

Divine King 1821

Chapter 1821: Mysterious Woman

"Boom!"

The first Heavenly Thunder fell.

This thunder contained a trace of Law Power, and the terrifying thunder instantly struck towards Qin Xue.

Qin Xue did not hesitate, immediately thrusting out her sword.

The Sword Radiance collided with this thunder.

It directly shattered the thunder.

Next came the second one.

This thunder was much more powerful than the previous one, but it was still easily blocked by Qin Xue.

The next few were the same.

It can be seen that Qin Xue's foundation is quite deep.

However, Qin Xue was clearly struggling when the seventh Heavenly Thunder arrived.

When the eighth Heavenly Thunder fell, she was even directly hit by the thunder, spewing blood wildly from her mouth.

On the side, Qin Changfeng saw this scene and was extremely anxious.

But there was nothing he could do.

Heavenly Tribulations cannot be helped by others; if anyone interferes, it would only invite disaster and plunge the one crossing the tribulation into an even more terrible thunder tribulation.

Xu Nian saw this scene, and his eyebrows slightly furrowed.

Suddenly, he seemed to think of something.

He quickly tossed a pill to Qin Xue.

"Take it."

Xu Nian's voice rang out.

Qin Xue did not hesitate, directly consuming the pill Xu Nian tossed over.

The next moment, an immense power instantly filled Qin Xue's entire being.

Not only that, but the injuries on Qin Xue's body were also instantly healed.

"Strike!"

Qin Xue swung her sword, directly dispersing the ninth Heavenly Thunder.

The thunder cleared, and golden light scattered down.

Qin Xue's body was bathed in the baptism of the golden light, and her cultivation also leaped from the Transcendence Tribulation Stage to the Earth Immortal Realm.

Qin Changfeng was overjoyed at the sight.

Xu Nian saw this scene and also revealed a faint smile.

What he gave Qin Xue was a top-grade Immortal Pill.

Now, the Immortal Pills held no use for Xu Nian.

The vast majority of the Immortal Pills he had given to the Heavenly Court.

The one just now was one of the few pills he had left that could enhance soul power.

So Qin Xue not only underwent the baptism of Immortal Light, but also received the strength provided by the Immortal Pill.

"Buzz!"

Qin Xue's cultivation instantly broke through the Early Stage Earth Immortal, reaching the Middle Stage Earth Immortal Level.

Not only that, it continued to rise, reaching the Late Stage Earth Immortal Level.

Finally, the golden light faded away.

Qin Xue's cultivation reached the Peak of Late Stage Earth Immortal Level, and only then did it stop.

She also gained considerable insights into the Profound Argumentation.

Qin Changfeng, watching from the side, was utterly astonished.

It was the first time he had seen someone who could advance to the Late Stage Earth Immortal Level just after crossing a tribulation.

"Thank you, Brother Feng." Qin Xue said excitedly, rushing over.

She knew that her rapid breakthrough in cultivation was all thanks to the pill Xu Nian gave her.

That pill allowed her to quickly grasp the Heaven and Earth Profound Argumentation under the pull of the golden light.

And it provided a great amount of soul power.

Thus, her cultivation soared rapidly.

"No need to thank me, that pill is of no use to me, giving it to you isn't a waste." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Qin Xue was astonished.

Such a precious Immortal Pill, and Xu Nian claimed it was of no use to him.

Even an Immortal King wouldn't dare say such a pill was of no use.

"Family Head, it's not good, something bad happened, the Lei Family..."

At this time, a Qin Family disciple hurriedly rushed in.

Qin Changfeng's brow furrowed immediately.

"What's wrong with the Lei Family?" Qin Changfeng asked immediately.

Qin Xue's expression also changed.

"The Lei Family has come to our door, and they brought a group of people, they're already at the front yard." That Qin Family disciple said excitedly.

Hearing this, Qin Changfeng's face changed drastically.

"Hmph, Qin Changfeng, give me back my son's life!"

Before Qin Changfeng could react, a loud shout echoed.

Then, a figure came flying backwards rapidly and crashed heavily in front of Qin Changfeng.

It was an Earth Immortal Realm Elder of the Qin Family.

Then, a group of people in thunder-themed attire gradually walked in, surrounded by Qin Family disciples.

"Thunder Leopard, it's you?" Qin Changfeng's eyes turned sharp instantly.

Qin Xue's expression also changed.

She didn't expect the Lei Family to directly come to their door.

"Is this person Lei Li's father?" Xu Nian asked Qin Xue.

"Yes, Brother Feng, this person is Lei Li's father, named Thunder Leopard, his cultivation has already reached the Profound Immortal Realm, our Qin Family is no match for him." Qin Xue said with a frown.

Xu Nian nodded.

This Thunder Leopard had indeed reached Early-stage Profound Immortal.

In this Heavenly Thunder City, he was a rare expert.

However, what drew Xu Nian's attention was not this Thunder Leopard.

But the female behind Thunder Leopard.

This woman was as beautiful as a celestial, with a slim figure, her looks surpassing even Qin Xue's.

The most critical thing was her cultivation, which had already reached the Nether Emperor Peak.

Just one step away from Nether Emperor Perfection.

In such a small Heavenly Thunder City, how could there be such an expert?

It seemed this woman wasn't from the Lei Family.

The woman seemed to have noticed Xu Nian as well, giving him a cautious look.

"Is this person also from the Lei Family?" Xu Nian asked with curiosity.

"No, I've never seen her before." Qin Xue said with a frown.

She was also very surprised by this mysterious and stunning woman in front of her.

Hearing this, Xu Nian immediately understood.

This woman was not from the Lei Family; presumably, she was just going through the motions here.

"Hmph, Qin Changfeng, hand over the one who killed my son, or today your Qin Family will be wiped out." Thunder Leopard snorted coldly.

Qin Changfeng, hearing this, immediately became furious.

"I am the one who killed your son." Qin Changfeng immediately said.

"Hmph, don't think I don't know, Qin Changfeng, with your cultivation, you're no match for my son, so you better confess honestly." Thunder Leopard wasn't a fool; he knew that the Qin Family's strength couldn't possibly have killed his son.

There must have been some other expert helping the Qin Family.

However, even if there was an expert, he feared nothing; there was no one he feared in the Heavenly Thunder City, moreover, they had an extremely powerful guest in the Lei Family.

"It was me who killed him, do you want to avenge your son?" Xu Nian said with a light laugh, stepping forward.

His look at Thunder Leopard was filled with sheer disdain.

Just a Profound Immortal.

Even if he stood here still, Thunder Leopard couldn't kill him.

"Senior!" Qin Changfeng was stunned.

He didn't expect Xu Nian to step forward voluntarily.

He had already decided that even if it meant his death, he would never sell out Xu Nian.

"It's you, very well, give me back my son's life." Thunder Leopard said, furious.

Then he was about to make a move.

"Hmph!"

Xu Nian snorted coldly.

An oppressive force immediately bore down on Thunder Leopard.

The next moment, before Thunder Leopard could move, he was directly pinned to the ground, unable to move an inch.

"You..." Thunder Leopard was shocked beyond measure.

What kind of terrifying pressure was this?

This kind of pressure, he'd only felt it from that distinguished guest.

The onlookers, Qin Changfeng, and Qin Xue were also extremely surprised.

This terrifying pressure, though not directed at them, made them feel nervous.

"Nether Emperor? Brother Feng is actually a Nether Emperor expert!" Qin Xue thought in astonishment.

Meanwhile, the woman who had been watching Xu Nian all along also looked at him in surprise.

Just as she suspected, the man in front of her was a Nether Emperor level expert, just like her.

Who would've thought that in such a small Heavenly Thunder City, there was another Nether Emperor hidden!

Chapter 1822: Divine Craftsman of the Underworld

"Do you still think you have the ability to seek revenge now?"

Xu Nian looked at the Thunder Leopard being pressed to the ground, unable to move, and coldly questioned him.

Thunder Leopard's face was full of unwillingness, but he had no way at all.

After all, Xu Nian's strength was too powerful, just the pressure alone made him unable to breathe.

He never expected his son to die at the hands of such a formidable expert.

"My lord, help me!" Thunder Leopard turned his head to look at the woman in the crowd, pleading.

Upon hearing this, the woman frowned slightly.

Then she waved her arm, dispersing all the oppressive aura Xu Nian had formed.

"You're a distinguished Nether Emperor bullying a Profound Immortal; isn't that somewhat unreasonable?" the woman spoke, her voice soft and melodious.

Xu Nian smiled lightly.

"He was the one who acted against me first. The fact that I didn't kill him is already merciful," Xu Nian said.

The woman saw everything clearly and naturally knew that Xu Nian had already shown restraint.

Otherwise, Thunder Leopard would have long been dead.

