

Divine King 1971

Chapter 1971: The Woman in White

The Sword and Shield Technique is seldom used by anyone.

The so-called Sword and Shield Technique is the combination of swordsmanship and shield technique, thus forming a powerful combination fighting method.

This combat was used on battlefields in the past, and later discovered that in personal battles, the Sword Shield Rule can also exert super powerful combat strength.

Therefore, some powerful Divine-level Experts would still choose the Sword and Shield Technique as their combat method, which is also something Xu Nian only learned after arriving in the Divine World.

For instance, Xu Nian himself practiced Shield Technique, and with the cooperation of Earth Attribute Heavenly Dao, he can also exert super combat power.

"This Lu Cloud's sword and shield combined combat strength is quite impressive. Even if his enlightenment is only at the Fifth-level Heavenly Dao, in terms of combat power, he's still very strong. Xu Nian, even with Sixth-level enlightenment, may not be able to exert the true power of the Sixth Level." Someone spoke.

Many people around nodded in agreement.

Heavenly Dao Enlightenment is one thing, but the combat power exerted in battle is another.

No matter how high the Heavenly Dao Enlightenment is, if it's not integrated into battle, it's still useless.

Apparently, in their view, Xu Nian, despite having high enlightenment, is still questionable in actual combat power.

Yet, the woman sitting on the main seat was watching the upcoming battle with interest.

"Third Elder, who do you think will win?" The woman suddenly asked the elder beside her.

"Reporting to Great Elder, I think Lu Cloud will win. Firstly, his cultivation is much higher; although his Heavenly Dao Enlightenment is slightly inferior to Xu Nian's, his Sword Shield combined combat skill is very strong, both offensively and defensively. Xu Nian may not be able to block it." The elder respectfully replied.

The woman smiled and remained silent, not providing any response.

The elder, helpless, had to continue watching the upcoming battle.

The battle had already reignited at this moment.

Xu Nian, holding the God Sword, with sharp eyes, looked at the God Peak Expert charging straight at him and immediately swung his sword.

"Clang!"

Xu Nian's sword directly struck the opponent's shield.

The powerful shield was enveloped in strong Earth Attribute Heavenly Dao Power, Xu Nian's sword seemed like it slashed into a swamp, not only failing to exert any power but also seeming stuck.

"Ah, what a clever Unloading Skill." Xu Nian showed a trace of surprise on his face.

This God Peak Expert's utilization of the shield was apparently quite proficient.

But there was no time for Xu Nian to think more, as the battle sword beneath the opponent's shield slashed towards him fiercely.

This sword likewise contained powerful Earth Attribute Heavenly Dao Power, slashing out a massive Sword Light.

Xu Nian's eyes instantly sharpened, and a powerful golden light flickered in his hands, surprisingly using strong Heavenly Dao Power to condense a golden shield.

"Clang!"

A crisp sound rang out.

The collision sound was like a grand bell, awe-inspiring.

The wave formed by the clash between the two instantly blew them apart.

Xu Nian remained unscathed, but the shield condensed by Heavenly Dao Power in his hand was already shattered and dissipated.

After all, this wasn't a true Divine Artifact, to withstand such a strong strike was already the limit.

"You understand shield utilization?" The opponent looked at Xu Nian with a face full of surprise.

Clearly, Xu Nian's mastery of the shield just now was extremely skillful, not like a move used in a moment of reflex.

"Indeed, I understand a bit." Xu Nian said with a smile.

He was truly adept at shields from his Earth Attribute Divine Demon Avatar, but now he was fighting with the Gold Attribute Avatar, unable to use Earth Attribute Heavenly Dao Power.

Resisting temporarily was possible, but in true combat, he still couldn't exert the shield's power.

It was just unexpected that this God Peak Expert's insight was so keen, recognizing his proficiency in Shield Technique at a glance.

"Since you're proficient, why not use your shield?" The God Peak Expert said with a frown.

"Because it's unnecessary," Xu Nian smiled.

Then, he swung his God Sword again.

This sword instantly transformed into an extreme golden blade.

With one sweep, it seemed to cleave through everything in the world.

The God Peak Expert was instantly alarmed, hurriedly using his shield to ward off.

"Clang!"

Xu Nian's Sword Radiance struck the shield, instantly sending the God Peak Expert flying along with the shield.

Looking at the shield again, Xu Nian had already sliced it into two pieces with one sword.

"What? Isn't this a Top-Grade Heavenly Divine Artifact shield? How did it get sliced into two pieces with one sword?" Someone exclaimed in surprise.

"Indeed a terrifying sword, the edge of that sword just now was extremely sharp, even within Sixth-level Heavenly Dao its power was quite strong." The God Strongmen in the hall said in shock.

The woman on the main seat also showed a satisfied smile.

Clearly, Xu Nian's usage of Metal Heavenly Dao Sixth Level was not only proficient but extremely high.

Not even ordinary Sixth-level Heavenly Dao experts could utilize it to this extent.

"Cough!"

The God Peak Expert coughed out two mouthfuls of blood, looking at Xu Nian with shock.

Obviously, he hadn't expected Xu Nian's strength to be so great.

Though there was only a First Level of Heaven difference, he felt worlds apart.

"That sword's power was already eighty hundred; how did you do it?" The God Peak Expert asked in shock.

Xu Nian smiled without giving an answer.

Instead, he swung his sword again.

This sword was even more powerful than before.

In a flash, the God Peak Expert didn't even have a chance to defend, his body was directly cut into two.

Finally, his form turned to ashes, dissipating in the Sealing Heaven Map.

"We won, we won." Seeing this scene, Song Ren and Fang Yu were delighted.

Xu Nian had defeated this God Peak Expert.

Meaning the Black Mountain Territory triumphed over the Black Evil Mountain.

Thus, the Black Mountain Territory was now eligible to advance to the next round.

Meaning they would at least rank in the top eighteen.

This was unprecedented.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian appeared in the external world.

The eyes of everyone around looking at him instantly turned respectful.

Obviously, Xu Nian's power had conquered them.

