian answered.

Xu Nian was horrified.

Passed down generation to generation, forever doomed as sacrifices, it was a truly cruel curse.

Suddenly, thinking back to how anxious those guards were, he suddenly understood something.

The guards were so anxious, obviously worried that Xu Nian was after the girl, and their real purpose was not to trade goods, but to escort her.

But Xu Nian was puzzled, the Ancient Witch Gods had long been lost, so who would still be practicing such evil Combat Techniques now?

Thinking of the girl's tragic fate, Xu Nian's gaze towards the girl in the black dress became one of compassion.

"Aren't you afraid of me?"

As Xu Nian looked at the girl, the girl in the black dress was also observing Xu Nian.

She found that unlike others, filled with fear and disgust, his eyes were very gentle, which comforted her.

"Why should I be afraid of you?" Xu Nian asked, smiling.

"Because of my eyes. Many people who see my eyes feel either fear or disgust. They say I am a person of ill omen, that they can see calamity in my eyes," the girl in the black dress spoke, her tone carrying a hint of sadness.

A wave of sympathy surged in Xu Nian's heart, the girl's expression reminding him of his own childhood when he was not favored by the Qin Family; yet, this girl's situation appeared even more miserable than his; at least people didn't see him and feel scared.

"Actually, you are not an ill-omened person at all. On the contrary, you are very beautiful, pretty, and when you grow up, you are bound to be a great beauty," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Really? Thank you. Besides my parents and Grandpa Yann, no one has ever said that to me. My name is Yann Xi, and I am fifteen this year," the girl in the black dress said happily.

"My name is Xu Nian, and I'm a year older than you," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Can I call you Brother Nian?" Yann Xi asked timidly.

Xu Nian smiled, nodding his head.

"Oh, that's great, I have a brother now!" Yann Xi exclaimed joyfully.

Xu Nian watched the joyful Yann Xi, his face also breaking into a smile.

Yann Xi was beautiful like this, yet she also made one's heart ache.

The old coachman driving the carriage revealed a brilliant smile upon hearing the voice coming from inside.

That night, Xu Nian and his group, including Yann Xi, arrived at Binglan Town.

To travel to Southern Wilderness County from here, one could only take a ferry.

Because of the Demon Beasts wreaking havoc, there were painfully few ships leaving the lake. It took three days for a batch to depart, and since the last batch had left that morning, they could only wait three more days.

Thus, the old coachman and his group directly rented a small courtyard to serve as their temporary resting place for the next three days.

Xu Nian naturally stayed with them, partially because his injuries hadn't fully healed yet, and he needed to rest.

Additionally, ever since Yann Xi had recognized Xu Nian as her brother, she refused to let him out of her sight.

Therefore, Xu Nian simply settled down in the courtyard and planned to cross the lake with them after three days.

Through a day of companionship, Xu Nian learned about her background from Yann Xi.

It turned out she was born in Southern Wilderness County, and her mother was a curse-bearer.

Later, when she was five, an evil force discovered them, ultimately leading to her father's murder and her mother's abduction.

She was outside at the time and miraculously escaped the calamity.

For the next ten years, she was on the run, dodging pursuit from that force.

Three years ago, she fled to East Field County, thinking she would be safe; however, not long ago, that same evil force found her again.

Her return to Southern Wilderness County was because her uncle had become a general there, guarding the borders, which allowed for the military forces of Southern Wilderness County Mansion to provide her protection.

These ten guards were sent by her uncle to escort her, and there were others waiting on the other side of Ice Dust Lake.

But that evil force would definitely not allow her to reach the borders safely, so after crossing Ice Dust Lake, they would face relentless pursuit.

Perhaps the enemies had already infiltrated East Field County, ready to strike at any moment.

When Xu Nian heard this, he realized he had become entangled in a dangerous whirlpool.

However, he didn't feel the slightest regret, as he genuinely saw Yann Xi as a true sister from the depths of his heart.

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"Elder Yann, that boy's background is unclear, why did you let him travel with us and stay so close to the lady? Even if he's not a bad person, he's too young, and his cultivation surely isn't high enough to be of any help to us."

Inside another room of the courtyard, the guard captain was speaking with the old coachman.

"I once learned an Observation Qi Technique that allows me to see a person's fortune. Do you know what I saw when I observed that young man using this secret technique?" the old coachman said with a smile.

"Elder Yann, don't beat around the bush," the guard captain couldn't wait and said.

The old coachman chuckled and then seriously said, "Nine Dragon Bowing, Purple Star Destiny, under heaven and earth, all honor him as their master!"

The guard captain was shocked and stared at the old coachman in astonishment.

Although they didn't understand what the old coachman's first statement meant, they did comprehend the latter.

Under heaven and earth, all honor him as their master!

Didn't that mean the young man's future achievements would far exceed what he could imagine?

The old coachman ignored the guard captain's astonished gaze, hunched over his body, looked up at the night sky, and muttered, "Marked by the Star Lord, destined to die tragically, but for the lady, this old servant's death is a small sacrifice."

#### Chapter 175 Boarding the Ship

Late at night, within the room where Xu Nian resided.

Xu Nian was swinging a hammer inside his room, a hammer that originally weighed close to four thousand eight hundred jin feeling light as a feather in his hands.

With every swing of the hammer, the surrounding air violently trembled, and the entire room thundered like muffled lightning.

"Phew, I've finally reached the state of 'Man and Hammer as One'. Now, lifting this four thousand eight hundred jin hammer is effortless. It's no longer a burden but a formidable combat force. Under triple gravity, the weight of the hammer feels just right." Xu Nian exhaled a breath of murky air and spoke to himself with delight.

His injuries had largely healed with the assistance of Dragon Energy and Divine Demon Gang Qi.

Now his strength had mostly returned, and he should reach his former peak after three more days of travel.

However, even so, with his own strength, facing a Six-Winged Ice Crystal Viper at the Nine-star Peak Martial Sect Level still fell a bit short unless he used Earth God Devouring Sky again.

But that would inevitably leave him in an extremely weakened state, and if he encountered any further danger at that time, the trouble would be considerable.

"It seems that if I want to improve my combat strength, I can only practice the Gang Skill left by Master."  
Xu Nian mused inwardly.

When his master, Bai Tianhan, left, he bequeathed Xu Nian a Gang Skill, Dragon King Fist, intended for him to practice once he reached the Body Sect realm.

Now that Xu Nian's Cultivation had reached the One-star Body Sect, it was time to begin practicing this Divine Demon Gang Skill.