"May I propose that, out of respect for me, you let this matter pass?" the woman asked.

"My lord!" Thunder Leopard seemed to want to say more but was silenced by a single glare from the woman.

Seeing this, Thunder Leopard had no choice but to shut his mouth.

"Alright, but the Lei Family must not trouble the Qin Family again, or I'll make sure the Lei Family vanishes," Xu Nian said calmly.

As soon as these words were spoken, Thunder Leopard's face turned ashen.

But he had nothing to say.

A Nether Emperor-level expert could destroy the Lei Family in the blink of an eye.

In the future, the Qin Family might be untouchable.

The Qin Family members were overjoyed.

With Xu Nian standing up for them, at least in Heavenly Thunder City, the Lei Family wouldn't dare to trouble them for now.

"Alright, let's consider this matter settled. I wonder if you would be willing to chat in another location?" the woman proactively extended an invitation.

"Certainly!" Xu Nian replied.

Then the two directly instant teleported and disappeared from the original place.

Heavenly Thunder City, in the valley to the far north.

Thunder rumbled.

Lightning constantly flickered within the valley.

Deep in the valley, it seemed as if something even more terrifying was roaring.

Xu Nian and the woman appeared at the edge of the valley.

The woman's dress fluttered in the wind, outlining an exceptionally beautiful curve.

Even Xu Nian couldn't help but silently praise her beauty.

"Do you know what place this is?" The woman looked towards the valley, asking.

"Heavenly Thunder Pool?" Xu Nian clearly felt the terrible lightning energy in the valley.

Deep in the valley, there was even a sense of Divine Thunder.

"Yes, this is the Heavenly Thunder Pool. I came to Heavenly Thunder City for it; I want to obtain a Divine Thunder, but my power isn't enough," the woman said softly, looking towards the direction of the valley.

"Obtaining a Divine Thunder?" Xu Nian was somewhat astonished.

She came here to obtain a Divine Thunder.

Such a Divine Thunder is not easy to acquire.

Without Divine-level strength, it would be difficult to survive under this Divine Thunder.

Additionally, the Divine Thunder in the Heavenly Thunder Pool seemed to be somewhat special.

"Yes, obtaining a Divine Thunder; I want to refine a Divine Artifact, and this Divine Thunder is essential," the woman said.

"Refining a Divine Artifact? Are you a Divine Craftsman?" Xu Nian was somewhat surprised.

He didn't expect the woman to be a Divine Craftsman.

To know, within the Three Realms, he was the only Divine Craftsman capable of refining Divine Artifacts.

Unexpectedly, in the Netherworld, he encountered another who could also refine Divine Artifacts.

But using Divine Thunder to refine a Divine Artifact, Xu Nian had never heard of before.

"Consider me one, my refined Divine Artifacts are somewhat unique, and this Divine Thunder is a necessity, but I cannot obtain it by myself, so I wish to ask for your help. Once successful, I will provide you with adequate compensation," the woman said.

"Why choose me? Even with both our strengths combined, we're unlikely to obtain the Divine Thunder, right?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

He was curious why she would invite him during their first meeting.

Logically, a Divine Craftsman shouldn't be lacking for assistance; if she extended invitations, Divine-level experts would likely come.

Wouldn't they be more useful than himself, a Nether Emperor Late Stage practitioner?

"I am conducting this refinement of the Divine Artifact secretly and cannot let others know; you don't know my identity, which in turn is beneficial for me," the woman said.

Xu Nian understood.

If the woman sought Divine-level experts, they would surely guess her identity.

And what she wanted was confidentiality; conversely, he as a stranger was the best option.

"Then aren't you afraid I'll attack you after you obtain the Divine Thunder?" Xu Nian smiled and asked.

"I'm not, and you can't kill me. I possess life-saving items beyond your imagination," the woman said confidently, with an air of certainty.

Xu Nian was somewhat surprised.

Apparently, this woman had some formidable trump card.

"Let's talk compensation!" Xu Nian said.

"A Low Grade Divine Artifact!" the woman directly stated.

Xu Nian, however, shook his head.

A Low Grade Divine Artifact to employ him was too low a price.

"A Mid-grade Divine Artifact plus a Low Grade Divine Artifact; this compensation is quite generous. If you don't agree, then forget it," the woman said somewhat angrily.

This fellow was simply asking for too much.

"I want no Divine Artifacts; those hold no attraction for me. Perhaps you could allow me to observe your refining process?" Xu Nian suggested.

He was indeed curious about her artifact refining.

"No!" the woman decisively refused.

"Then forget it!" Xu Nian turned around to leave.

Seeing this, the woman hesitated a bit.

If Xu Nian left, finding an appropriate helper would be very difficult.

After all, Heavenly Thunder City was considered very remote within Qing State.

"Fine, I agree to let you observe, but you must not reveal my refining process," the woman said seriously.

"Deal!" Xu Nian smiled.

The woman was quite curious.

This man didn't want a Divine Artifact but wanted to observe her refinement?

Could it be he was also a Divine Craftsman?

But soon she shook her head.

Within the Netherworld, besides her and her Master, there is no third Divine Craftsman.

"Let him watch since he wants to; without the Artifact Refining Technique, observing won't help, better to quickly refine the Divine Thunder Arrow," the woman thought to herself.

Observing the woman's expression, Xu Nian could roughly guess her thoughts.

Nevertheless, he was curious about how the Netherworld's Divine Craftsman utilized Divine Thunder to refine Divine Artifacts.

"Let's go! Into the valley," the woman said to Xu Nian.

After speaking, she flew towards the interior of the valley.

Xu Nian did not hesitate and promptly followed.

Upon entering the valley, Xu Nian and the woman simultaneously felt a terrifying aura of lightning.

This terrifying aura of lightning contained extremely strong destructive power.

This destructive power was utterly terrifying.

It posed immense harm to soul power.

Ordinary Netherworld Practitioners would surely not dare to approach easily.

Chapter 1823: The Terrifying Thunder Beast

As soon as Xu Nian entered the valley, he felt the space around him continuously erupting with thunderclaps.

These thunderclaps were incredibly terrifying Heavenly Thunder.

Like long whips, they occasionally struck Xu Nian and the woman.

The woman used her powerful Soul Power to defend, forming a colorful soul garment around her.

The thunderclaps that attacked this soul garment had no effect on her.

Xu Nian, however, did not make any defense.

He allowed the Heavenly Thunder to lash at his soul body.

The Heavenly Thunder caused only minute harm to Xu Nian's soul body.

Just a slight numbing effect.

In contrast, Xu Nian absorbed the destructive power within the thunderclaps bit by bit.

He absorbed it into his soul body, allowing it to merge into his physical body and enter the Chaos Green Lotus.

As the destructive power of the thunderclaps was absorbed, a trace of black Thunderclap Destruction Power appeared on the Chaos Green Lotus.

"Oh? It's actually the destructive power of the Great Tao Origin, although it's extremely rare, it is a kind of Cosmic Origin Power." Emperor Ye Tian's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

Destructive power of the Great Tao Origin?

What kind of power is that?

Although it sounds quite impressive.

After all, the power of the Tao is a force that only Divine-level experts can touch.

And this Great Tao Origin seems even more formidable.

"The power of the Great Tao Origin, you may not understand it now or be able to use it, but since you can absorb it, absorb as much as you can. This will greatly benefit the growth of your Chaos Green Lotus," Emperor Ye Tian said.

"Okay!" Xu Nian responded immediately.

The woman beside saw Xu Nian not defending against the Heavenly Thunder but absorbing it, revealing a surprised expression.

"This is only the fringe of the Heavenly Thunder Pool. Soon, we'll enter the actual region. If you don't defend then, you probably won't be able to withstand it," the woman looked at Xu Nian, unable to help but advise.

"Mm, I have a sense of it, thank you for the reminder." Xu Nian smiled.

The woman saw Xu Nian didn't seem to listen to her advice, could only shake her head and proceeded.

Quickly, they arrived at the true domain of the Heavenly Thunder Pool.

In the void around them, terrifying thunderclaps kept emerging.

The power of these thunderclaps was much greater than those scattered ones before.

"These thunder snakes are powerful; the closer to the depths, the stronger they get. I fear even I can't withstand the core area," the woman said.

Xu Nian looked towards the core depths.

In the core depths, there was an incredibly powerful Divine Thunder.

The power of this Divine Thunder was in no way inferior to the Divine Thunder that appeared when the Fuhua Immortal Emperor crossed the tribulation.

"Let's go, let's enter together. If we join forces, we should be able to obtain a trace of Divine Thunder," Xu Nian said.

The woman nodded.

Thus, the two crossed into the interior of the Heavenly Thunder Pool.

As they entered.