Plus Xu Nian's identity as the Great Artisan God, everyone present could guess the great potential.

"Your name is Xu Nian, right? The battle just now was impressive. Based on your fight, you should be close to breaking through to the Seventh-level Heavenly Dao," suddenly said the woman in white.

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone around was amazed.

Close to breaking through to the Seventh-level Heavenly Dao?

Could this guy be about to break through to the Seventh-level Heavenly Dao?

What frightening enlightenment ability that would be.

Xu Nian was also surprised.

Unexpectedly, this woman in white would suddenly speak to him and see the fact he was about to break through at a glance.

Indeed, he was close to breaking through.

One could even say, his original bottleneck seemed to have slightly broken through just now.

He could perhaps break through to the Seventh-level Heavenly Dao at any moment.

Chapter 1972: Giant Tan Clan, the Warrior Race

"I am indeed Xu Nian." Xu Nian responded blandly.

Xu Nian harbored deep apprehension towards this white-robed woman.

Therefore, Xu Nian did not wish to have much contact with this woman.

"Are you afraid of me?" The woman's sharp and captivating eyes fixated on Xu Nian, seemingly seeing through everything.

"Indeed a bit, I can sense a heavy aura of death on you, Elder." Xu Nian responded somewhat awkwardly.

He hadn't expected his thoughts to be seen through.

This made him feel the woman in front of him was extremely dangerous.

Upon hearing this, the white robe revealed a rare smile, a smile exceptionally stunning yet also giving an extremely dangerous impression.

Those who had heard of this female Killing God's name were somewhat shocked.

Being targeted by this woman is definitely a terrifying thing.

"Very well, I remember you, the competition continues." The white-robed woman said.

After speaking, she no longer paid attention to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, however, felt a bad premonition, unsure if this white-robed woman would take further action.

If there is, he must be cautious.

The battle continued.

In the subsequent battles, some teams with overpowering strength appeared, amongst which some God Peak Experts also possessed terrifying combat capabilities.

Especially those ranked in the top five during the last assessment.

Their team lineup was astonishing, all being Peak of God level Experts.

Moreover, their leader's insight levels weren't low at all.

This made Xu Nian realize that winning first place may not be an easy task.

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Soon, eighteen battles concluded completely.

The eighteen winning teams would proceed to the next round of duels.

Thus, the eighteen teams drew lots for the second time.

As for the remaining eighteen, they engaged in ranking matches.

This second draw was done by Xu Nian, and he drew number three.

This meant they would be the third to appear.

However, these didn't make any difference to Xu Nian.

Soon, the first two matches ended quickly, finishing very rapidly.

So, not long after the draw, Xu Nian and his team were back on the stage.

Unexpectedly, their opponent turned out to be the sixth-ranked force from the last assessment, Luofeng Hall.

As the three from Luofeng Hall walked out, Xu Nian knew the upcoming battle wouldn't be easy.

First, their lineup consisted of two Peak of God level and one Late Stage of God level.

This meant Song Ren and Fang Yu would be of no use.

A Late Stage of God strongman could easily deal with them both alone.

Apart from their tremendous strength, these three weren't actual humans, to be precise, they were giants standing over three meters tall.

These giants possessed exceptionally strong physical bodies, their mere physical strength could stand against usual God-level experts.

Thus, these three God experts from Luofeng Hall were undoubtedly very formidable.

"Brother Xu Nian, I am Deng Cloud, they are Deng Gao and Deng Peak, all from the Giant Tan Clan. Though we wish to be friends with you, we will still go all out in this battle." The tall and robust man leading the three giants introduced himself to Xu Nian.

Clearly, they were aware of Xu Nian's identity as an Artifact Refiner.

"Rest assured, if you genuinely defeat me, I won't blame you." Xu Nian responded with a smile.

"Excellent, fitting of the Divine Craftsman, such magnanimity is indeed extraordinary. If Brother Xu Nian ever needs us, feel free to ask." Deng Cloud patted his chest instantly.

"Haha, good, if there's a need, I won't be polite. However, in the upcoming battle, I won't hold back either." Xu Nian chuckled.

"Haha, splendid." The three brothers of the Giant Tan Clan laughed heartily.

"Prepare to start!" The elder came forth.

Very soon, he activated the Sealing Heaven Map, encompassing Xu Nian and his companions within.

Upon entering the Sealing Heaven Map, Xu Nian and his team found themselves amidst a desolate plain.

The three from the Giant Tan Clan finally ceased restraining their aura and unleashed an immensely powerful pressure.

Aside from Deng Wind, the other two were all Peak of God level experts, their oppressive presence incredibly overwhelming.

Xu Nian could withstand this pressure, but Song Ren and Fang Yu couldn't ignore it.

Facing this strong oppression, they couldn't muster their true combat strength.

"Brother Xu Nian, let me alone face how you fare." Deng Cloud stepped forward, his momentum erupting.

Evidently, he was the strongest among the three, choosing to act as a sign of respect for Xu Nian.

"Your three brothers might as well come together." Xu Nian smiled faintly, taking a step forward as an exquisite God Sword appeared in his hand.

As Xu Nian gripped the God Sword, an endless sharp aura emitted from him.

"He's truly reached the Seventh-level Heavenly Dao, had he been hiding his strength earlier?" A God-level expert in the outside hall expressed shock.

The other gods were also visibly stunned.

"He must have just broken through recently, as this guy was indeed at the Sixth-level Heavenly Dao Peak before, advancing to the Seventh-level accumulatively is only natural, yet we didn't expect it to happen so soon." A God Peak Expert commented.

Seated at the main seat, the white-robed woman's embroidered brow lifted, revealing a surprised look.

Clearly, Xu Nian brought her yet another surprise.

"This guy is interesting." The white-robed woman smiled.

Several nearby Daluo God strongmen were shocked, but not because of Xu Nian, rather it was the white-robed woman.

This was the first time the white-robed woman showed interest in someone, especially a man.

Of course, they didn't believe this man truly caught the female Killing Goddess's eye.