There were only three moves in Dragon King Fist, each more domineering and fierce than the last, and they were a perfect match for Xu Nian's Dragon Energy.

These three moves were: Dragon King Earth Shattering, Dragon King Shocking Heaven, and Dragon King Destruction.

Each move possessed infinite power, but they were extremely difficult to cultivate.

However, for a martial arts genius like Xu Nian, three days was enough time for him to master the first move of Dragon King Fist.

Thus, without further hesitation, Xu Nian began cultivating according to the methods of Dragon King Fist.

Despite Dragon King Fist having only three moves, each was underpinned by a complex foundational Fist Technique. It was necessary to master these foundational techniques to unleash the full power of Dragon King Fist.

"Heh, heh!" Xu Nian swung his fists and arms, beginning to awkwardly practice these foundational techniques.

At the same time, he didn't forget to apply triple gravity under his feet to reinforce his physical strength.

Through this period of Cultivation, Xu Nian found that training under high gravity yielded twice the results with half the effort, which made him increasingly appreciate the power of his Gravity Ring.

So, over those three days in the small town, apart from the days he spent with Yann Xi, Xu Nian devoted all his time to practicing Dragon King Fist.

In three days, he achieved proficiency with the first move of Dragon King Fist, almost fully unleashing the power of Dragon King Earth Shattering.

During these three days, Yann Xi and the others were not targeted by assassins; evidently, their enemies planned to take action once they set foot on Ice Dust Lake.

Storm clouds gathered as tensions rose; their journey to Ice Dust Lake was destined to be anything but smooth.

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"Brother Xu Nian, are you sure you want to board the boat with us to cross the lake? Ice Dust Lake is incredibly dangerous now. The boat that set off three days ago never returned; someone said they saw broken planks on the shore, and all aboard were eaten by that beast. If it isn't urgent, you'd better go back," the head of the guards, Yan Tao, said with a smile as he looked at Xu Nian.

"No, actually, I'm a member of the Battle Mansion from the Governor Mansion. I've undertaken a task to slay that Six-Winged Ice Crystal Viper, so I must make this journey," Xu Nian explained to Yan Tao and the others.

Over the past three days, Xu Nian had grown quite familiar with Yan Tao and his fellows, so revealing his identity to them wasn't an issue.

"A member of the Battle Mansion? On a mission? Why would the Mansion send you on such a brutal mission? That's a Nine-star Martial Sect Peak Level Demon Beast you're talking about, incredibly powerful. Isn't this like sending you to your death?" Yan Tao and the other guards showed surprised expressions.

Even the old coachman and Yann Xi looked at Xu Nian in amazement. To slay a Six-Winged Ice Crystal Viper seemed like an impossible task.

And Xu Nian was so young—no matter how talented, he could at best possess Basic-level War Sect strength. How could he possibly be a match for a Six-Winged Ice Crystal Viper?

Xu Nian smiled and explained, "The mission wasn't assigned by the Battle Mansion; I chose it myself. Don't worry, I don't take my life lightly. Even if I can't kill the Six-Winged Ice Crystal Viper, I should be able to protect myself."

However, Yan Tao and the others were left speechless; Xu Nian was apparently seeking his own death by undertaking such a seemingly impossible mission.

On that vast lake, if they encountered a Six-Winged Ice Crystal Viper and the boat was destroyed.

Without Marquis Level strength or a Flying Battle Skill, even a Battle General Level warrior would surely perish.

After all, human strength is greatly diminished in water.

Now they realized that Xu Nian had come specifically to deal with the Six-Winged Ice Crystal Viper.

And all this time, they had been praying not to encounter this very beast on their voyage.

On the morning of the fourth day, Xu Nian and the group, including Yann Xi, arrived at the dock.

A colossal ironclad ship with a three-story height was docked at the shore; its prow fashioned from Xuan Iron into the figurehead of Dragon Ao, ferocious and domineering.

The deck was spacious, able to accommodate nearly a thousand people.

At this moment, nearly a thousand people had gathered at the dock, most of whom were ordinary citizens.

There were also a few martial artists, with those able to reach the Battle Sect Level being extremely rare.

The voyage this time was organized by Tianrui Commerce's Dragon Ao, one of the three major trading companies.

It was said that out of ten journeys, the ship had never encountered the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

In addition, with a captain who was a high-level expert of Eight-star Martial Sect Level and with three Battle Sects under his command,

therefore, a considerable number of people were embarking on this voyage.

"Line up, one by one, a hundred Gold Coins each, pay up and board the ship! Death to all who disobey!" a guard dressed up took his position at the entrance of the ship, shouting angrily at the crowded cluster of people.

So, everyone started to line up, Xu Nian as well as Yann Xi also stood among the crowd.

Yann Xi, not wanting to draw attention, wore a veil over her head, standing between Xu Nian and the old coachman.

There were still hundreds of people in front of them; it seemed it would take quite some time.

Xu Nian was in no hurry, looking at the surging crowd around him, he felt a deep sense of emotion.

Once attacked by the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper, nearly a thousand people on this boat would face a disastrous fate.

"Make way, make way, Captain Hu Luo is coming!"

However, just at that moment, a commotion started from behind.

Then, the crowd parted ways on their own, and a group of people emerged from within.

Leading them, however, was not the so-called Captain Hu Luo, but a youth who looked to be about twenty-four or twenty-five years old.

The young man was dressed in brocade garments and wore jade on his belt, his dashing appearance particularly suave and handsome, and a touch of pride hung on his face. His eyes occasionally glanced at a woman almost his age next to him, revealing a trace of admiration.

The woman, dressed in a white long gown, was stunningly beautiful, like a Heavenly Immortal, and under the highlight of her long dress, her figure was all the more graceful and attractive, prompting endless imaginations.

But like the young man, the woman was equally indifferent and dismissive to all.

Clearly, they were the sons and daughters of big powers with their noses stuck up in the air.

The Cultivation levels of these two youths were quite formidable, having already reached the Nine-star Martial Sect Level.

Being so young and able to attain the Nine-star Martial Sect Level indicated that both their backgrounds and talents were not weak.

Following them was a big-bearded burly man, a Cultivator of the Eight-star Body Sect Level, who must have been the captain of this ship, Hu Luo.

"Wow, what a beautiful sister, is she a fairy?" Yann Xi couldn't help but exclaim as she looked at the woman in the white gown, her eyes filled with admiration from behind the veil.