Dozens of thunderclaps simultaneously struck Xu Nian.

These thunderclaps were like thunder whips, causing Xu Nian's soul body to instantly feel severe pain.

But fortunately, these thunderclaps were still within what Xu Nian could endure.

If it were Xu Nian's true body here, these thunderclaps would be nothing but a scratch.

The woman still used Soul Power to defend.

She turned to Xu Nian, finding him still not defending, a look of confusion crossed her face.

What exactly is this guy trying to do?

Is he really planning to confront this Heavenly Thunder with only his soul?

Ignoring the woman's puzzled gaze, Xu Nian crazily absorbed the destructive power within the thunderclaps.

These destructive forces were much richer than the previous thunder snakes.

As they gathered, they actually coalesced into an extremely small black thunder snake wandering around the Chaos Green Lotus.

Xu Nian could clearly feel the terrifying power contained within the black thunder snake.

Of course, with his current strength, he seemed unable to wield this black thunder snake.

This caused Xu Nian some surprise.

Is this the destructive power of the Great Tao Origin?

As the two delved deeper, Xu Nian's soul power also began to struggle to hold on.

The thunderclaps did indeed exert a strong restraint on soul power.

"You should defend," the woman said, looking at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian initially wanted to bring out his true self, but remembering that he couldn't expose it easily, he stopped.

Thus, Xu Nian directly used Soul Power to defend.

Soon, the thunderclaps around Xu Nian were completely held off.

"Roar!"

Just as the two were close to the core area.

A terrifying roar sounded.

Then a terrifying Thunder Arrow shot directly towards Xu Nian and the woman.

"Not good, it's a Thunder Beast, there's actually a Thunder Beast here!" The woman was shocked.

Quickly deploying Soul Power, she summoned a shield.

"Boom!"

The terrifying Thunder Sword exploded on the shield, instantly blasting apart.

Xu Nian immediately saw that the shield was a Divine Artifact.

It seemed that the woman possessed quite a few Divine Artifacts.

"What is this Thunder Beast?" Xu Nian couldn't help but look ahead.

It was a massive beast resembling a snake.

Its body was at least several hundred zhang long, at this moment coiled on the mountain wall, its huge eyes staunchly staring at Xu Nian and the woman.

Xu Nian could feel the powerful aura emanating from the enormous Thunder Beast.

It seemed the Thunder Beast's strength was definitely not inferior to a Nether Emperor Perfection Level expert.

"Thunder Beast is a beast born of Heavenly Thunder, these beasts are powerful and extremely ferocious, this one clearly survives on thunderclaps over years, absorbing enormous amount of energy, making its strength very extraordinary," the woman said with a serious expression.

She didn't anticipate encountering such a powerful Thunder Beast here.

Apparently, obtaining the Divine Thunder was far more difficult than expected.

Xu Nian looked at the Thunder Beast, surprise appearing in his eyes.

Born from Heavenly Thunder, this world's myriad things are indeed wondrous.

And dealing with this Thunder Beast wouldn't be easy.

"You step back, you're no match for this Thunder Beast. I'll handle it, you take the opportunity to approach the core and use this Jade Bottle to absorb a trace of Divine Thunder," the woman threw a Jade Bottle to Xu Nian.

"But you probably can't fend off this Thunder Beast either!" Xu Nian said.

Although the woman is at the Nether Emperor Peak, the Thunder Beast's strength clearly surpasses many Nether Emperor Perfection Level experts.

The woman confronting the Thunder Beast would clearly be a dead end.

"I have many life-saving Divine Artifacts, should be able to hold on for a while, you seize the chance, quickly obtain Divine Thunder," the woman urged anxiously.

Xu Nian looked at the determined gaze of the woman, showing a hint of helplessness.

"Alright," Xu Nian agreed.

Saying this, the woman summoned a Divine Sword, her gaze towards the Thunder Beast filling with battle intent.

Flames emerged around her.

The temperature of these flames was even hotter than Divine Fire.

Chapter 1824: Xu Nian Displays His Might

"What kind of flame is this? It actually has such terrifying heat; could it be some kind of Divine Fire?" Xu Nian murmured to himself.

Xu Nian was surprised by the flames conjured by the woman.

No wonder this woman could craft a divine artifact with such flames.

At least, artifact refining materials could melt easily in these flames.

"Roar!"

The thunder beast immediately stomped the void and charged crazily towards the woman.

The woman, unwilling to show weakness, directly slashed with a sword in mid-air.

This sword contained extremely strong flame power, transforming into a terrifying sword radiance aimed at the thunder beast.

"Roar!"

The thunder beast roared, spewing out a thunder blade that collided directly with the woman's flame sword light.

The heavens and earth boomed, and terrifying energy waves instantly swept across the surroundings.

The woman was also blasted away by this horrifying energy.

"Such strong power!" Xu Nian couldn't help but marvel in his heart.

Even within the thunder beast's unleashed thunder, there was a hint of destruction.

The woman clearly felt the terror of this thunder as her throat tasted sweet.

"Smack!"

However, before the woman could respond, the thunder beast's terrifying tail was already carrying a tremendous thunderous force, directly whipping towards the woman.

This single tail whip vibrated the entire void.

The woman was greatly shocked.

She hurriedly mobilized all her strength to activate a shield for defense.

"Boom!"

Yet, the power of this tail whip was far more than the woman imagined.

"Smack!"

The strong power struck the shield.

It directly caused the entire shield to cave in.

"Puff!"

Blood poured wildly from the woman's mouth.

Her figure flew backward like a straight line.

"Boom!"

The woman's body crashed into the mountain wall, making a loud rumbling sound.

The mountain body caved in, rocks rolled down.

The woman lay in a deep pit, her body becoming somewhat more ethereal.

Clearly, the thunder beast's attack just now caused her significant harm.

Xu Nian furrowed his brow, his figure flashed, and he appeared beside the woman.

"Are you okay?" Xu Nian asked.

"Not dead yet, why are you still here?" The woman was evidently dissatisfied with Xu Nian.

She was fighting desperately to buy time for Xu Nian.

But she didn't expect Xu Nian to still be in place.

Didn't that mean her effort just now was in vain?

Now she even doubted whether collaborating with this guy was right or wrong.

"You alone can't handle it. Without retrieving Divine Thunder first, you might die." Xu Nian shook his head.

This thunder beast's strength was immense, covered in hard scale armor, which the woman couldn't possibly withstand.

"Even if the two of us join forces, we're not its match, so I can only try my best to hold it off to buy you time." The woman gritted her teeth.

Yet Xu Nian chuckled and shook his head.

"Forget it, go get the Divine Thunder, and I'll help you hold it off." Xu Nian tossed back the Jade Bottle.

"You hold it off? You're just at Nether Emperor Late Stage; what do you have to hold it off with?" The woman was suddenly somewhat angry.

She, a Nether Emperor Peak, couldn't withstand two strikes from the thunder beast.

This guy in front of her was only at Nether Emperor Late Stage; how could he possibly block the thunder beast?

It was simply overestimating himself.

Yet Xu Nian didn't respond to the woman's words, directly summoning the God Sword.

"What is this... a Divine Artifact?"

The woman's sharp eyes naturally recognized in an instant the treasure Xu Nian held was a Divine Artifact.

This guy in front actually owned a Divine Artifact?

How could this be?

Even across the entire Netherworld, few could likely possess a Divine Artifact.

How could this guy have such a formidable treasure?

But even possessing a Divine Artifact couldn't make anyone a match against the thunder beast.

After all, without reaching Divine-level, one couldn't unleash the artifact's power.

Let alone a Divine Artifact.

"Roar!"

The thunder beast seemingly sensed Xu Nian's provocation and let out a deafening roar.

Xu Nian showed a trace of disdainful sneer.

Soon, his eyes burst forth with a killing intent.

This was the first time he fully utilized soul power in battle.

Now Xu Nian's soul power fully reached the Immortal Emperor Peak Level, so Xu Nian's true strength was entirely at Immortal Emperor Peak.

Facing this thunder beast of Nether Emperor Great Perfection Level, although there's some gap.

But Xu Nian wasn't without the power to fight.

"Take this slash! Chop!"

Xu Nian didn't hold back, directly activating the Wind Attribute Law at Eighth Level Law Great Success Realm, fiercely slashing out with a sword.

This sword was plain yet sharp enough to make everyone's scalp tingle, directly striking towards the thunder beast.

"Such a sharp aura." The woman instantly revealed an astonished expression.

Xu Nian's sword, she asked herself, she absolutely couldn't endure.

Just by this one sword, Xu Nian's strength was already above hers.

"Roar!"

The thunder beast let out a roar, spitting out a thunder blade to block.