Yet even so, it was surprising to them.

"You sure want three of us to come at you?" Deng Cloud asked with a frown.

"Yes, all three of you together. If I'm not mistaken, your Insight Cultivation level is only at Sixth-level Heavenly Dao, as for them two, one is Fifth-level and the other Fourth-level, not enough of a threat to me." Xu Nian smiled.

"Though I know you're a Divine Craftsman with exceptional abilities, your arrogance is excessive. We three aren't just anyone, we're from the Giant Tan Clan, our physical bodies surpass your so-called Divine Beast. If you think we're easy targets, then you're mistaken." Deng Gao spoke coldly.

Clearly feeling Xu Nian's remarks were overly conceited.

Though Deng Cloud frowned, he didn't intervene.

Obviously, he too felt Xu Nian was overly cocky.

"We'll see whether I'm wrong after a fight, shall we? Come, show me the strength of your Giant Tan Clan." Xu Nian laughed.

He then turned to Song Ren and Fang Yu: "Brother Song, Second Brother Fang, just watch from the side."

Song Ren and Fang Yu felt a bit embarrassed.

Even if they wished to assist, it was beyond their capability.

Currently, they could only rely on Xu Nian.

Yet they harbored some concern.

The Giant Tan Clan is an extremely powerful tribe, naturally born warriors.

Xu Nian against three, defeating them might be tough.

"Fine, then let us experience Brother Xu Nian's strength." Deng Cloud bellowed.

His figure swiftly moved a step.

Then his colossal form, akin to terrifying thunder, instantly arrived before Xu Nian.

He struck with his fist, the force immensely powerful.

Furiously pouring towards Xu Nian.

Chapter 1973: Godhood Weapon

The Giant Tan Clan is naturally renowned for their formidable physical strength.

Their physical prowess is no less than that of a Divine Beast, and Deng Cloud and his companions constantly nurture their bodies with immense God Power.

Their physical strength is far beyond what an ordinary God-level expert can compare to.

And Deng Cloud also excels in Earth Attribute Heavenly Dao power, with terrifying Power of Earth fused with his powerful physique, unleashing an absolutely shocking force.

The power of Deng Cloud's punch is already comparable to the strike of a Peak of Seventh-level Heavenly Dao God.

There absolutely is a thousand extremes.

Xu Nian felt the terrifying power rushing towards him and a hint of surprise flashed in his eyes.

Deng Cloud's strength was indeed stronger than he had imagined, and an average God Peak Expert wouldn't be able to withstand this punch at all.

However, since Xu Nian dared to take on three at once, he certainly wouldn't be unable to block Deng Cloud's strike.

"Hum!"

The God Sword in Xu Nian's hand instantly burst forth.

One Slash Blue Sky.

A move incorporating Seventh-level Heavenly Dao and powerful Sword Intent, instantly slashing out a terrifying Sword Radiance.

"Boom!"

Deng Cloud's fist collided with the Sword Radiance, instantly forming a powerful energy impact.

The forces exploded, shaking the area for millions of miles.

Deng Cloud's massive body was instantly forced back.

Xu Nian was also shaken back several thousand feet by the terrifying aftershock.

"Giant Tan's Wrath."

As Xu Nian was stabilizing his stance, Deng Gao and Deng Feng appeared simultaneously at his sides.

Both wielded giant axes in their hands.

As the axes swung, they seemed to tear the entire world, aiming to kill Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's face changed; the power of the heavy weapons they wielded was surely at least eight hundred extremes in strength.

With such force, there was no way Xu Nian could ignore it.

Xu Nian wouldn't choose to clash with them head-on; his figure flickered, turning into a golden light to evade the strike.

"Boom!"

Their giant axes cleaved into the ground, instantly leaving two massive fissures dozens of feet deep.

"The Giant Tan Clan is known for their powerful bodies and are naturally adept at Earth Attribute Heavenly Dao. Xu Nian, facing their onslaught, will find it difficult to gain any advantage," a God Peak Expert in the main hall analyzed.

"Indeed, even Eighth-level Heavenly Dao might not benefit against their combined assault; Xu Nian is overconfident to take on the three of them alone," someone shook their head and said.

Clearly, they believed Xu Nian's choice was unwise.

Lu Qiuyue stood among the crowd, watching Xu Nian continually evade, a sigh appearing on her face.

Clearly, she thought Xu Nian was likely to lose here.

Even she might not be able to gain advantage against the three of them attacking together.

The woman in white on the main seat remained calm, murmuring to herself, "Is this as far as he can go?"

"Hum!"

However, just when everyone thought Xu Nian was bound to lose, his figure suddenly turned into a golden light, the God Sword in his hand bursting forth with incredibly sharp Sword Qi.

With a single slash, he directly killed Deng Gao.

Deng Gao's body fell, turning into nothingness, then appeared in the main hall.

"Huh, how did he do that?"

The people in the main hall looked on in shock, clearly not expecting Xu Nian to suddenly erupt with such formidable strength.

"It's speed; the power of Xu Nian's Sword Qi didn't increase much, but in that instant, his speed exploded several times beyond its previous level," someone exclaimed in surprise.

The woman in white also appeared surprised.

"Is it the Nine Shadows Golden Light, the secret Body Skill of Nine Infant?" she asked.

Upon seeing Xu Nian initially, she had already recognized his true form.

Yet the Nine Infant Divine Beast is exceedingly rare in the Divine World, so she hadn't imagined Xu Nian would possess such a secret Body Skill.

It was only when Xu Nian executed it that she recalled reading about the Nine Infant's inheritance memory in an ancient book.

Nine Shadows Golden Light is one of the four major secret techniques of Nine Infant.

And it's a very powerful Body Skill.

In the Sealing Heaven Map.

Xu Nian stood in mid-air, his body continually emitting strong golden light.

That's right, the technique he had just used was indeed one of the four major secret techniques in the Nine Infant Avatar's inheritance memory, Nine Shadows Golden Light.

This is a powerful secret Body Skill.