Xu Nian smiled and patted Yann Xi's head, "Xiixii, you don't need to be envious. When you grow up, you'll be even more beautiful than her."

"Really? Then Big Brother will definitely kill that Demon Beast snake too," Yann Xi said happily.

Xu Nian smiled affectionately, "Don't worry, Big Brother will."

"Pfft, you want to kill the big snake? Are you joking? That's the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper at the Nine-star Martial Sect Peak Level. If you really run into it, you might wet your pants out of fright," a youth about sixteen years of age nearby overheard Xu Nian and couldn't help but sneer with laughter.

Xu Nian just smiled helplessly.

He had noticed the boy earlier, at sixteen with the strength of a Six-star Warrior, it must be said his talent was quite formidable.

However, what truly drew Xu Nian's attention was the old woman who followed the boy.

This person actually possessed the Cultivation of a Seven-star Warrior level, and judging by her attire, she seemed to be this young man's servant.

With such an appearance, he was likely a child of a declining power, somewhat similar to Yann Xi.

Only, this young man evidently still retained the mannerisms of his past as a young master, disdainfully sneering at anything that displeased him.

"Humph, my Big Brother is very amazing," Yann Xi retorted, not convinced.

The youth looked even more disdainful, pointed at the young man and woman who passed by, and chuckled, "No matter how amazing, could he be as amazing as those two? I bet you don't even know their identities. Let me tell you, they are the elite disciples of the Wuji Sect, and that youth is the son of the chairman of Tianrui Commerce. Both of them have reached the Nine-star Battle Sect Level. With them here, that whatever damn snake wouldn't even dare to show its head. You talking about killing the snake, if that's not a joke, what is?"

The surrounding crowd, originally confused, revealed surprised and delighted expressions upon hearing the youth's words.

The elite disciples of the Wuji Sect!

That meant their voyage would be even safer.

Xu Nian's face also showed a trace of surprise, not expecting these two youths to be disciples of the Wuji Sect.

However, Xu Nian quickly laughed, were two Nine-star Martial Sects useful?

If they really encountered that beast, even two more Nine-star Martial Sects would be of no help.

Chapter 176 Ruthless Youngster

It wasn't that Xu Nian was arrogant, but the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper was simply too strong and too cunning.

According to the data provided by the Battle Mansion, even an ordinary Nine-star War Sect member couldn't kill it.

Even Xu Nian himself didn't have complete certainty that he could kill the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

However, in order to deal with this beast, he had carefully studied a set of combat plans and believed that as long as he encountered the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper,

under normal circumstances, he would have a seventy percent chance of taking it down.

Soon, Xu Nian and his group boarded the Dragon Ao, and because the Dragon Ao was so large, standing on it felt no different from standing on the ground.

Xu Nian and his group were assigned to the first level, living across from the boy who teased him and the old woman.

As for the male and female from the Wuji Sect, they were living on the third level of this massive ship.

The price of each level was different; the first level cost a hundred Gold Coins, while the second level was worth a thousand Gold Coins.

As for the third level, it was even more valuable at ten thousand Gold Coins, and the treatment enjoyed was extremely different.

And this so-called Wuji Sect was one of the more formidable sects in the Tianhen Empire; anyone who could join the Wuji Sect was an outstanding genius.

After getting organized, the Dragon Ao set sail.

The water area of Ice Dust Lake was extremely vast. To reach the opposite Southern Wilderness County from East Field County would take a full three days.

During these three days, they could be attacked by the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper at any moment.

After Xu Nian settled into his accommodation, he returned to the deck.

Yann Xi naturally followed, and initially, the old coachman disagreed, but after Xu Nian pleaded, the old coachman agreed, though he still insisted that Yan Tao accompany them.

Yan Tao, having talked with Elder Yann that night, had grown very curious about Xu Nian.

But no matter how he looked at Xu Nian, he couldn't see what was special about him; he even suspected Elder Yann might have been mistaken.

"Wow, it's so beautiful! If only I could live here for the rest of my life!" Yann Xi couldn't help but sigh as she looked at the distant lake and mountains.

Xu Nian nodded in agreement; Ice Dust Lake was indeed beautiful.

Green mountains and clear waters, distant mountains shrouded in mist, the lake merging with the blue sky—it was indeed a rare sight to see.

On such a lake surface, under the gentle breeze, Xu Nian felt a serene peace that was indescribable.

"Hey, ugly freak, bragging kid, you're here too!" However, just as Xu Nian and Yann Xi were enjoying the scenery, a mocking voice came from behind them.

Xu Nian turned around to face the boy who had teased him before, with the Seven-star Martial Sect level old crone following behind him.

The old crone didn't say a word, holding a willow walking stick, giving off a chill vibe.

"Who are you calling an ugly freak?" Yann Xi also saw the young boy, her pretty face showing a glimmer of disgust as she retorted.

"Of course, it's you. If you're not ugly, why are you wearing a veil in broad daylight? I think you must be so ugly that you're afraid to show your face, that's why you use a veil to cover it up so that no one can see," the boy mocked unapologetically.

His words attracted the attention of those around them, prompting a flurry of discussions.

It was indeed strange for a girl to wear a veil during the day.

Yann Xi's biggest fear was being talked about by others, and her eyes brimmed with tears in an instant, she said angrily, "You're the ugly freak! I'm not ugly at all."

"Not ugly? Then take off your veil and show us! You're probably too scared!" the boy taunted relentlessly.

Yann Xi lowered her head, no longer speaking, her face already wet with tears.

"Ha ha, if you won't take it off, then let me help you!" The boy laughed triumphantly, and then he lunged toward Yann Xi.

Seeing the boy coming at her, Yann Xi instinctively stepped back in fear.

But the boy was a Six-star Warrior, and Yann Xi was just an ordinary person; how could she possibly dodge the boy's hand?

"Stop!"

Just in the nick of time, Yan Tao suddenly stepped forward, the aura of a Three-star Battle Sect bursting forth, sending the boy flying back with the force.

The boy stepped back several times, his face immediately darkening as he shouted, "Rain Witch, kill them for me."

"Yes, young master!" The hunchbacked old crone's figure shot out instantaneously, her aged body moving incredibly fast as she rushed towards Yan Tao.

"Too fast!" Yan Tao exclaimed in shock, trying to draw his curved blade to defend.

However, before he could react, his chest was struck by the willow walking stick the old crone held, slamming him against the ship's rail, coughing up a mouthful of blood.

The few guards patrolling nearby saw this and were immediately surprised, drawing their swords ready to defend.