But the moment the wind blade sword radiance collided with the thunder blade, the thunder blade was directly sliced open by Xu Nian's wind blade sword radiance.

"Bang!"

The wind blade sword radiance fell on the thunder beast's body.

Instantly, scale armor exploded, blood splattered, and it was a mess of flesh and blood.

"So strong."

The woman, seeing this scene, instantly showed an incredibly shocked expression.

She couldn't help but look at the man ahead; she just realized this moment that the man erupted with infinitely powerful heroic aura.

At this moment, the man with the God Sword in hand seemed like a mighty god, unstoppable.

"Buzz!"

As the woman was astonished.

Xu Nian flashed, disappearing from the original spot.

Reappearing, he was already above the thunder beast.

The God Sword in his hand stabbed directly downward, seemingly intending to pin the thunder beast to the ground.

But the cunning thunder beast had long been on guard.

The terrifying tail whip lashed towards Xu Nian.

The speed was unexpectedly twice as fast as Xu Nian's figure.

"Watch out!" The woman cried out in shock.

If Xu Nian got struck, he might not die but definitely end up severely injured.

However, Xu Nian's lips merely smirked coldly.

His originally descending God Sword abruptly changed direction, sweeping up in a colossal arc.

Sword Qi burst forth, the sharp aura made everyone's scalp tingle.

"Slash!"

A sword swung out.

The thunder beast's tail was directly severed.

"Awoo!"

The thunder beast let out a frantic roar.

Evidently, Xu Nian cutting off its tail made it feel tremendous pain.

The woman was also shocked beyond measure.

This guy could make such an immediate reaction, with sword speed so swift.

He actually succeeded in severing the thunder beast's tail?

Xu Nian remained composed, waving the God Sword in hand, intending to completely slay the thunder beast.

But at this moment, the thunder beast burst forth with unprecedented speed.

Its figure transformed into a terrifying thunderbolt, disappearing deep within the valley in an instant.

Xu Nian wanted to chase, but it was already too late.

"It actually escaped."

Xu Nian said in astonishment.

He hadn't expected the thunder beast's final burst of speed to be so fast.

Otherwise, the thunder beast would surely die beneath his sword today.

"You're actually so strong?" The woman walked over in surprise.

A hint of apology appeared on her face.

Earlier, she misunderstood Xu Nian, thinking he was just a hindrance.

Unexpectedly, Xu Nian managed to drive the thunder beast away.

Chapter 1825: Collecting Divine Thunder

"Still not strong enough. If I were truly powerful, I wouldn't have let it escape."

Xu Nian shook his head and said.

If it weren't for his mastery over the Wind Attribute Law, he might not have been able to seriously injure this Thunder Beast.

Of course, if he had used his true body or any of his avatars, that Thunder Beast would definitely not have escaped.

"You're already very powerful. You clearly only have the Nether Emperor Late Stage cultivation, yet you possess the strength of a Nether Emperor Peak Level," the girl said.

Xu Nian smiled and said, "Actually, I have the cultivation of a Nether Emperor Peak Level, just like you."

After saying this, the aura on Xu Nian's body immediately surged to another level.

Indeed, just now, his true body had successfully absorbed the Divine Power Liquid and broken through to the Nether Emperor Peak Level.

As a result, Xu Nian's Soul Avatar naturally also broke through to the Nether Emperor Peak Level.

Of course, Xu Nian couldn't tell the girl in front of him about this recent breakthrough.

After all, it would easily arouse her suspicion.

Sure enough, the girl showed a look of sudden understanding.

A Nether Emperor Peak possessing the cultivation of a Nether Emperor Perfection Level, while rare, was still within the normal range.

But if someone in the Nether Emperor Late Stage possessed the strength of a Nether Emperor Perfection Level, that would be exceedingly extraordinary.

"My name is Shi Shanshan. I don't know your name yet," the girl formally introduced herself to Xu Nian.

"Xu Fenn!" Xu Nian replied with a smile.

It was only at this moment that the girl introduced herself.

Clearly, this indicated that Xu Nian had truly gained the girl's recognition at this point.

"Thank you. If it weren't for you, I definitely wouldn't be a match for the Thunder Beast. In a way, you saved my life," the girl said.

"I wouldn't say I saved your life. With your strength, even if you couldn't win, escaping wouldn't be a problem," Xu Nian smiled and said.

The girl shook her head at his words: "I can't run away. I have to obtain the Divine Thunder and refine the Divine Thunder Pestle, even if it costs me my life."

"Divine Thunder Pestle?" Xu Nian frowned.

He had once read about something called the Divine Thunder Pestle in a book about Divine Artifacts.

It is a Top-Grade Divine Artifact capable of absorbing Heavenly Divine Thunder and unleashing incredible power.

Moreover, the Divine Thunder Pestle also has a special ability to somewhat neutralize the Divine Tribulation's Divine Thunder.

"Are you refining the Divine Thunder Pestle to cross the Divine Tribulation?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

The girl was taken aback, obviously not expecting Xu Nian to know about the Divine Thunder Pestle.

"It's to cross the Divine Tribulation, but not for me, it's for my master. He has been devoted to artifact refining all his life and isn't skilled in combat. But recently, he sensed the coming of the Divine Tribulation. With his own strength, there's no way he could survive it. So, I must refine the Divine Thunder Pestle for him. Perhaps it can help him cross the Divine Tribulation," Shi Shanshan said.

Xu Nian understood immediately.

No wonder Shi Shanshan said she would risk her life to refine this Divine Thunder Pestle.

Clearly, her master means a great deal to her.

Otherwise, she wouldn't risk her life for him.

"I understand. Let's go together and fetch the Divine Thunder," Xu Nian said.

The girl nodded.

Then the two of them dashed toward the depths of the Heavenly Thunder Pool.

Reaching the depths of the Heavenly Thunder Pool, the Heavenly Thunder here had become incredibly dense.

Almost every breath saw at least a hundred strands of Heavenly Thunder striking Xu Nian and the girl.

And the power of these Heavenly Thunder was even more terrifying than before.

"Crack!"

These bolts of thunder lashed Xu Nian's defensive shield formed by his soul power, letting out explosive sounds.

Xu Nian's Soul Defense Shield trembled.

"Such powerful thunder."

Xu Nian murmured to himself.

These bolts of thunder could actually shake his soul power.

This showed just how powerful these bolts of thunder really were.

And just three meters ahead of Xu Nian, occasionally a terrifying purple Divine Thunder emerged.

These purple Divine Thunders contained extremely dreadful Power of Destruction.

"These Divine Thunders have such an oppressive presence. Capturing them doesn't seem to be an easy task," Xu Nian said.

Shi Shanshan nodded.

She also felt the terrifying nature of these Divine Thunders.

Moreover, if one were to be accidentally hit by the Divine Thunder, it could mean the end of everything.

However, her eyes were filled with determination. Despite the danger, she was willing to try.

Xu Nian then looked at these Divine Thunders, and a bold idea popped into his mind.

Which was to let his true body try getting struck by this Divine Thunder.

To see if his true body could withstand the attack from the Divine Thunder.

Perhaps through the strike of the Divine Thunder, his physical body could ascend to another level.

Moreover, the Great Tao Origin Power contained within these Divine Thunders seemed even stronger.

Yet, after thinking it through, Xu Nian decided to wait.

At the very least, he shouldn't expose his true body in front of this girl.

"Buzz!"

At this moment, the girl took a step forward toward the Divine Thunder.

As she advanced, the oppression formed around her grew increasingly powerful.

Shi Shanshan could clearly feel the impact formed by the surrounding thunder.

"Boom!"

The thunder struck her Soul Defense Shield, causing it to shake violently.

Nevertheless, Shi Shanshan did not stop and continued forward.

Xu Nian stood still, unable to aid her in any way.

There was no need to assist her either.

Whether she could capture the Divine Thunder depended on her own fortune.

Soon, Shi Shanshan reached the edge where the Divine Thunder appeared.

She took out a Jade Bottle and used her soul power to activate it, waiting for the Divine Thunder to appear.

To capture the Divine Thunder, it must be done at the instant the Divine Thunder appears, using the Jade Bottle to collect it.

The speed of the Divine Thunder was incredibly fast, and trying to collect it in a short time was exceedingly difficult.

Fortunately, Shi Shanshan was a Divine Craftsman, and her grasp of the Divine Thunder was swift.

"Boom!"

Just then, a bolt of Divine Thunder surged toward her.

Shi Shanshan immediately reacted, controlling the Jade Bottle to absorb the Divine Thunder.

The Divine Thunder transformed into a terrifying electric snake, successfully rushing into the Jade Bottle.

The Jade Pendant was instantly filled.

Shi Shanshan was overjoyed.

Then she went to retrieve the Jade Bottle.

"Snap!"