The cultivation of this Body Skill requires reaching God-level to train, so ever since breaking through to God-level, Xu Nian has been honing this Body Skill.

Once this secret technique is performed, it can cause Xu Nian's speed to spike ninefold in a short time.

However, Xu Nian hadn't fully mastered the technique yet, so he could only unleash four times the speed.

But even at four times speed, it's incredibly frightening.

In an instant, Xu Nian's figure turned into a swift golden light.

Deng Feng, being the weakest among the three at Late Stage God Level, hadn't even seen Xu Nian's move before being slain with a single sword slash.

Sometimes, it's not just about having great strength; speed is also crucial.

When your speed reaches a point where the enemy can't react, taking them down becomes effortless.

"Nine Shadows Golden Light, I didn't expect such a powerful Body Skill to reappear in the Divine World. Brother Xu Nian, you've really broadened our horizons," Deng Cloud said, looking at Xu Nian.

His gaze grew more serious.

Clearly, Xu Nian's prowess made them feel immense pressure.

"Thank you for the praise. Have you thought about how you'll deal with my next attack?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"We indeed can't match the speed of Nine Shadows Golden Light, but our Giant Tan Clan's greatest strength lies in our defense; as long as our defense is extreme, no matter how fast you are, you can't hurt us," Deng Cloud replied with a laugh.

Then he activated powerful Heavenly Dao power.

A terrifying Earth Attribute Heavenly Dao instantly enveloped him, and a dreadful energy fluctuation erupted from his body.

This energy fused with Heavenly Dao power, forming an enormous armor.

This armor enveloped Deng Cloud entirely, leaving only his eyes exposed.

Even with an already massive body, he now appeared gargantuan.

Deng Gao also mimicked, executing the same move.

"This armor secret technique is our Giant Tan Clan's secret, Giant Tan Armor. Its hardness is absolutely beyond top-grade Heavenly Divine Artifacts; I'm afraid your sword won't penetrate our armor," Deng Cloud declared.

With that, he charged at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's figure once again turned into golden light, striking with the God Sword in his hand.

Indeed, an incredibly radiant golden light flashed by.

On Deng Cloud's armor, only a faint mark was left.

"Brother Xu Nian, it seems you are destined to lose. Even if you possess a Luo God Artifact, it's unlikely you can defeat us in one strike," Deng Cloud said with a smile.

He wore an expression of assured victory.

"That might not be the case," Xu Nian replied with a faint smile.

Saying this, he retracted the God Sword in his hand, replacing it with a translucent black sword.

Upon the appearance of the black translucent sword, an aura of endless sharpness spontaneously emerged.

"What weapon is that?"

The people in the main hall expressed their confusion.

"Could it be..."

The woman in white, seated on the main seat, saw Xu Nian's Divine Sword, and her expression instantly changed.

Godhood Weapon?

How is that possible?

Chapter 1974: My Name Is Bai Li

"A Godhood Weapon? How is that possible? Godhood can actually be made into a weapon?"

Everyone in the great hall heard the white-robed woman's words and all revealed expressions of utter shock.

In their eyes, Godhood was indestructible.

Since it was indestructible, it shouldn't be possible to turn it into a weapon.

But they didn't doubt the white-robed woman's words; with her eyesight, it was impossible for her to misjudge.

The more it was like this, the more they felt that the Godhood Weapon in Xu Nian's hand was simply inconceivable.

Deng Cloud also stared at the Divine Sword in Xu Nian's hand with a face full of astonishment.

He couldn't see its Grade, but from this Divine Sword he felt an extremely dangerous aura.

Especially the sharpness on it, which made his back prickle like he was sitting on pins and needles.

Xu Nian gripped the Godhood Weapon in his hand, and a trace of excitement surfaced on his face.

This was his first time using a Godhood Weapon in battle.

Ever since he finished refining this Godhood Weapon, he had always wanted to find a chance to test its power.

Now, seeing Deng Cloud manifest his armor, he could just use this opportunity to test the sharpness of the Godhood Weapon.

"Come, let me show you the power of my Divine Sword."

Xu Nian said with a smile.

As soon as he finished speaking, his figure turned into a streak of golden light.

His speed erupted to the extreme, and the Godhood Weapon in his hand turned into a mere afterimage.

"Puchi!"

The golden light flashed and vanished. Before Deng Cloud could even react, he was directly sliced into two halves by Xu Nian's sword.

His armor didn't provide any defense at all.

"Th-This... how is this possible?" Deng Cloud's face was filled with disbelief.

The God Level Experts in the great hall were all dumbfounded.

This Godhood Weapon was way too strong.

Cutting open a Top-Grade Heavenly Divine Artifact-level armor was like cutting tofu, without the slightest resistance.

This was terrifying.

"It really is a Godhood Weapon. I didn't expect to be fortunate enough to see this kind of legendary weapon." the white-robed woman muttered to herself.

For a moment, the way she looked at Xu Nian also became different from before.

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

After all, possessing a Godhood Weapon meant that there was very likely a God Emperor Level expert behind Xu Nian.

Because only a powerful Divine Emperor could shake Godhood.

In fact, she didn't know that besides a Divine Emperor, there was another thing called a Devouring God Worm.

It was just that Devouring God Worms had long gone extinct in the Divine World, so she didn't think in that direction.

"Puchi!"

On the other side, Xu Nian once again turned into a golden streak and also slew Deng Gao.

This battle thus came to an end.

Xu Nian's figure reappeared in the outside world.

In an instant, the gazes of the surrounding God Level Experts looking at Xu Nian became extremely respectful.

Setting everything else aside, just Xu Nian's speed paired with that terrifying Divine Artifact from outside—

There really weren't many people present who could block such a horrifying attack.

"Brother Xu Nian, we three brothers admit defeat wholeheartedly." Deng Cloud said to Xu Nian and the others.

Xu Nian smiled and exchanged a few polite words with the three brothers.

Then he no longer paid them any mind.

The subsequent matches continued to proceed.

"Come out with me for a moment."