But the old crone ignored the guards completely, her willow stick aiming directly for Yan Tao's head.

She moved swiftly and ruthlessly, the next moment prepared to smash Yan Tao's head.

But Yan Tao's reaction speed couldn't keep up with the old crone's pace, and he could only watch helplessly as the stick came down toward him.

"Bang!"

Just when everyone thought Yan Tao was about to lose his life on the spot, a young figure appeared in front of him, blocking the old woman's willow wood walking stick with one hand.

"Blocked it?" The people around all showed surprise. A youth had actually blocked the old woman's attack with one hand.

Yan Tao was also extremely surprised, looking at the youth standing in front of him with shock in his eyes.

The youth in front of him was none other than Xu Nian.

Seeing her attack blocked, the old woman knew it was bad news and quickly tried to pull away and retreat.

"Without a word, you try to kill someone. Aren't you a bit too arrogant?" Xu Nian let out a cold snort, tapped the deck with the tip of his foot, and in an instant, he turned into a blur and followed her, appearing in front of the old woman in a flash.

"What?" The old woman let out a hoarse voice, obviously not expecting Xu Nian to be so fast.

Xu Nian sneered and punched directly into the old woman's abdomen.

The old woman was instantly blasted away, flying over ten meters before spitting out a mouthful of fresh blood.

This was because Xu Nian had shown mercy, or else that punch would have killed the old woman on the spot.

The youth beside them had already been stunned, looking at the Rain Witch who had fallen to the ground and then at Xu Nian's face, unbelieving.

Everyone around was also astonished, the strength that this youth had just displayed was incredibly powerful.

How old was he?

Yan Tao was also full of surprise; he had never imagined that Xu Nian could be so strong.

Xu Nian ignored the astonished gazes of the people around him and walked toward the previously arrogant youth.

Seeing Xu Nian walking over, the youth hurriedly backed away, scared, "You... what do you want to do, let me tell you, I am..."

However, before he could finish speaking, Xu Nian had already appeared in front of the youth, grasped his neck with one hand, and lifted him into the air.

The youth felt the spiritual energy within his body being completely restrained, making him unable to struggle free from Xu Nian's hand no matter how hard he tried.

When he looked into Xu Nian's cold eyes, he no longer thought of Xu Nian as just another youth his age but as a demon god.

Xu Nian had indeed become angry. Yan Tao hadn't hurt him in the slightest, yet this guy had tried to take Yan Tao's life; such a malicious nature could not be tolerated.

"Elder, please spare us, spare our young master. I am willing to exchange my life for his," the old woman pleaded with a face full of sorrow as she crawled up from the ground and knelt.

Xu Nian frowned slightly, looked at the pleading old woman, and shook his head helplessly.

He slapped the youth on the chest, sending him flying away.

The old woman quickly got up and caught the youth, only to find that he had passed out.

"Keep a better watch over your young master. This is just a lesson. If there is a next time, he will certainly perish," Xu Nian said with a cold huff.

"Yes, sir!" The old woman's expression was complex as she bowed to Xu Nian, then carried the youth into the cabin.

"Are you all right?" Xu Nian walked over to Yann Xi with a smile and asked.

"I'm okay, brother. What did you do to that youth just now?" Yann Xi curiously inquired.

"Not much, just left a little something in his body to ensure he won't harm anyone ever again," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Yann Xi nodded, giving Xu Nian a thumbs up, "I knew brother was amazing, and I was right indeed."

Xu Nian smiled, fondly patting the little girl's head.

With that slap just now, he had used the Green Lotus Technique to destroy the youth's foundations.

Although the youth wouldn't be in great danger, he wouldn't be able to progress any further in his cultivation for the rest of his life.

The people around now looked at Xu Nian's figure with immense respect and awe.

A sixteen-year-old boy who could defeat a Seven-star Martial Sect, how incredibly gifted must this youth be?

At this moment, the thoughts in Yan Tao's mind also surged like tumultuous waves, and he couldn't help but think back to what Elder Yann had said to him and the purpose of Xu Nian's journey.

Perhaps this youth in front of him could really create a miracle.

At a window on the third floor, the young man and woman had also seen everything clearly.

"Tsk, it's just defeating a Seven-star Martial Sect? I could crush him with one finger," the young Chu Lin said with disdain.

However, the woman in the white dress beside him didn't pay attention to the young man's words, but instead fixed her gaze on Xu Nian on the deck, her brows slightly furrowed.

Yes, a Seven-star Martial Sect meant nothing to them, right?

But this youth in front of them was only about sixteen, could they have defeated a Seven-star Martial Sect at sixteen?

Perhaps a Seven-star Martial Sect could have slapped them dead with a single palm?

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Chapter 177 Comprehending Momentum

At night, the lake wind howled.

The deck was already barely populated, but Xu Nian had not returned to his own cabin.

He was enjoying the tranquility here.

Stars above, waves below.

The lake wind brushed against his body, giving him a feeling of exhilaration.

At that moment, Xu Nian pondered a question—what is "force"?

Previously, Chen Tiansheng had demonstrated the use of "force" before him.

Yet he still couldn't figure out what "force" truly was.

"Whoosh!"

A gust of wind blew past Xu Nian's temples and rustled his sleeves.

"Huh?"

Xu Nian's spirit was shaken; during that instant, he felt as if his soul had touched something.

But the inspiration vanished quickly, and he was unable to grasp it.

Xu Nian wasn't regretful; instead, he sat cross-legged at the bow of the boat, closed his eyes, and allowed his heart to completely immerse itself.

The sound of wind near his ears gradually disappeared, and the roaring lake sound also faded away, leaving Xu Nian's mind fully immersed in the scenic ambiance.

Force is the power of heaven and earth.

Wind possesses wind force; powerful storms can destroy everything in their path.

Water has its force too; surging rivers can form floods capable of easily destroying a city.

Everything in the world has its force and using this force can achieve unexpected effects.

"Haha, I finally understand!"

Xu Nian suddenly opened his eyes, and with a blink, his figure appeared on another part of the deck, leaving a residual image at his previous location.

That's right, Xu Nian had just used the wind force, which allowed his speed to reach a terrifying level.

Now, with the wind force, Xu Nian's Illusion Fascinate Trace directly broke through to the Realm of Divine Transformation.

In an instant, Xu Nian was able to leave two residual images in different places, undoubtedly doubling his speed from before.

Moreover, Xu Nian's comprehension of force was not limited to this.