But just as Shi Shanshan was about to withdraw the Jade Bottle.

The entire Jade Bottle exploded.

"Puff!"

The Divine Thunder erupted, striking Shi Shanshan, sending her flying backward.

A mouthful of blood spurted out, and Shi Shanshan's soul was severely wounded, throwing her backward.

"Are you alright?" Xu Nian used his soul power to catch the flying Shi Shanshan.

"Cough, cough!" Shi Shanshan spat out blood, her breath weak.

It was clear that the Divine Thunder had inflicted significant harm on her.

Xu Nian's eyes were sharp.

The power of this Divine Thunder seemed even greater than he had imagined.

Chapter 1826: Absorbing Divine Thunder

"The power of this Divine Thunder is greater than I imagined. I didn't expect even my Thunder Jade Bottle couldn't withstand the impact of this Divine Thunder."

Shi Shanshan coughed up another mouthful of blood, her aura significantly weakened.

Xu Nian looked at the gravely injured Shi Shanshan, his brow slightly furrowed.

At this moment, the power of destruction from the impact of the Divine Thunder continued to rampage inside her body.

It seemed almost impossible to expel it in the short term.

"No, I must collect the Divine Thunder." Shi Shanshan stood up and continued to walk forward.

"But without the Jade Bottle, how will you collect this Divine Thunder?" Xu Nian asked in confusion.

"Without the Jade Bottle, I'll use my own soul power to capture it. As long as I act quickly, I should be able to seal a bolt of lightning within myself," Shi Shanshan said.

Her eyes were filled with determination.

Xu Nian could only shake his head helplessly.

If Shi Shanshan truly did that, she would likely be courting death.

How terrifying is the power of this Divine Thunder?

How could she possibly withstand it?

"Never mind, let me do it. I have a way to help you obtain the Divine Thunder," Xu Nian said.

"You have a way?" Shi Shanshan was somewhat unconvinced.

The power of this Divine Thunder was so terrifying; she was prepared to face death just by trying.

Even if Xu Nian was powerful, it wasn't certain he could withstand the devastating attack of this Divine Thunder.

Moreover, Xu Nian had no reason to help her.

"Yes, I have a way," Xu Nian said.

After speaking, Xu Nian waved his hand, and his true form appeared before him.

"Eh? Human Clan?" Shi Shanshan's expression changed instantly.

"This is a clone from my Human Clan," Xu Nian said.

Upon hearing this, Shi Shanshan was suddenly enlightened.

The Underworld forbids the entry of the Human Clan, and if discovered, it would be a serious crime.

So typically, Netherworld Practitioners greatly reject the Human Clan.

Of course, some Netherworld Practitioners also refine their own Human Clan avatars.

After all, the Human Clan has genuine flesh and blood bodies.

"This avatar of yours seems to have a strong physical form," Shi Shanshan said, examining Xu Nian's true form.

She could distinctly feel the overwhelming power contained within Xu Nian's Human Clan true form.

This power was immensely grand, as if the being before her was not just a physical body, but a humanoid Ancient Fierce Beast.

Xu Nian chuckled, letting his true form proceed to the area of Divine Thunder ahead.

Xu Nian's true form didn't hesitate, stepping directly into the zone of Divine Thunder.

"Crack!"

A terrifying bolt of purple Divine Thunder struck directly at Xu Nian's true form.

Unflinching and unwavering, Xu Nian let the Divine Thunder strike him.

Shi Shanshan, witnessing this scene, was instantly horrified.

No matter how strong the flesh, it couldn't withstand a direct strike from this Divine Thunder.

She even questioned whether Xu Nian's Human Clan avatar would be reduced to mincemeat by the Divine Thunder.

However, the scene that followed left her in shock.

"Boom!"

The Divine Thunder struck Xu Nian's chest, forcing his figure back two steps.

Yet Xu Nian still managed to withstand this force.

The terrifying Divine Thunder scurried around Xu Nian's body.

However, Xu Nian's flesh remained unscathed.

On the contrary, Xu Nian activated the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus Decision, directly swallowing the Divine Thunder into his Dantian.

The power of destruction within the Divine Thunder was absorbed by the Chaos Green Lotus.

The power of the Divine Thunder dispersed throughout Xu Nian's body, causing a tingling sensation.

"What an exhilarating feeling, I never imagined being struck by this Divine Thunder could feel so good," Xu Nian exclaimed joyfully.

He could feel that as the Divine Thunder coursed through his body, his physical strength was further enhanced.

Although the enhancement wasn't enormous, for Xu Nian, who already had a physical form comparable to Divine Artifact Level, it was no easy feat.

Subsequently, a second and third Divine Thunder struck one after another.

Xu Nian's flesh remained unharmed.

On the contrary, he thoroughly enjoyed it.

Shi Shanshan standing nearby was left speechless.

To remain unafraid of the Divine Thunder's strike, what kind of physical body is this?

Could it be the body of a Divine-level Expert?

But it didn't look the part!

And so, when Xu Nian had absorbed about ten Divine Thunderbolts, his body's Power of Great Tao Destruction Origin had reached a saturation point.

At this moment, the black Divine Thunder had transformed into a black Thunderclap Dragon within his body, continually coiling around the Chaos Green Lotus.

Xu Nian could clearly sense the terrifying power contained within this black Thunderclap Dragon.

However, Xu Nian also realized that with his current strength, he couldn't harness the Thunderclap Dragon.

"This is enough!"

After absorbing enough himself, Xu Nian began capturing the Thunder for Shi Shanshan.

"Boom!"

A bolt of Divine Thunder shot violently.

Xu Nian's eyes focused, and he reached out with one hand to catch the bolt.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian's speed was phenomenal, instantly seizing the Thunder Serpent of the Divine Thunder.

Capturing this Divine Thunder, it strangely couldn't escape Xu Nian's grasp.

Xu Nian's figure flickered and he appeared directly in front of Shi Shanshan.

Seeing the Divine Thunder in Xu Nian's hand, Shi Shanshan was astounded.

Catch Divine Thunder barehanded?

How is this possible?

Under Divine-level, few can achieve this.

What kind of terrifying physical form allows him to easily hold Divine Thunder in his hand?

Xu Nian took out a Jade Bottle, which was just an ordinary Top-grade Immortal Artifact.

But Xu Nian immediately drew a Heaven Suppressing Talisman on it.

With the application of the Heaven Suppressing Talisman, the Divine Thunder was smoothly stored in the Jade Bottle.

"Divine Talisman Seal? You're a Divine Talisman Master?" Shi Shanshan exclaimed in shock upon seeing the Divine Talisman Seal on the Jade Bottle.

She realized she couldn't see through this man at all.

Even though he clearly possessed the same cultivation as her.

He not only had a God Sword but also an unrivaled physical body.

And now he mastered the Divine Talisman Seal.

Each of these feats would be astonishing on its own.

"Sort of." Xu Nian smiled, handing her the Jade Bottle.

"Thank you!" Shi Shanshan expressed her sincere gratitude.

"No need to thank me. Just let me observe when you refine the artifact. Also, please keep my clone a secret." Xu Nian said.

Shi Shanshan nodded.

"I've decided to refine the artifact right here," Shi Shanshan contemplated aloud.

"Here?" Xu Nian showed a hint of surprise.

"Yes, the more Heaven and Earth lightning absorbed by the Divine Thunder Pestle, the better. The most concentrated lightning elements are here, and the chances of success are greatest, especially since I haven't refined a Top-Grade Divine Artifact before," Shi Shanshan explained.

Xu Nian nodded.

Indeed, this was the best place to refine a Thunder Attribute Divine Artifact.

"Then go ahead, I'll be your protector," Xu Nian said.

Shi Shanshan nodded and began preparing for refinement.

Xu Nian was also curious; he wanted to see how others refined a divine artifact.

After all, he had never seen anyone else refine a divine artifact before.

Chapter 1827: Forging Failure

Sure, here's the translation:

Next, Shi Shanshan began to prepare for the refining of the Divine Artifact.

She took out a piece of Top-Grade Divine Iron.

Xu Nian recognized this Divine Iron at a glance.

This is Blue Pattern Mysterious Thunder Divine Iron, a metal with an excellent ability to conduct lightning.

It can quickly absorb the Thunder Attribute Elements from the world.

"It seems she's put quite an effort into crafting the Divine Thunder Pestle," Xu Nian thought to himself.

Shi Shanshan didn't notice Xu Nian's expression nor knew that Xu Nian had recognized the Divine Iron she possessed.

At this moment, she took out a giant cauldron.

The cauldron had a diameter of two meters.

The entire body of the cauldron was made of very hard Divine Iron.

Xu Nian could see that this cauldron was a Top-grade Divine Artifact.