However, just as Xu Nian was about to continue watching the battles—

The white-robed woman suddenly appeared beside Xu Nian and spoke to him.

Xu Nian was stunned; he clearly hadn't expected her to suddenly call out to him.

But he quickly guessed that this was probably related to the Godhood Weapon he had revealed.

So Xu Nian followed the white-robed woman out of the great hall.

As soon as they stepped out, the woman soared into the sky, and Xu Nian could only follow.

In the end, the two stopped atop a mountain peak.

"Where did your Godhood Weapon come from?" the white-robed woman asked bluntly, getting straight to the point.

Xu Nian immediately laughed.

Just as he had expected.

"This Godhood Weapon was given to me by a senior." Xu Nian didn't tell the truth; he had long since thought about how to answer.

"A senior? Which senior?" The white-robed woman wasn't surprised.

Because in her opinion, even if Xu Nian was a Divine Craftsman, it would be impossible for him to refine a Godhood Weapon himself.

After all, the hardness of Godhood was such that even she couldn't leave the slightest mark on it.

"One of my Masters, but she doesn't wish to reveal her name." Xu Nian replied.

The white-robed woman nodded.

"Could you tell me, is your Master a Divine Emperor?" the white-robed woman asked.

"She should be. I've never seen my Master's true body, only a Divine Thought incarnation. Back then I was still in the Lower Realm." Xu Nian said.

He deliberately made it sound more mysterious.

Because the more mysterious it sounded, the more the white-robed woman would believe him.

Sure enough, the white-robed woman believed it.

In her view, only a God Emperor Level expert could cultivate such a heaven-defying disciple.

At the Early Level of God, he already had Seventh-level Heavenly Dao insights, and he was also a Great God Craftsman.

If someone said Xu Nian had no background, she absolutely wouldn't believe it.

"Since that senior doesn't wish to reveal her identity, I won't ask further. I wonder if you're willing to join our Tianyu Mountain? Although Tianyu Mountain might be a bit small for you, we can still provide you with a favorable cultivation environment." The white-robed woman looked at Xu Nian and said.

Xu Nian smiled faintly; it was indeed as he had thought.

Although he had already decided to join Tianyu Mountain, he still didn't agree immediately.

"Can I think about it?" Xu Nian asked.

"Very well. After the assessment ends, give me your answer. At that time, as long as you join Tianyu Mountain, I can allow you to build a residence in the core region." the white-robed woman said.

Hearing this, Xu Nian was somewhat surprised.

This was treatment only a Daluo God Level expert would receive.

He hadn't expected this woman to give him such a promise.

Judging from this, her status in Tianyu Mountain was clearly not low.

"Thank you, my lady. Once the assessment ends, I'll give you my answer." Xu Nian said.

"In that case, let's go back." the white-robed woman said.

Xu Nian nodded.

"By the way, my name is Bai Li." The woman suddenly turned her head and said to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was taken aback; he clearly hadn't expected her to introduce herself.

After blanking for a moment, he nodded.

Then the woman took Xu Nian and flew back to the great hall.

The assessment inside the great hall was still ongoing.

This particular round happened to be Lu Qiuyue's assessment.

Lu Qiuyue slaughtered all around, using her fierce sword edge to directly crush her opponents.

She killed all three of the opposing team.

The next few battles were similar.

Every fight had some stunningly talented figure.

Especially a man named Luo Ta—his Insight Cultivation had actually reached the Peak of the Eighth-level Heavenly Dao Realm.

His strength was unfathomable.

Very soon, the nine matches ended smoothly.

"Very good, your nine teams are the strongest nine teams of our Tianyu Mountain. But the next round of matches will be changed: each faction will choose one expert for single combat." the elder stepped out and said.

Single combat?

Everyone in the great hall revealed looks of surprise.

Chapter 1975: Lu Qiuyue's Strength

Single combat means that the strategy of team battles will be ineffective.

However, this doesn't affect Xu Nian and his friends in any way.

After all, among the teams present, none had won through teamwork.

"Nine teams, nine people, how will the duels proceed?" someone asked in doubt.

"It's still decided by drawing lots, only this time one contestant will get a bye and directly advance to the next round," the elder said.

With that, the elder tossed out nine tokens.

Each of Xu Nian and the others took a token.

To Xu Nian's surprise, his token turned out to be blank.

This meant he was the lucky one to directly advance to the next round.

This left Xu Nian both crying and laughing.

He didn't expect his luck to be so good.

What followed were four duels, which were undeniably spectacular.

Ultimately, four powerful contenders emerged victorious.

Without exception, these four strong individuals were all God Peak level experts.

Moreover, these experts were all at least Seventh-level Heavenly Dao masters.

"Lu Qiuyue actually advanced too, Xu Nian, my brother, we're really lucky, directly advancing to the top five," Song Ren said excitedly.

Xu Nian's advance meant they could also receive rewards.

Xu Nian smiled; the top five was not his goal, but he was quite pleased to advance without fighting.

"Now only the four Great Forces remain: Giant Dragon Island, Tianhe Peak, Ice Snow Mountain, and Beifeng City. You've met Guste from Giant Dragon Island and know Lu Qiuyue from Ice Snow Mountain. Now, it's only Tianhe Peak and Beifeng City left," Song Ren said seriously.

Xu Nian nodded.

He had watched the battles just now.

The representative from Tianhe Peak was a person named Jiao Ling.

This individual was incredibly strong, defeating a God Peak expert at the Sixth-level Heavenly Dao with a single blow.

Beifeng City was represented by a man named Storm, whose strength had reached the Eighth-level Heavenly Dao.

"Xu Nian, my brother, Tianhe Peak was the first in the last assessment; Jiao Ling is very strong. He defeated both Storm and Guste in the last battle, and his strength had already reached the Eighth-level Heavenly Dao. Now, after thousands of years, he might have reached the Ninth-level Heavenly Dao," Song Ren explained.

"Ninth-level Heavenly Dao?" Xu Nian was taken aback.

Jiao Ling is that strong?