He suddenly leaped, jumping off the deck.

Yet eerily, Xu Nian did not fall into the lake but instead walked on the water, stepping across the surface.

If anyone had been there, they would have been too shocked to speak, "Walking on water."

Probably only Marquis Level masters could achieve that?

In fact, Xu Nian could do this because he utilized the water force, borrowing it to hover over the surface.

Theoretically, if Xu Nian could harness enough wind force, without reaching the Marquis Realm, he could also walk on air.

But Xu Nian had only just stepped into the threshold of force; his comprehension of force was not nearly enough.

In the future, as Xu Nian's understanding deepens, the feats he could accomplish would become increasingly surprising.

This was already terrifying, grasping the threshold of force at sixteen years old.

This might be unprecedented in the entire Tianhen Continent.

One should know that some people, throughout their lives, can never achieve Man and Sword as One, let alone force.

Xu Nian jumped with one leap, returning to the deck.

The sudden enlightenment was like a divine stroke for him.

Next, he only needed to gradually integrate the use of force into his sword, hammer, and even fists—his attack power would significantly increase.

With a thought, a Xuan Iron Sword appeared in Xu Nian's hand.

Xu Nian held the sword with both hands, continuously performed Sword Slashes, and repeated the motion.

While performing Sword Slashes, Xu Nian thought about how to use wind force to make his sword faster.

Since his body skill was adequate, his swordsmanship was as well.

He could also harness the wind force to enhance the power of his sword.

Xu Nian relentlessly performed sword slashes, and although each stroke seemed ordinary, with every slash, a bit of wind force fused into his swordsmanship.

With each stroke, his skill improved, which delighted Xu Nian.

However, his peaceful cultivation environment was soon disrupted when he recognized the young couple he had seen during the day approaching him.

Even though Xu Nian didn't think these two could perceive the secrets of his swordsmanship, he still ceased his sword movements.

After all, comprehending such power could shock the common folk; it was better to keep it hidden.

"I watched your fight today. A three-star Battle Sect defeating a Seven-star Martial Sect—you have great talent and strength. How about joining our Wuji Sect?" the woman in the white dress coldly asked as she approached Xu Nian.

"Sorry, I'm not interested!" Xu Nian bluntly refused.

These two approached him without even introducing themselves and immediately asked him to join the Wuji Sect, which greatly annoyed him.

Xu Nian's answer seemed to surprise the woman in white, causing her eyebrows to furrow slightly.

"Kid, you—" Chu Lin began angrily but was stopped by the woman in white.

"Do you already belong to a Sect?" she inquired.

"No!" Xu Nian crisply responded.

"Then why do you refuse?" the woman in white grew increasingly astonished.

In her view, the young man should have been ecstatic at the invitation.

Instead, he was not only indifferent but also flatly refused.

Many longed to join the Wuji Sect but couldn't, and here she was, being refused.

"Why should I join?" Xu Nian asked lightly, smiling.

The sense of superiority from these two was too strong; they acted as though everyone was desperate to enter their Sect.

The woman in white, taken aback by Xu Nian's counter-question, grew angry, her usually impassive face coloring slightly, and said, "Joining the Wuji Sect, you would receive unimaginable resources and guidance from the strong. I've observed your cultivation just now, and frankly, you're merely toddling like a child—completely ineffective."

Xu Nian just laughed at this.

His sword moves, intended to merge with wind force, were seen as child's play by her?

"Sorry, I'm still not interested!" Xu Nian answered with a light chuckle.

"You looking for death? Being invited to join the Wuji Sect is an honor, and here you are getting cocky. Do you think you're something special?" Chu Lin was furious and about to attack Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's grip on his Xuan Iron Sword tightened as he prepared to defend himself.

Yet, he was stopped once again by the woman in white.

"We didn't come to fight. If we wanted to, we could kill you with one move. I came here to tell you, hope you don't waste your talent, or you'll regret it later," she said before turning around and leaving.

"Kid, I hope you don't regret this. Even if you beg me, I won't allow you into the Wuji Sect," Chu Lin sneered, following the woman in white.

Xu Nian watched the disappearing duo, shaking his head helplessly.

Kill him with one move?

If it really came to a fight, it's not certain who would kill whom.

Xu Nian didn't dwell on it and continued to immerse himself in merging his swordsmanship with the wind force.

Dawn soon arrived, and the deck was becoming crowded, making it unsuitable for further cultivation.

Xu Nian decided to return to his cabin, sheathing his sword.

"Ah... help..."

But just then, a scream rang out.

Xu Nian quickly turned around only to see a huge snake tail curling around a middle-aged woman, pulling her into the lake.

Xu Nian's expression instantly turned grave as he rushed to the deck's edge, peering down using the Gray Dragon Eye.

He saw a hundred-meter-long white giant snake coiled under the large ship, with six fan-like wings on its back, and the woman being swallowed whole.

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper had appeared!

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Chapter 178 Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper

"Boom!"

The massive body of the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper collided with the Dragon Ao, emitting a dull sound.

The entire vessel shook violently, throwing the people on the deck to the ground as they began to cry and scream.

Xu Nian did not fall; his feet seemed glued to the deck, swaying with the movement of the ship.

"Everyone, back to the cabin!"

At this moment, Captain Hu Luo had already rushed out, followed by a group of mercenaries hired for the voyage.

These mercenaries all held Star Crossbows and immediately opened fire below.

However, their attacks had no effect. The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper surged out of the lake, its massive tail sweeping across and instantly tossing the mercenaries on the deck into the air, killing them on the spot.

The giant wave caused by the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper made the Dragon Ao wobble precariously, nearly capsizing.

Captain Hu Luo was dumbstruck. In just a moment, half of his men were dead or injured; the creature before him was too strong.

"Beast, die!"

Enraged, Hu Luo drew a long knife, leaped with all his strength, and swung it at the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

However, before he could strike the viper, its tail whipped him back.

"Bang!"

Captain Hu Luo crashed heavily onto the deck, smashing a large dent into the steel-plated deck.

The crewmembers, witnessing this scene, were stunned.

Captain Hu Luo was from the Eight-star Body Sect, yet he was still no match for this beast.

"Roar!"

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper surged, swallowing two members of the Three-star Battle Sect on the deck.

Blood splattered, mixing with the lake water, a ghastly sight.

The ordinary civilians were terrified to the extreme, their eyes filled with horror.

Xu Nian, who had not returned to the cabin, was also somewhat surprised by this scene. The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper was stronger than he had imagined.