Xu Nian heard Emperor Ye Tian say that ordinary divine craftsmen refine their artifacts using a cauldron.

Only a cauldron of Divine Artifact level can refine Divine Artifacts.

Clearly, Shi Shanshan intends to craft a Top-Grade Divine Artifact, requiring a cauldron of top-grade Divine Artifact level.

And crafting a Top-Grade Divine Artifact will be her limit.

After taking out the cauldron, Shi Shanshan began to activate her Fire Attribute Principle.

As she activated the Fire Attribute Principle, ten Flame Law Discs instantly emerged behind her.

These Law Discs enveloped her entirely in a powerful Flame Law.

"Buzz!"

A ball of flame surged from her palm.

The temperature of this flame was incredibly terrifying, even stronger than the Divine Fire Xu Nian obtained.

"This flame seems to come from her Cultivation Technique, who would have thought a technique could produce such a terrifying flame?" Xu Nian murmured in surprise.

Ordinary divine craftsmen have their own inherited flame cultivation techniques.

This is usually a closely guarded secret, passed down only to disciples within the same lineage.

Clearly, Shi Shanshan's flame cultivation technique must also come from her master.

"Buzz!"

Shi Shanshan poured her Divine Fire into the cauldron.

Soon, the temperature inside the cauldron reached a terrifying degree.

Xu Nian didn't hesitate and began to drop the Divine Iron into the cauldron too.

Then began to control the fire and the Divine Iron with his Soul Power.

Xu Nian knew that this was the first step: melting.

This was similar to his refining method; the first step was to melt the Divine Iron into molten metal.

Due to Shi Shanshan's high-temperature flame, the melting process was very fast.

"Buzz!"

Under Shi Shanshan's control of her soul power, the molten metal was extracted from the cauldron.

The next step was Condensation Embryo.

However, Shi Shanshan's process differed from Xu Nian's.

She took out a mold, a mold for the Divine Thunder Pestle.

It was prepared in advance.

Xu Nian looked at it; it was a mold made using Reincarnation Soil.

This soil has strong moldability and can withstand high temperatures.

So when Shi Shanshan poured the molten metal into these molds,

it flowed into every corner of the mold.

Next was to solidify the molten metal smoothly.

Shi Shanshan had also prepared for this process.

She took out an extremely cold ice block and placed the mold into the ice.

The ice immediately froze the entire mold.

The temperature of the molten metal inside rapidly decreased.

After about two hours, the molten metal in the mold completely solidified.

Shi Shanshan broke the mold, retrieving a nascent form of the Divine Thunder Pestle.

Xu Nian could see that the embryo of this Divine Thunder Pestle was much tighter than when he used soul power for plastic shaping.

Of course, it contained more impurities than his method.

Next was the process of tempering.

Shi Shanshan's tempering method was different from Xu Nian's; she didn't use a Divine Hammer for hammering.

Rather, she used a special cultivation technique to imprint a series of unique divine seals.

Each divine seal strike on the Divine Thunder Pestle shook off some impurities from the surface.

Shi Shanshan superimposed nine divine seals, appearing much weaker afterward.

However, from Shi Shanshan's expression, she seemed quite satisfied with these nine temperings.

Xu Nian frowned slightly.

Although he didn't understand how these divine seals tempered,

after nine divine seal temperings, half of the impurities on the Divine Thunder Pestle remained.

It's important to know that the removal of impurities affects the final forming of the Divine Artifact, even its success or failure.

As the Divine Thunder Pestle needed to add Divine Thunder in the end, if impurities cannot be thoroughly removed, it might be shattered by the Divine Thunder.

But Xu Nian did not remind her.

After all, Shi Shanshan's refining process was not yet complete.

However, to Xu Nian's disappointment, Shi Shanshan merely polished and carved the Divine Thunder Pestle afterward.

She did not further process the impurities of the Divine Thunder Pestle.

Finally, she took out the Divine Thunder that Xu Nian collected.

To start the final step.

She needed to completely integrate the Divine Thunder into the Divine Thunder Pestle.

Once the Divine Thunder was integrated onto the Divine Thunder Pestle, it could endow the pestle with Divine Radiance.

"Boom!"

However, just as Shi Shanshan was about to succeed, the Divine Thunder Pestle ultimately couldn't withstand the integration of the Divine Thunder and completely collapsed.

"Impossible, how could I fail?" Shi Shanshan looked at the shattered Divine Thunder Pestle with intense unwillingness and pain.

She had prepared for so long, yet ultimately failed.

At this moment, she sat in despair, her eyes vacant.

Xu Nian saw this scene and shook his head helplessly.

"You failed because you couldn't thoroughly temper the impurities in the artifact, resulting in the inability to withstand the Divine Thunder's enhancement," Xu Nian said.

"I know, but nine divine seals are my limit; this is also my first time crafting a Top-Grade Divine Artifact," Shi Shanshan replied.

Xu Nian realized then.

Shi Shanshan's skill level hadn't reached the level of crafting Top-Grade Divine Artifacts yet.

This was all her first attempt.

"Since you are doing it for your Master, why not let your Master craft it personally, his chances should be higher," Xu Nian suggested.

"My Master cannot refine artifacts anymore; he passed the cultivation technique onto me, and he himself cannot use it anymore to refine artifacts. The technique can only be used by one person," Shi Shanshan responded.

Xu Nian was stunned.

Such a rule existed.

"Unfortunately, my skill level is insufficient to craft the Divine Thunder Pestle for my Master and help him with Tribulation Crossing," Shi Shanshan explained, feeling guilty.

Xu Nian was silent for a moment.

He said helplessly, "Do you still have the Artifact Refining Materials?"

"There's one more set, but with my skill level, it's impossible to succeed," Shi Shanshan said.

"Let me refine it," Xu Nian said calmly.

But as soon as he said it, it was like a thunderclap in Shi Shanshan's heart.

"You want to?" Shi Shanshan looked at Xu Nian in disbelief.

After all, not everyone can refine a Divine Artifact.

"Yes, let me. I forgot to tell you, I'm also a Divine Craftsman," Xu Nian replied.

Shi Shanshan couldn't believe her ears.

Could there be a third person besides herself and her Master who can craft Divine Artifacts?

Chapter 1828: Successful Forging

Shi Shanshan looked at Xu Nian in disbelief.

Could this guy really refine a Divine Artifact?

Xu Nian smiled but offered no explanation.

He opened his palm, and a powerful Divine Fire appeared in his hand.

This Divine Fire, now fully controlled by Xu Nian, emitted a terrifying temperature capable of melting Top-Grade Divine Artifact materials.

"Divine Fire?" Shi Shanshan showed a startled expression.

She didn't expect this guy to actually possess Divine Fire.

"Give me your Artifact Refining Materials," Xu Nian said to Shi Shanshan.

"Where's your furnace?" Shi Shanshan handed the materials to Xu Nian.

"I don't have a furnace," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"How will you refine artifacts without a furnace? Or do you want to use mine?" Shi Shanshan asked.

"No need, I don't require a furnace for refining," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Saying that, he began to melt the piece of Xuan Thunder Divine Iron by directly manipulating the flame.

Under the flame's stimulation, the Divine Iron started to melt gradually.

Shi Shanshan was amazed.

Generally, melting Divine Iron requires a furnace.

Only then can the temperature of the flame be maintained at a constant level.

Only in that way can the Divine Iron be better melted.

But now, Xu Nian could melt the Divine Iron quickly without using a furnace, which was simply unbelievable.

As time passed, the Divine Iron gradually melted.

Completely turning into molten iron.

Xu Nian's melting speed was only slightly slower than Shi Shanshan's.

"What terrifying flame control," Shi Shanshan couldn't help but marvel.

That Xu Nian could melt Divine Iron without a furnace was something Shi Shanshan admitted she couldn't achieve.

Even though her melting speed might be slightly better than Xu Nian's,

his level of control far surpassed hers.

"Next is the embryo condensation, don't you need a mold?" Shi Shanshan asked.

"No need," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Then Xu Nian directly used his Soul Power to control the molten iron, gradually shaping it into the form of the Divine Thunder Pestle.

Witnessing this, Shi Shanshan was stunned.

Using Soul Power to directly control the molten iron and condense it into a Divine Artifact form?

This requires such precise control to achieve this effect.

It must be known that the temperature of this molten iron is incredibly high.

To shape the embryo under such extreme temperatures is absolutely unheard of.

To achieve this level of precision in control, Soul Power must be not only strong but also extremely resilient.

Shi Shanshan was seeing someone forge a weapon like this for the first time.

The next step was cooling.

However, Xu Nian did not waste this process; instead, he continued carving during the cooling.

He even engraved a Thunder Storage Talisman on the Divine Thunder Pestle.