If he really reached the Ninth-level Heavenly Dao, I may not be able to defeat him.

Even with my trump card, it might only be a fifty-fifty chance.

After all, I have never used the Taicang Sword Formation in actual combat.

"Yes, Jiao Ling is very strong. If nothing unexpected happens, he should still be the first this time. Xu Nian, my brother, the ones you might defeat are probably only Guste and Lu Qiuyue. As long as you defeat those two, you have a chance to enter the top three. But don't pressure yourself too much, entering the top five is already against the odds," Song Ren said earnestly.

In fact, he didn't have high hopes for Xu Nian advancing to the top three.

Getting into the top five alone made him very content.

"Yes, Xu Nian, no need to pressure yourself, just do your best," Fang Yu chimed in with a smile.

"Okay!" Xu Nian responded with a smile.

However, he didn't take Fang Yu and Song Ren's words to heart.

"The competition continues. This time, like the last round, the person drawing the blank lot gets a bye. The remaining four challenge each other in pairs. Winners will directly advance to the top three, while the losers will duel separately. The winner among them will face the person with a bye. The winner of that match also enters the top three," the elder announced.

Subsequently, the remaining five drew lots, but this time Xu Nian didn't draw a blank lot.

The blank lot went to Jiao Ling.

This meant Xu Nian would engage in a two-on-two duel.

He drew the number two, meaning he would be the second to fight.

Unexpectedly, his opponent turned out to be Guste.

Thus, the first duel was between Lu Qiuyue and Storm.

"Lu Qiuyue will probably lose and miss the top three; her swordsmanship enlightenment reaches only Seventh-level Heavenly Dao, while Storm's Heavenly Dao enlightenment reaches the Eighth level," Song Ren remarked.

In his view, Lu Qiuyue was quite unlucky. Against Guste, she had a chance to win.

But against Storm, there was no doubt she would lose.

Even if she won in the loser's duel, facing Jiao Xin would leave her with no chance of victory.

So she was destined to miss the top three.

Xu Nian shared the sentiment, though he felt something was amiss.

But he couldn't figure out what it was.

Before Xu Nian could think any further, Lu Qiuyue and Storm entered the Sealing Heaven Map.

"You'd better concede, you're not my match!" Storm declared outright.

"Whether I'm your match, we'll only know after fighting," Lu Qiuyue retorted coldly.

She then immediately summoned the Luo God Artifact sword given by Xu Nian.

In the next moment, she showcased formidable power.

The Ice Attribute Heavenly Law unfurled, freezing everything in a thousand miles with a single sword strike.

"Since you refuse to concede, I will beat you into submission," declared Storm, not one to be trifled with.

He instantly wielded his Eighth-level Wind Attribute Heavenly Dao power.

Using overwhelmingly powerful Heavenly Dao energy, he shattered Lu Qiuyue's attack.

Then completely suppressed Lu Qiuyue.

Fortunately, Lu Qiuyue possessed the Luo God Artifact; without it, she would have already lost to Storm.

Undeniably, Storm's strength was indeed very powerful.

The Eighth-level Heavenly Dao's Wind Attribute was exceedingly formidable.

To the spectators, while Lu Qiuyue could hold on, she would ultimately lose.

"It's over!"

Storm's eyes narrowed, ready to end the fight.

He unleashed the powerful final move of the Eighth-level Heavenly Dao, swinging out a battle saber.

It transformed instantly into a terrifying storm.

The storm's power was capable of shredding a top-grade Heavenly Divine Artifact.

Ordinary God Peak level experts could not withstand this fearsome attack.

The crowd sighed collectively, thinking Lu Qiuyue was truly at her end.

Yet just as everyone thought Lu Qiuyue was about to be utterly defeated.

Suddenly, an incredibly strong Ice Attribute Heavenly Dao attribute surged from Lu Qiuyue's body.

"Eighth level? She broke through?" someone exclaimed.

The crowd in the hall was utterly astonished.

No one expected Lu Qiuyue to break through to the Eighth-level Heavenly Dao at the last moment of battle.

Xu Nian was also somewhat surprised.

"Buzz!"

Lu Qiuyue instantly unleashed a sword strike.

Not only did it shatter Storm's attack, but it also cut Storm in two, freezing him completely.

The reversal of outcomes stunned all spectators.

In this battle, Lu Qiuyue turned the tide and won narrowly.

"Lu Qiuyue actually advanced," Song Ren was equally amazed.

Though surprised, Xu Nian considered it quite fitting.

Earlier, he sensed something peculiar about Lu Qiuyue, and now he finally understood.

Lu Qiuyue practiced the exceedingly rare Nine Transformation Heaven Technique, a Cultivation Technique that releases more potential when cornered.

This was why Lu Qiuyue could make a breakthrough at a critical moment.

"First match, Ice Snow Mountain wins, second match ready," the elder announced directly.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's expression turned serious.

His turn to compete had arrived!

Chapter 1976: Dark Gold Wings

Inside the Sealing Heaven Map.

Xu Nian and Guste stood facing each other.

"Brother Xu Nian, I never thought the two of us would have a duel. I've watched your previous battles, and to be honest, I'm feeling quite pressured," Guste said with a smile.

"Brother Gu, you're being modest. Facing you, I'm the one under pressure," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Guste's strength was not low, and he had clearly hidden some of his power.

Xu Nian had also watched the previous battles. Although Guste hid it well, some details still revealed that he had concealed a portion of his strength.

If Xu Nian was correct, Guste should have an Eighth-level Heavenly Dao Enlightenment.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, Guste laughed: "Brother Xu Nian, although you and I are friends, the battle must go on, and I will not hold back. If I offend you, please forgive me."

"Brother Gu, no need for words, let's start," Xu Nian said with a slight smile.

As he spoke, he directly summoned his Godhood Weapon.

Since the Godhood Weapon was already revealed, there was no need to hide anymore.

Moreover, against Guste, not using the Godhood Weapon might cost Xu Nian his life.

Seeing Xu Nian's Godhood Weapon, Guste's gaze became serious.