"Roar!"

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper roared and lunged at Hu Luo, about to swallow him the next moment.

"Fiend, die!"

Just then, a figure burst out from the third-floor cabin, wielding a Long Spear, creating a sky full of spear shadows that smashed onto the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper, whipping it back.

"How strong! It's Young Master Chu Lin!" exclaimed the crewmembers, their eyes sparkling.

The civilians also showed expressions of surprise and relief.

Chu Lin, holding his spear, landed on the deck, a triumphant smile on his face.

At the same time, another figure in a white robe darted out from the third floor.

With a single sword strike, the sword light filled the sky, harshly striking the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper's head, making it shriek in agony and dive back into the water.

"Thank goodness, they are two genius experts from the Wuji Sect, we are saved," the civilians exclaimed excitedly.

"Yes, that Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper must have been scared away. It seems we are really lucky this time," someone agreed, their gaze towards Chu Lin and the woman in the white robe filled with admiration and gratitude.

"Psh, I thought this beast would be formidable, but it fled as soon as I made a move. If it were on land, it wouldn't have a chance to escape from my grasp," Chu Lin boasted, sensing the admiration in the eyes of those around him.

The woman in the white robe had already sheathed her sword, preparing to return to the cabin.

Xu Nian watched this scene but shook his head in disappointment.

Neither attack from those two had even broken through the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper's scale armor, so how could it possibly have been scared away?

Moreover, his Gray Dragon Eye had clearly sensed a vast power still lurking beneath their vessel.

"Xu Nian, Brother, are you alright?" Yann Xi also walked out of the cabin and approached Xu Nian with concern.

Behind her followed an old boatman.

"Why did you come out? Get back inside!" Xu Nian exclaimed, hastily speaking.

Yann Xi and the old boatman both looked puzzled. Hadn't they driven off the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper?

A look of urgency spread across Xu Nian's face as he glanced around, only to see that quite a few people had made their way back onto the deck.

"No good! Elder Yann, take Xiixii inside quickly!" Xu Nian urged.

Elder Yann also seemed to realize something and hastily started to pull Yann Xi back.

"Boom!"

However, before they could take a step, the ship violently shuddered and suddenly shifted sideways.

Those who had gone onto the deck were thrown directly into the lake.

Although Yann Xi and Elder Yann weren't thrown into the lake, they were flung toward the bow of the ship, and her veil was knocked off her head.

"Roar!"

The body of the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper surged up from the water again, this time spreading its wings and hovering in the air.

"You beast, seeking death, daring to come back," Chu Lin roared, lifting his Long Spear to attack the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper once more.

The woman in the white dress also followed closely, ready to attack again.

"These two fools! Attacking head-on," Xu Nian cursed silently in his mind.

As expected, when the two attacked, a sly gleam flashed in the viper's eyes. It opened its gaping mouth and expelled a terrifying blast of cold air.

The cold air instantly turned into hundreds of Ice Cones, furiously hurtling toward Chu Lin and the woman in the white dress.

Chu Lin and the woman both recoiled in shock, hastily trying to defend themselves.

However, the Ice Cones were too fast and too powerful.

After blocking two Ice Cones, the woman was forcefully thrown back, crashing against the cabin and coughing up a trail of blood.

Chu Lin fared even worse, getting an Ice Cone completely piercing through his abdomen, gruesomely pinning him to the deck as he let out agonizing screams.

The townsfolk were all utterly petrified, each filled with utter despair.

Even the two geniuses from Wuji Sect had been defeated; this beast was simply too strong.

They were doomed!

Yet the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper ignored these two and instead set its sights on Yann Xi, its eyes filled with intense greed as it rapidly attacked her.

"Not good, the beast has sensed the Blood God Power in Yann Xi," Xu Nian thought with alarm, quickly dashing in her direction.

Elder Yann saw the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper attacking and a fierce determination burst in his clouded eyes, swinging his hand to fend off the attack of the viper.

Yet Elder Yann's attack was easily neutralized by the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper, and he was immediately frozen into an ice statue by the cold air expelled by the viper.

Yann Xi was completely terrified, curling up in a corner, shivering violently.

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper then opened its gaping maw, intending to swallow Yann Xi whole.

Around her, everyone's eyes filled with sympathy and regret; the next moment, this young girl would end up as a meal inside the viper's belly, yet they were powerless to help.

"If you dare harm a single hair on her, I'll peel off your snake skin."

However, just at that moment, everyone saw a blurred figure suddenly appear above the snake's head.

A punch came smashing down, brutally slamming the head of the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper onto the deck.

"Bang!"

A loud noise echoed as the deck was instantly deformed, raising the stern out of the water.

While everyone held onto the handrails, they all stared agape.

Looking at the young figure that had suddenly appeared, their eyes were filled with amazement.

Chapter 179 Battle Mansion Xu Nian

"It's him! The youth from yesterday!"

Someone in the crowd recognized Xu Nian and exclaimed in shock.

The people around were all staring at Xu Nian in astonishment.

How old was this youth?

Was he really able to knock down the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper with a single punch?

Was it true strength, or just a coincidence?

Chu Lin and the lady in the white dress also showed surprise on their faces, not expecting the youth who had rejected them last night to be so formidable.

Even so, they still did not believe that Xu Nian had the capability to defeat the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper, thinking instead that it was the element of surprise that had given him the upper hand.

Xu Nian picked up Yann Xi and swiftly moved back to the cabin, handing Yann Xi to Yan Tao.

"Brother, Grandpa Yann..." Yann Xi cried.

"Don't worry, brother will avenge Grandpa Yann," Xu Nian comforted her, then turned around and walked out of the cabin, heading towards the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper had already risen, its massive head staring fixedly at Xu Nian, eyes filled with rage.

"You're no match for it! Let me handle this!" said the lady in the white dress, landing behind Xu Nian.

"You should save your companion first!"

Xu Nian replied with a cold smile, not even turning his head, he dropped the comment and walked to the bow of the boat, facing the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper from a distance.

"Human child, do you wish to die? Hand that little girl over," the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper spoke in human language.

The crowd was shocked, this Demon Beast could actually talk, signifying it possessed considerable Spiritual Wisdom.

Usually, only Marquis Level Demon Beasts can speak human language, though there are exceptions.

Some Demon Beasts with Divine Beast Bloodline can also do so, and such beasts are generally extremely powerful.

Xu Nian's face showed a trace of surprise, but more than that, excitement.