Shi Shanshan was thoroughly amazed.

Xu Nian actually carved directly with Soul Power.

And the level of detail in his carving surpassed what she could achieve using a mold.

But this carving is supposed to be after the hammering, isn't it?

The final formation of a Divine Artifact ultimately depends on the quenching process.

If the impurities inside are not removed to the utmost extent, the Divine Artifact will still fail.

"How many Quenching Divine Talismans can you condense?" Shi Shanshan asked a bit worriedly.

To achieve the quenching level of a Top-Grade Divine Artifact, at least ten talismans are needed.

And she could only condense nine, so she had never been able to step into the Top-Grade Divine Artifact tier.

Xu Nian, however, shook his head with a smile, "I can't condense even a single talisman."

"You can't condense even one talisman; how do you plan to hammer it?" Shi Shanshan asked, surprised.

"You'll see," Xu Nian answered with a smile.

Then he summoned the heavy iron hammer he had previously refined.

Starting to use the Ten Thousand Divine Hammer Technique, he began striking the Divine Thunder Pestle.

One strike after another.

Beside him, Shi Shanshan was dumbfounded.

Is this the hammering technique?

Isn't this how mortals forge weapons?

Could such hammering truly remove the impurities in the Divine Iron?

Shi Shanshan even wondered if Xu Nian was just fooling around.

But soon enough, she realized something different.

The impurities in the Divine Artifact truly started being removed little by little with Xu Nian's hammering.

"No, each strike seems to be a Soul Power impact, capable of penetrating every corner of the Divine Iron, requiring terrifying Soul Power control. How does he do it?"

Shi Shanshan could hardly believe her eyes.

Directing his Soul Power through the iron hammer, penetrating deeply into the Divine Artifact, impacting it repeatedly.

This impact process was far more effective than the impact caused by layering divine seals.

After merely twenty thousand strikes, Xu Nian had eliminated over half of the impurities.

Yet, Xu Nian didn't stop; he continued hammering.

After another ten thousand strikes, he finally stopped, exhausted.

At this moment, the impurities in the Top-Grade Divine Artifact had been almost entirely removed.

Even though it had not reached a perfect level, it was already a very high degree of quenching.

Shi Shanshan felt that even her Master couldn't achieve such proficiency.

Her Master, after all, could create Top-Grade Divine Artifacts.

To Shi Shanshan, her Master had always been an unsurpassable figure.

Now seeing Xu Nian accomplishing such a high level of hammering, how could she not be amazed?

If it were her, she probably couldn't withstand even ten thousand strikes of such hammering.

"Now for the final step," Xu Nian said with a smile.

He then transformed into a shadow rushing into the region of Divine Thunder.

"Boom!"

A bolt of Divine Thunder struck, hitting exactly on the Divine Thunder Pestle held by Xu Nian.

In the next moment, the Divine Thunder Pestle erupted with powerful thunder.

Yet this wasn't the end.

Another bolt of Divine Thunder struck, with the Divine Thunder Pestle continuing to absorb it.

The third, fourth, fifth.

A full nine bolts of Divine Thunder.

Only then did the Divine Thunder Pestle stop absorbing the thunder's power.

Upon it, the thunder force had reached a terrifying level.

With a light wave of his hand, Xu Nian unleashed a terrifying Divine Thunder.

The entire Divine Thunder Pestle shone with majestic Divine Thunder brilliance.

"So powerful, it actually reached the level of a Top-Grade Divine Artifact, using Top-Grade Divine Artifact materials to craft a superior product?" Shi Shanshan was astounded.

Xu Nian had successfully crafted it.

And the resulting artifact was hundreds of times better than she had anticipated.

"It should be almost there." Xu Nian handed the Divine Thunder Pestle to Shi Shanshan.

The latter was stunned, almost hesitant to accept it.

"Don't worry, this artifact is of no use to me. Your Master should be able to withstand three bolts of Divine Thunder with it, though if it were the Sixth Level Divine Thunder Tribulation, it might not hold," Xu Nian said.

"That's enough; my Master always said, his tribulation is three-fold, never a Sixth Level," Shi Shanshan replied.

Xu Nian nodded.

The Sixth Level Divine Thunder Tribulation is not something that appears easily.

Chapter 1829: I Am the Sword in Your Hand

"Thank you for forging this Divine Thunder Pestle for me, and even elevating its quality to the level of a top-grade divine artifact. It truly surprises me."

Shi Shanshan sincerely praised.

Xu Nian smiled. This was also his first time crafting a top-grade divine artifact.

Since his Soul Power had been enhanced, he hadn't had the chance to refine artifacts.

Only now, during this attempt, did Xu Nian realize that his artifact refining skill had reached a new height.

"But I've never seen your artifact refining method before. My Master said that his Artifact Refining Technique was taught to him by a great power from the Divine World, and the methods circulated in the Divine World are the ones he uses. What kind of refining method is yours?" Shi Shanshan curiously asked.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian laughed.

"My method is an exclusive Secret Technique from my Master, one that she created by herself. So it's different from the method used in the Divine World," Xu Nian replied.

Shi Shanshan nodded.

So it's an original creation.

But Xu Nian's method seems to be more advanced than hers.

Although his refining speed might be slightly slower than hers,

in terms of the quality of the weapon and the control over Soul Power, it far surpasses her own.

"Alright, now that the divine artifact is complete, we should leave." Xu Nian said.

Shi Shanshan nodded. Having obtained the Divine Thunder Pestle, there was no longer any reason to stay here.

"Boom!"

Just as the two were about to leave,

a terrifying sound seemed to emerge from the depths of the valley.

"No, it's a thunderstorm!"

Shi Shanshan's face changed dramatically, wanting to pull Xu Nian away to escape.

But she realized it was already too late.

Rolling Divine Thunder, like a tidal wave, rushed toward Xu Nian and Shi Shanshan.

The intensity of this thunderstorm was extremely large and swift.

Without time to dodge, Xu Nian and Shi Shanshan were engulfed by this terrifying thunderstorm.

"Boom!"

In an instant, countless terrifying lightning serpents swam all over Xu Nian's and Shi Shanshan's bodies.

In the next instant, Xu Nian felt his soul body become instantly paralyzed, unable to move as the terrifying thunderstorm raged on.

On the other side, Shi Shanshan was in even greater danger, as the terrifying Divine Thunder struck her, instantly shattering her soul body into pieces.

She was on the verge of being engulfed by this thunderstorm.

Clearly, her body was utterly incapable of withstanding the onslaught of this Divine Thunder Storm.

In just ten more breaths, Shi Shanshan would be completely annihilated by this divine thunder, leaving her soul obliterated.

Xu Nian shook his head helplessly.

He could only release his true body once more.

At this moment, his true body, though somewhat numb under the terrifying Divine Thunder, could still move.

Xu Nian withdrew his Soul Avatar, then quickly carried Shi Shanshan out of the thunderstorm.

Shi Shanshan had already fallen into a deep coma.

The damage she sustained from the Divine Thunder Storm was not insignificant.

Xu Nian frowned deeply.

Shi Shanshan's soul origin power was continuously dissipating. Even if they escaped the Divine Thunder Storm, her life might not be saved.

"Master, is there any way to save her?" Xu Nian communicated with Emperor Ye Tian.

"Her soul origin is severely damaged, and to revive her, a Divine-level expert's Soul Power is needed to restore her soul origin power. But even then, the cost is extremely high, and such experts rarely act unless for their close ones." Emperor Ye Tian said.

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

Does this mean Shi Shanshan is doomed?

Xu Nian had been moved by her filial piety, which is why he had helped her all along.

But he hadn't expected such an outcome in the end.

All his previous efforts seemed to have been in vain.

"Forget it, we are neither family nor friends, and since it's her fate, I am powerless to change it," Xu Nian sighed.

His relationship with Shi Shanshan wasn't even close to that of friends.

He had helped as much as he could, but there was nothing more he could do.

"There is actually another way to save her." Emperor Ye Tian suddenly said.

"What way?" Xu Nian, who had already given up, was surprised to hear there was another way from Emperor Ye Tian.

"It's actually quite simple: turn her into an Artifact Spirit." Emperor Ye Tian said.

"Turn her into an Artifact Spirit?" Xu Nian was shocked.

He never thought Emperor Ye Tian would propose such a method.

Turning her into an Artifact Spirit, isn't that as good as killing her?

"If you don't make her an Artifact Spirit, she is bound to die. If you do, you can at least preserve her soul origin and memory. In the future, when your power is sufficient, you can fully revive her without any cost to yourself." Emperor Ye Tian said.

"But..." Xu Nian was still hesitant.

"This is the technique for crafting an Artifact Spirit, and it's up to you to decide whether to use it or not." Emperor Ye Tian said.