Earlier, he had only seen the Godhood Weapon from afar, but facing it directly now, he truly felt its sharpness.

That sharp aura was unmatched by any other weapon.

"Alright, let me witness Brother Xu Nian's true power." Once Guste finished speaking, a long spear appeared in his hand.

In the next moment, a terrifying thunder surged from the long spear.

Thunder Attribute Heavenly Dao?

Xu Nian's eyes narrowed sharply.

"Boom!"

With a loud explosion, Guste transformed into a bolt of lightning, thrusting the spear directly at Xu Nian.

With one thrust, the power exploded, carrying immense might.

The key was the speed, which was comparable to Xu Nian's Golden Shadow Nine Flashes.

Xu Nian was alarmed, and his Godhood Sword immediately stabbed out.

"Clang!"

A crisp sound echoed.

The two forces clashed violently.

"Boom!"

The collision instantly formed a powerful energy hemisphere, unleashing a terrifying energy shockwave.

"Crack!"

In the next moment, the tip of the spear in Guste's hand shattered.

And he was knocked back by the terrifying shockwave.

Xu Nian was also affected by the explosive energy, retreating several hundred feet.

However, the Godhood Weapon in his hand remained unscathed.

"It broke?"

Guste looked at his shattered Top-Grade Heavenly Divine Artifact spear with a hint of surprise.

With just one impact, the Top-Grade Heavenly Divine Artifact spear shattered.

This was too unbelievable.

How sharp and hard must the Godhood Weapon be to easily shatter a Top-Grade Heavenly Divine Artifact?

The people in the outer hall were equally astonished.

Is the Godhood Weapon really this terrifying?

If the Top-Grade Heavenly Divine Armor were to face the Godhood Weapon, wouldn't it be utterly vulnerable?

In fact, the Top-Grade Heavenly Divine Armor is almost like paper in front of the Godhood Weapon.

"Brother Gu, if you don't have another weapon, you might suffer a great loss in this battle," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Haha, Brother Xu Nian, you truly are a Divine Craftsman. You possess such a mighty Supreme Divine Weapon, capable of easily destroying a Top-Grade Heavenly Divine Artifact. But I don't only have this one weapon. I wonder if you can take on a Low Grade Daluo Divine Artifact?" Guste laughed.

As he finished speaking, a blue-silver long spear appeared in his hand.

Once this spear appeared, it unleashed an even stronger thunderous wave.

With Guste's Thunder Attribute Heavenly Dao enhancement, the spear's power was three times more powerful than the Top-Grade Heavenly Divine Artifact spear.

"A Low Grade Daluo Divine Artifact?" Xu Nian was slightly surprised.

He didn't expect Guste to possess a Daluo God Artifact.

The people in the hall also showed signs of surprise and doubt.

Guste had hidden his power so well.

"Brother Gu, your Heavenly Dao Enlightenment isn't just the Seventh-level, is it?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

"You've figured it out?" Guste said with a hint of surprise and smiled.

"Yes, when you use the Seventh-level Heavenly Dao, it's too effortless, and it always seems like you're deliberately suppressing it. If I'm not mistaken, you should be at the Eighth-level Heavenly Dao," Xu Nian smiled.

"Haha, yes, I'm indeed at the Eighth-level Heavenly Dao. Since you've figured it out, I won't hide it," Guste laughed.

After speaking, his Heavenly Dao Pressure surged to a new level.

The power of the thunder in his hand also rose to a fearsome level, much stronger than before.

"Eighth-level Heavenly Dao? Guste has reached Eighth-level Heavenly Dao too. For this assessment, there are three Eighth-level Heavenly Dao. With this, Xu Nian is bound to lose."

The people in the hall exclaimed.

Guste's displayed strength caught them by surprise.

Xu Nian, however, remained calm.

Just as he thought, Guste had hidden his power.

"Brother Xu Nian, if you can take this next thrust, I'll concede. This move will be my strongest attack," Guste suddenly said seriously.

In the next moment, the surrounding thunder momentarily converged entirely into his spear.

Yet, the spear's power instantly escalated to an extremely terrifying level.

"Boom!"

Guste swung the spear, thrusting it, transforming his figure and the spear into one bolt of lightning.

This thrust was undoubtedly a world-shattering attack.

Everyone's expressions changed dramatically.

Even from outside the Sealing Heaven Map, they could feel the terrible power contained in the thrust.

"Alright, let me experience Brother Gu's strongest attack," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

With that, he himself was enveloped in a formidable Gold Attribute Heavenly Dao.

In the next moment, Xu Nian turned into a golden light, similarly slashing out a sword.

This slash transformed into a thin dark gold Sword Radiance like a cicada's wing.

This was a move he created by merging Talent Secret Technique Dark Gold God Slaying Sword with his self-created Golden Feather—Dark Gold Wing.

"Swoosh!"

The two light rays flashed past each other.

Finally forming an energy storm.

"Who won?"

The people around looked at the two figures passing by, showing signs of confusion.

Even the white-robed woman showed a puzzled expression.

"Crack!"

Amidst the people's uncertainty.

Guste's figure suddenly shattered, turning to dust and dispersing into the air.

"Xu Nian actually won? How is this possible?"

Everyone in the hall was shocked.

Even the white-robed woman showed a hint of confusion.

Seventh-level Heavenly Dao defeating Eighth-level?

How did this guy achieve that?

Chapter 1977: Middle Stage of God

"That sword strike just now was incredibly fast, and the sharpness was terrifying."

"Indeed, his Godhood Weapon is already exceptionally sharp, and with the Gold Attribute Sword Technique he employed, the sharpness reached an immeasurable level."

Those God-level experts exclaimed one after another.

The strength Xu Nian displayed was completely beyond their expectations.

Bai Li was also filled with surprise.

Originally, she thought Xu Nian would stop at this stage.

But unexpectedly, Xu Nian's final sword strike left her astonished.

This level of sharpness had completely surpassed the God level.

Even a battle armor of the Daluo God level would be easily defeated by this strike.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian appeared in the outside world.