This Demon Beast could possess such Spiritual Wisdom at the Battle Sect Peak, indicating a rich Dragon Clan Bloodline in its body.

If he could absorb its Bloodline Power, his strength would surely increase greatly.

"No wonder ordinary Battle Generals can't handle you, since you have awakened your Spiritual Sense, you demon, since you have awakened your Spiritual Wisdom, you still bring disaster to the common people," Xu Nian said coldly, anger flaring in his eyes.

"Ha ha, bring disaster to the common people, in my eyes, you humans are just food. Boy, stop the nonsense, hand that little girl over, and once I eat her, I can break through to the Battle General Level," the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper laughed haughtily, its voice fierce and ghastly.

"Since you are so unrepentant, I can only kill you," Xu Nian's eyes turned icy, and Spiritual Energy began surging within his body.

"A mere Three-star Battle Sect, making bold claims, go to hell!" the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper scorned, opening its massive mouth and directly spitting out several Ice Cones toward Xu Nian.

The crowd held their breath at this scene, unsure whether Xu Nian could withstand this attack.

The two talents from Wuji Sect had been defeated by this move just a while ago.

"Hmph, this kid is too arrogant, a Three-star Battle Sect daring to challenge this Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper alone," Chu Lin, who had managed to suppress his injuries, couldn't help but snort coldly.

The lady in the white dress also frowned deeply, she had warned Xu Nian, but he was still stubborn, and she was helpless.

"Hum!"

However, the next scene left them utterly shocked.

Xu Nian's figure flickered, those Ice Cones falling down, but not a single one hit Xu Nian, all were dodged by his impressive Body Skill.

"What a swift Body Skill, to dodge such a dense attack," some Cultivators in the crowd couldn't help but express their astonishment.

The lady in the white dress was also somewhat surprised, such a Body Skill, she was far inferior.

"Hmph, what use is a good Body Skill if there's no powerful attack, he will eventually be hit by this beast," Chu Lin said unconvinced, his eyes still filled with disdain.

But the next scene rendered him completely speechless.

Xu Nian dodged and simultaneously continued to approach the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

Finally, he leaped.

The Xuan Iron Sword instantly appeared in his hand, and he swung it downward in a slash.

In an instant, hundreds of Wind Blades formed around him, carrying a terrifying force as they directly cut toward the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

This was no longer the simple Fierce Blade Dance, but a Fierce Blade Dance merged with Wind Force.

The power of this move had increased several times.

"Roar!"

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper ignored Xu Nian's attack and lashed its tail toward him.

But it ultimately underestimated the power of Xu Nian's sword.

Hundreds of Wind Blades crazily battered its body, slicing open the scales and leaving densely packed wounds all over.

Blood flowed profusely, and the entire body of the snake was sent flying.

"What? His attack actually penetrated the monster's scale armor? How is this possible?" someone in the crowd exclaimed.

The scale armor of the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper was extremely hard; if Xu Nian's Wind Blades could slice through it, how sharp must they be?

The lady in the white dress was also shocked, considering her all-out effort had not even left a scratch on the beast, yet Xu Nian's Wind Blades had managed to slice through its scale armor, clearly showing the difference in their abilities.

"How can his Wind Blades be so strong?" Chu Lin asked, unwilling to accept this.

The lady in the white dress pondered for a moment before suddenly gasping, realization dawning in her eyes which turned into sheer horror.

"Sixteen years old, and he has grasped the 'force'? How is this possible?" she couldn't help but exclaim in horror.

"What? You're saying he has grasped the 'force'? Our Wuji Sect's most talented, Bai Chen, grasped it at thirty, and he's so young; how could he possibly have done it?" Chu Lin also replied in shock.

The lady in the white dress remained silent, but in her heart, she was convinced Xu Nian had grasped the 'force.'

She had felt something profound in that single stroke of his sword from earlier.

Now, if that mysterious feeling wasn't the 'force,' what else could it be?

Chu Lin's face also showed signs of struggle as he was extremely unwilling to believe that Xu Nian had grasped the 'force.'

However, the next moment, he completely broke down.

Xu Nian was seen jumping off the deck, walking on the water with his body floating rather than sinking.

This must be the 'force,' right?

Chu Lin felt like he had been slapped in the face, his expression extremely awkward.

The lady in the white dress didn't look much better either, thinking about what she had said to Xu Nian the night before.

A child learning to walk?

Guidance from a strong person?

How many strong ones were qualified to guide the young man before her now?

Now she finally understood why the young man before her had refused to join the Wuji Sect—it was because they simply weren't worthy of him.

Although the crowd around did not understand what the 'force' was, they knew that walking on water was something not even average Battle General Level cultivators could accomplish.

This young man might actually have a chance to defeat the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper emerged from the lake again, its snake eyes showing a hint of solemnity as it looked at Xu Nian standing on the water.

"Human boy, who exactly are you?"

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper was not foolish; it understood what Xu Nian walking on water implied.

This was the first time it felt such a strong threat!

Xu Nian stood with his sword in hand, a cold smile on his lips as he calmly said, "Xu Nian from the Battle Mansion, specifically here to kill you."

Chapter 180 Slaying the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper

"Battle Mansion's Xu Nian? He's actually from the Battle Mansion?"

The crowd around them all exclaimed in surprise, having not expected that the young man before them was a member of the Battle Mansion.

It was the first time they had seen such a young member of the Battle Mansion.

Chu Lin and the woman in white were also full of surprise; they had speculated about Xu Nian's identity, thinking he came from various powerful mysterious forces, never imagining he was from the Battle Mansion.

To them, the Battle Mansion was nothing compared to their Wuji Sect.

Yet, a young man who had come out of the Battle Mansion possessed such heaven-defying strength, deeply impacting their hearts.

They feared they would never dare to call themselves geniuses from then on.

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper's eyes flickered with cold light; naturally, it knew of the Battle Mansion and had even eaten a few of its members.

But it had never encountered such a young member of the Battle Mansion before.

"Hmph, even if your realm is high, your cultivation is insufficient. You're destined to die today. I must eat you," the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper's eyes burst with killing intent as it opened its mouth and expelled a powerful burst of cold air.

The cold air assaulted the surface of the lake, instantly turning it into ice.

Although Xu Nian dodged in time, his right arm was still eroded by the cold air.

Fortunately, he had been prepared and had condensed armor using Blood Dragon Qi beforehand, which prevented the cold air from invading his entire body.