With that, a technique for crafting an Artifact Spirit appeared in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian fell into contemplation.

Watching Shi Shanshan's soul origin power continue to dissipate, Xu Nian, with no other choice, decided to turn her into an Artifact Spirit.

Thus, Xu Nian took out the God Sword.

Of the three Chaos Treasures, only the Supreme Dragon Robe lacked an Artifact Spirit, while the Chaos Divine Palace and Star Axe both had one.

The Supreme Dragon Robe's Artifact Spirit must be from the Dragon Clan, so it couldn't be used to craft the Supreme Dragon Robe's Artifact Spirit.

Thus, the God Sword he frequently used was the best choice at present.

"Buzz!"

Having made the decision, Xu Nian did not hesitate and began the process of crafting an Artifact Spirit.

As Xu Nian cast divine seals upon the God Sword, it suddenly emitted a powerful suction force.

Soon, it absorbed Shi Shanshan's soul origin into the God Sword.

As Shi Shanshan's soul fused with the God Sword, a powerful light erupted from it.

"Buzz!"

The God Sword seemed to become more intelligent, rapidly darting through the air.

"Buzz!"

The sword finally stopped in front of Xu Nian.

A graceful figure appeared before him.

Yes, this figure was Shi Shanshan. At this moment, her soul origin was no longer dissipating, and she awakened from her coma.

"What is this..." Shi Shanshan seemed a bit puzzled, looking at her ethereal body with eyes full of startled confusion.

"I have turned you into an Artifact Spirit," Xu Nian said.

"An Artifact Spirit?" Shi Shanshan was filled with astonishment.

To think she had become an Artifact Spirit?

"I had no choice. Your soul origin was severely damaged, and with my current power, I couldn't preserve it, so I had to resort to this method." Xu Nian said with some regret.

The expression on Shi Shanshan's face became extremely complex.

Clearly, she still mourned her transformation into an Artifact Spirit.

"Forget it; you did it to save me. Regardless, I must thank you for sparing my life. Henceforth, I shall be the sword in your hand," Shi Shanshan took a deep breath and said, looking at Xu Nian with resolute eyes.

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Xu Nian didn't expect Shi Shanshan to accept the reality of being an Artifact Spirit so quickly.

Although he was forced to do so, for many people, becoming an Artifact Spirit is an unacceptable fact.

"Rest assured, when I have enough ability in the future, I will restore your freedom," Xu Nian said.

"Thank you, Master!" Shi Shanshan replied.

At this moment, she was already an Artifact Spirit, and the God Sword had recognized Xu Nian as its master.

She naturally should call Xu Nian 'Master'.

Xu Nian was somewhat uncomfortable but did not refuse.

"In the deepest part of this valley, there seems to be something; the powerful thunderstorm just now cannot have appeared out of nowhere," Xu Nian murmured to himself.

Just now, the thunderstorm came too swiftly.

He and Shi Shanshan didn't have time to dodge and were blasted away.

To create such a terrifying thunderstorm, there must be a powerful energy explosion.

Like a calm sea, wanting to stir up tidal waves must be due to an earthquake-like energy eruption somewhere.

Otherwise, tidal waves cannot appear out of thin air.

"Is the Master planning to explore the most profound part of this valley?" Shi Shanshan asked in astonishment.

This Divine Thunder area is extremely dangerous.

Not to mention the deepest part of that Divine Thunder.

In the deepest part, there must be unpredictable dangers.

"Yes, since I'm here, I must take a look," Xu Nian said.

He then summoned his true self.

Shi Shanshan paused, seemingly understanding something: "Master, is this your true self?"

"Yes, things have come to this point, I won't hide from you, I'm from the Immortal Realm, I entered the Netherworld to deliver something to the Netherworld Lord," Xu Nian said.

Since Shi Shanshan had become his Artifact Spirit, telling her these things didn't matter.

"Deliver something to the Netherworld Lord?" Shi Shanshan exclaimed in surprise.

She had never thought Xu Nian had come to the Netherworld looking for the Netherworld Lord.

One must know that the Netherworld Lord hates the people of the Three Realms the most.

If Xu Nian truly meets the Netherworld Lord, he might be obliterated immediately.

"I have never seen the Netherworld Lord either, reportedly the Lord is unfathomable, and his residence is unreachable by ordinary Divine-level experts," Shi Shanshan said.

Xu Nian nodded, knowing finding the Netherworld Lord would not be easy.

She had to say such things.

Xu Nian didn't say much more and started heading towards the deepest part of the valley.

Very soon, Xu Nian penetrated the Divine Thunder area.

The terrifying Divine Thunder struck Xu Nian's body, making it feel numbing.

Yet this degree of Divine Thunder could not pose a threat to him.

So Xu Nian advanced another several hundred meters.

After advancing about five hundred meters, Xu Nian felt the power of the Divine Thunder directly doubled.

The Divine Thunder struck his body like a whip, causing Xu Nian pain.

Fortunately, Xu Nian could still endure and continue advancing.

Until Xu Nian reached a distance of a thousand meters, the terrifying power of thunder made Xu Nian completely unable to bear it.

"Such strong Divine Thunder, its power striking my body can even cause my skin to crack," Xu Nian thought in surprise.

At this moment, the power of thunder he faced was roughly equivalent to the third thunder during Fuhua Immortal Emperor's Tribulation Crossing.

Therefore, no matter how strong Xu Nian's body might be, he couldn't merely rely on it to withstand such numerous Thunder strikes.

So Xu Nian directly summoned the Supreme Dragon Robe.

With the Supreme Dragon Robe on, these Divine Thunders caused him no harm.

The Supreme Dragon Robe is a Chaos Divine Artifact, no matter how strong these Thunder powers are, they cannot harm Xu Nian.

"Oh, what level of Divine Artifact is this?" Shi Shanshan asked, surprised.

Xu Nian actually had such a powerful Divine Artifact?

The level of this Divine Artifact seems to be above the Divine Artifact level.

How many secrets does he have on him?

Shi Shanshan felt increasingly unable to see through Xu Nian.

Without hesitation, Xu Nian, wearing the Supreme Dragon Robe, hurried deeper.

Soon, he arrived at the deepest part of the valley.

Yet what unfolded before him shocked him immensely.

In the valley's deepest part sat an elder.

The elder's hair and beard were white, surrounded by terrifying Divine Thunder striking him but causing no harm.

Instead, the thunder merged into his body and disappeared.

And he sat there, like a terrifying deity, exerting immense pressure on Xu Nian.

This was the first time Xu Nian felt such pressure.

"Divine-level!"

Xu Nian instantly determined that the elder was a Divine-level expert.

A true Divine-level expert.

Though Xu Nian had seen the Beast God at God level before, they were suppressed by the Heavenly Dao.

So the resulting pressure was not terrifying.

But now, this Divine-level expert was genuinely at a Divine-level.

Xu Nian could clearly feel the Tao's oppression emanating from him.

At the elder's feet was a giant Demon Beast.

This Demon Beast was none other than the previously injured Thunder Beast.

Xu Nian's brows furrowed instantly.

He had an extremely ominous feeling.

Perhaps the previous thunderstorm was caused by this Divine-level expert.

"Hum!"

As Xu Nian speculated, the elder suddenly opened his eyes.

They burst forth with incredibly strong divine radiance.

Xu Nian immediately felt as though a primordial beast was staring at him, causing his entire body to involuntarily tremble.

"This is the pressure of a Divine-level expert? Just a gaze can cause my will to waver?" Xu Nian thought in shock.

He even felt his body couldn't move at all.

In front of such a Divine-level expert, he was like an ant.

He could be easily crushed by the opponent.

The gap was too wide, like a chasm.

"Was it you who injured my pet?" the elder spoke, his voice like an ancient bell from time immemorial, carrying infinite penetration power.

"Junior Xu Fenn, greetings senior, I previously didn't know it was your pet, please forgive me," Xu Nian quickly apologized.

Facing a Divine-level expert without bowing down, it's really a dead end.

At this moment, Shi Shanshan was also incredibly surprised.

She didn't expect a Divine-level expert to reside deep in the Heavenly Thunder Pool.

"Regardless of whether you were intentional or not, you injured my pet, you must pay a price," the elder said calmly.

He then directly delivered a palm strike.

Next moment, the surrounding Divine Thunder rapidly gathered in his palm.

"Boom!"

A Divine Thunder Palm instantly hit Xu Nian's chest.

"Pfft!"

Xu Nian's figure flew backward, spitting out a mouthful of blood.

This palm's speed left him no chance to react.

Even with the Supreme Dragon Robe protecting him, he still couldn't endure the thunder's power.

If not for the Supreme Dragon Robe, he might have perished.

Xu Nian now looked at the elder with sharp eyes.