"Brother Xu Nian, no, Brother Xu Nian, you've won; this means our Black Mountain Territory is entering the top three," Song Ren said excitedly.

Fang Yu was so excited he couldn't speak.

The top three!

This means they will have the opportunity to access insights from the Sky-reaching Record.

And the higher the rank, the higher the level of insights available.

This was definitely a huge boon for Song Ren and Fang Yu.

Apart from this opportunity, they also have a substantial reward of Divine Stones.

Seeing the excited Song Ren, Xu Nian smiled slightly.

"Getting to this stage is thanks to the support of Brother Song, but there's something I should mention first to Brother Song and Second Brother Fang," Xu Nian thought for a moment and said.

"What's the matter?" Song Ren, still excited, but serious in response to Xu Nian's words.

After all, Xu Nian was now the treasure of the Black Mountain Territory.

Even if he were to give up his position as the lord to Xu Nian, he wouldn't hesitate a bit.

After all, Xu Nian's prowess was well-deserved.

"The thing is, the Great Elder of Tianyu Mountain invited me to join, and after careful consideration, I decided to accept," Xu Nian said.

"Join Tianyu Mountain?" Song Ren and Fang Yu were both stunned.

They didn't expect this to be the matter Xu Nian wanted to discuss.

Does this mean Xu Nian is leaving the Black Mountain Territory?

"Well, we were kind of expecting it; given your talent, Brother Xu Nian, staying in the Black Mountain Territory does seem a waste. We just didn't expect you to leave so soon, but we still wish you well," Song Ren said.

"Yes, people aim higher; you chose Tianyu Mountain, and we have no right to oppose it, whether you told us or not," Fang Yu added.

With Xu Nian's prowess, joining Tianyu Mountain was reasonable.

Moreover, Xu Nian is also a Divine Craftsman.

"Thank you for understanding, both of you. For the rewards from this evaluation, apart from the insight cultivation opportunity, I will take nothing else. Consider it my last contribution to the Black Mountain Territory," Xu Nian said.

"How could that be?" Song Ren and Fang Yu were surprised.

That was no small sum of wealth!

Xu Nian merely smiled and waved his hand, sticking to his decision.

Seeing Xu Nian's determination, Song Ren and Fang Yu said no more.

By now, they were no longer as excited as they had been.

"Have you decided?" Bai Li approached Xu Nian and asked.

"Yes, once the evaluation ends, I will join Tianyu Mountain," Xu Nian nodded.

"Very well, Tianyu Mountain welcomes you," Bai Li smiled and said.

"Thank you!" Xu Nian replied with a slight smile.

"Do you have confidence in winning first place?" Bai Li raised an eyebrow and asked.

"I'll give it a try! I'm not fully confident," Xu Nian laughed.

"Not fully confident? Your tone doesn't sound modest at all," Bai Li remarked in surprise.

Upon hearing this, she became certain that Xu Nian had more cards up his sleeve.

But she hadn't expected that someone at the Early Level of God would still have hidden cards at this stage?

If he were to grow, wouldn't he become incredibly formidable?

However, this also made her look forward to Xu Nian's growth.

Because soon, Tianyu Mountain, and even the entire Divine World, would undergo turmoil.

By then, whether Tianyu Mountain would have the power to withstand the upcoming chaos might require a miracle.

Whether Xu Nian was that miracle, she also couldn't tell, as miracles were exceedingly rare.

Xu Nian, unaware of Bai Li's thoughts, was attempting to break through to the Middle Stage of God.

Having taken the Star Pill earlier, after several battles, he found his absorption level reached an unprecedented height.

Now, the pill absorption had reached one percent.

This absorption brought him just a step short of the Middle Stage of God.

With a roar!

Xu Nian devoured the pill's power crazily, converting all of it into his own God Power.

Ignoring the attention from others, Xu Nian fully concentrated on breaking through.

His body roared like a hundred thousand thunders.

Also, like stars colliding intensely.

"What's he trying to do..."

The people around were all attracted by Xu Nian's commotion.

Each looked at Xu Nian in astonishment.

Bai Li was equally shocked.

Xu Nian was actually about to break through to the Middle Stage of God.

"Is it the Top-grade Heavenly God Pill, the effect of the Star Pill? He took the Star Pill?"

Bai Li observed Xu Nian's body and noticed the intense booming inside.

The immense energy was undoubtedly the effect of the Star Pill.

With a roar!

Xu Nian paid no heed to the crowd, fully focused on breaking through.

With a boom, he seemed to breach a kind of barrier.

Successfully advancing to the Middle Stage of God.

The Sea of Gods within expanded fivefold.

This meant Xu Nian's God Power reached five times that of the Early Level of God.

"Such abundant God Power, now my God Power level is on par with even a God Peak Expert," Xu Nian thought to himself.

The Nine Infant Divine Beast was a Super Divine Beast.

Its natural reserves of God Power far exceeded an ordinary God.

So now, Xu Nian was virtually no different from a God Peak Expert, possibly even stronger.

"Congratulations, Brother Xu Nian, for successfully advancing to the Middle Stage of God; it seems my Star Pill played quite a role," Guste said with a smile.

But as he spoke, he was shocked.

This Star Pill was given to Xu Nian by him, and not much time had passed.

Xu Nian actually absorbed it and broke through; this was incredible.

The attendees of the trade fair were also utterly amazed.

To absorb a pill to such an extent within days could definitely be described as astounding.

Lu Qiuyue stood in the crowd, looking at Xu Nian in shock.

Next, she was bound to have a match with Xu Nian.

So, in the face of Xu Nian's breakthrough, she felt immense pressure.

At this moment, the third match began.

Guste faced Storm, and Guste won the match.

However, in the fourth match, Guste was defeated by Jiao Ling.

What surprised Xu Nian was that Jiao Ling defeated Guste in one blow.

The difference in strength was too vast!

"Alright, let's commence the ranking battles for the top three," the elder said stepping forward.

With those words, the atmosphere became incredibly tense.