"Such domineering cold air, it seems I need to make it a quick battle," a cold light flashed in Xu Nian's eyes as he sheathed his sword, stepped on the ice, and instantly burst out at high speed.

"Seeking death!" The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper saw Xu Nian charging at it barehanded and flashed a hint of disdain in its eyes, swinging its tail to strike him.

The smack of the viper's tail could flatten even giant ships, and if struck, one would undoubtedly die.

However, Xu Nian showed no intention of dodging and continued to charge directly toward the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

"My God, has he gone mad? Does he really intend to clash head-on with that monster?" someone in the crowd exclaimed.

The monster's physical body was extremely powerful, far surpassing that of a same-level Body Cultivation, not to mention that this one possessed a Divine Beast Bloodline.

The woman in white also widened her eyes in surprise, watching Xu Nian charge towards the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

In her view, if Xu Nian used his body skills and continuously attacked by leveraging the wind force, he might be able to repel the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper even if he couldn't kill it.

Yet, Xu Nian chose the least wise course of action by clashing directly, which was basically suicidal.

"Hmph, what use is a high talent if it just leads to a dead end?" Chu Lin snorted coldly, disdain returning to his face.

However, the scene everyone imagined of Xu Nian being killed by the tail strike did not occur.

On the contrary, the scene that unfolded before their eyes completely stunned everyone.

They saw bright red dragon scales and blood armor emerge on Xu Nian's right arm, with the sound of a dragon's roar resonating inside him.

Not only that, but a giant Dragon Illusion appeared behind Xu Nian, its size several times larger than the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

It also exuded a powerful dragon's might, causing everyone present to tremble involuntarily in their hearts.

Even the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper showed a trace of fear in its eyes.

That's right, bloodline suppression.

The dragon's might Xu Nian now exuded was genuine, and the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper, being a descendant of the Dragon Clan, naturally succumbed to this suppression.

"Dragon King Fist, Dragon King Earth Shattering!"

Xu Nian threw a punch, the Giant Dragon Illusion instantly infused into his right arm, meeting the incoming tail head-on.

"Boom!"

A thunderous noise erupted, and the surrounding lake surface exploded, creating waves nearly a hundred feet high.

The tail struck by Xu Nian exploded with scales and flesh, unrecognizable.

The entire body of the viper rolled several times on the lake surface before stopping.

Yet, Xu Nian stood still, unmoved.

Everyone on the boat was petrified, their shock beyond words.

This young man had actually countered the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper with bare fists and even sent it flying; this level of ferocity was almost too much.

Even the mocking Chu Lin was frozen in place, his face darkened.

Xu Nian, however, disregarded the stunned gazes around him and stepped on the lake surface, chasing after the flying Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

"Strike while it's weak, finish it off. Once the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper escapes, it would be even harder for him to kill it."

"Roar!"

Seeing Xu Nian coming after it, the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper burst out with intense rage, roared, and with a movement of its body, whipped up a three-hundred-foot-high wave, viciously slamming it towards Xu Nian.

It wanted to smash Xu Nian to the bottom of the lake.

Xu Nian merely chuckled lightly, a Meteorite Iron Hammer appearing in his hand.

Behind him, a Talent Phenomenon appeared, as Spiritual Energy and Gang Qi surged and infused into the Meteorite Iron Hammer.

The Collapse Thunder Formation was deployed, with five times the gravity enhanced, merging it with the Power of Earth.

The hammer slammed down onto the surface of the lake, causing a terrifying fluctuation that instantly spread out.

"Boom!"

Like thunder exploding, the giant waves it created were instantly dispersed.

And the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper was sent flying by this terrifying fluctuation.

Everyone on the boat was dumbfounded; such a terrifying attack was beyond their imagination.

Yet Xu Nian continued to sprint with the hammer, leapt up, and mounted the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper let out a roar and dove directly into the bottom of the lake with him.

Everyone on the boat crowded to the side, looking down.

However, the surging lake water made it impossible for them to see anything clear.

"Boom!"

Just then, a sound like an earthquake came from the bottom of the lake.

Then, everyone saw the body of the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper burst out of the water, covered in blood.

At the same time, a giant black shadow shot out of the water.

It was a black hawk, moving incredibly fast.

"Chirp!"

The black hawk let out a sharp cry, spewing a bolt of lightning that struck the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper, piercing through its head and instantly killing it.

And there was also a person standing on the back of the black hawk.

It was Xu Nian, who had just charged into the lake's depths with the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

People on the giant ship were overwhelmed by shock at the sight.

The Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper, which had terrorized them for three years, was killed by a young man.

Had they not seen it with their own eyes, even if they were beaten to death, they wouldn't believe it was all real.

The battle just now was too shocking, especially Xu Nian's hammer strike that dispersed the giant waves, which was simply too stunning.

And this black hawk, which must be Xu Nian's mount, could spit lightning that could pierce through the head of the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper; obviously, it was no ordinary Demon Beast.

Such a combination strongly stimulated everyone's perspective.

For a moment, everyone looked at Xu Nian with an admiration that was beyond compare.

The lady in white was also in a daze; she didn't know how to express her feelings now, even she was deeply shocked.

Chu Lin was also silent, his face pale as jealousy raged within him like never before.

Xu Nian looked at the corpse of the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper held by Little Xu Yu, finally showing a hint of relief as he sat on Little Xu Yu's back.

He had used every trick he had to kill the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper.

Just now at the bottom of the lake, he even used Earth God Devouring Sky to absorb the Power of Earth from the lake bed.

Then he executed the Collapse Thunder Formation, sending the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper flying.

So now he had become extremely weak, and the only reason he was still standing was that he was forcefully pushing himself.

"Swoosh!"

Little Xu Yu landed on the deck and threw the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper's corpse onto the deck as well.

Seeing Little Xu Yu's massive body, people on the deck subconsciously swallowed saliva and stepped back.

"Sir, thank you for saving our lives!" Captain Hu Luo hurriedly stepped forward excitedly.

As he spoke, everyone around him started to echo the sentiment.

"Don't disturb me; let me rest for a while," Xu Nian immediately said.

Little Xu Yu also immediately glared coldly at the people.

Captain Hu Luo immediately nodded and ordered everyone to move away and not disturb Xu Nian.

However, the next scene made everyone's jaws drop.

Xu Nian peeled open the wound of the Six-winged Ice Crystal Viper and began to greedily suck the Viper's blood.

This was a Divine Beast Bloodline Demon Beast of Nine-star War Sect Level!

Wasn't he afraid of bursting from sucking like that?

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