

Divine King 301

Chapter 301 Brother Horse Face

Xu Nian had killed more than a dozen members of the Fang Family before he left with Bai Feng.

As for Lin Ruolan, after collecting Fang Ming's soul, she parted ways with Xu Nian.

But Xu Nian knew that Lin Ruolan had not gone far.

She was definitely still lurking somewhere out of sight.

He believed that the moment an opportunity arose,

Lin Ruolan would be the first to reveal her dagger and stab it into his heart.

Xu Nian even suspected that Lin Ruolan had planned to use someone else's hand to commit the murder last night, killing two birds with one stone.

However, the strength Xu Nian displayed later and the shock from the Purple King Vine temporarily deterred her.

Yet Xu Nian had no way to deal with this old witch.

If it really came to a life-and-death struggle, Xu Nian had no assurance of victory.

Of course, to prevent that day from coming, he still needed to make some preparations.

Xu Nian left Dong'an City, but he caused quite a stir there.

More than ten strong members of the Fang Family were killed at the city gate.

A direct descendant of the Fang Family was even hung from the city wall.

This was definitely a massive earthquake.

Thus, the news spread quickly, and everyone was guessing who was so bold.

Eventually, a witness revealed Xu Nian's name.

In no time, the name of Xu Nian thoroughly shocked the entire Dong'an City.

And it also spread quickly toward the entire county.

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Just as Xu Nian was causing a huge commotion in Dong'an City,

Xu Nian and Chen Wudi were rushing toward the direction of the Misty Forest.

As for Bai Feng, he entered the Star Tower to cultivate, probably having gained some insights from the previous battle.

Along the way, Xu Nian and his group also encountered many people.

However, these people were in a hurry, and since Xu Nian and Chen Wudi both had slightly altered their appearances, they did not attract too much attention.

Most of these people were at the Battle General Level, with a few being Marquis Level powerhouses.

As for the Battle Sect, they basically did not encounter any.

When these people saw how young Xu Nian and his group were, they all shook their heads helplessly.

Clearly, they thought Xu Nian and his group were ignorant youths who were coming to the Misty Forest to court death.

Xu Nian and Chen Wudi were indifferent to those sympathetic gazes.

After all, they were not truly ignorant youths.

Their pace was not fast.

During the journey, Xu Nian's realm of comprehension seemed to once again be on the brink of a breakthrough.

He began to show signs of breaking from the Second Level of Transforming Force to the Third Level of Creating Momentum.

Such a change almost made Chen Wudi grind his teeth in frustration.

But Chen Wudi was not without progress; during this time, he had already broken through to the Two-star War General Realm.

If he unleashed the Star Battle Body, he could even fight against a Four-star General.

"Hey, you two, come over here!"

However, just when they were about to reach the Misty Forest,

Three youths dressed in the same attire approached from a distance.

Xu Nian and Chen Wudi glanced at each other.

They recognized at a glance that these three were core disciples of the Tianjian Sect.

However, these three were not low in cultivation.

Among them, two were at the Peak of Nine-star War General, and one was actually a One-star Body King.

It was one of the Nine-star War Generals at the peak who stopped Xu Nian and the others.

This person had a horse-like face, and both his expression and tone were very arrogant.

Xu Nian and Chen Wudi exchanged glances, both revealing a hint of amusement in their eyes.

Then they walked over.

"Brother Horse Face, may I ask what you need?" Chen Wudi asked with an air of respect.

Brother... Brother Horse Face?

The man with the horse face was initially stunned, then immediately became furious, "Who are you calling Brother Horse Face? My name is Ma Si, a core disciple of the Tianjian Sect. If you dare call me Brother Horse Face again, I will kill you!"

"Oh, Brother Ma Shi!" Chen mocked, barely holding back his laughter.

"It's Ma Si, not Ma Shi!" the young man with the horse face roared furiously.

"I said it correctly, it's Ma Shi!" Chen insisted, feigning an aggrieved expression.

The young man with the horse face trembled with anger, as if he was about to explode at any moment.

Xu Nian stood by, struggling not to show his amusement.

He knew Chen Wudi had started playing around again.

And it looked like he would end up cleaning up the mess.

However, the tone of this Tianjian Sect disciple was indeed very arrogant, so he did not dislike Chen Wudi's actions.

"Alright, Ma Si, let's focus on the important matters," said the young Body King.

Hearing his fellow disciple speak up, the young man with the horse face finally suppressed his anger and looked at Xu Nian and the other, asking, "Have either of you seen this person?"

After speaking, a mirror appeared in the young man's hand, showing the image of Xu Nian.

"Ah... that's him!" Chen Wudi exclaimed with a look of surprise upon seeing the face in the mirror.

"You know him?" the young man with the horse face immediately asked.

The other two Tianjian Sect disciples also looked serious.

"Yeah, I've seen him; this guy is dangerous. He killed several good people in Andong City," Chen Wudi said earnestly.

"It really is him, no doubt! This Xu Nian killed people of the Fang Family!" another Nine-star War General at the peak said.

The Body King also nodded.

They had come from Andong City.

Xu Nian, standing to the side, found himself caught between laughter and tears.

The person in the mirror, if not him, then who else?

Clearly, the Tianjian Sect had already identified him as the killer of their three core disciples.

"Quick, where did he go now?" the young man with the horse face urgently asked Chen Wudi.

"What do you want with him? This guy is really tough; looking for him is like courting death," Chen Wudi quickly advised, his face filled with worry.

"Hmph, tough? Is he tougher than our elder brother? My elder brother is a One-star Body King. Killing him would be a piece of cake. Kid, tell me where he is now, or if you waste any more of my time, I'll kill you," the young man with the horse face said disdainfully.

Chen Wudi, with a hint of disdain in his eyes, still feigned a fearful expression and replied, "I saw him go into the Misty Forest; he has already entered."

"Indeed!" said the Body King, looking in the direction of the Misty Forest.

"Elder brother, shall we—?" Another Nine-star War General at the peak asked.

"Chase, he who dares kill a disciple of the Tianjian Sect must pay with blood," the Body King commanded, then took the lead towards the Misty Forest.

The young man with the horse face glared back at Chen Wudi and said viciously, "Kid, since you helped us by giving directions, I'll spare you this time. Remember, my name is Ma Si! Not Ma Shi or Horse Face!"

After saying that, the young man with the horse face chased after the Body King.

Chen Wudi quickly waved his hand, "Goodbye, Brother Ma Shi!"

The young man with the horse face stumbled and nearly fell to his death in the distance.

But since he was in a hurry to get on the road, he had to let it go, only turning back to shout, "Kid, don't let me see you again; otherwise, I will definitely kill you!"

Then the three of them disappeared from sight.

However, Chen Wudi and Xu Nian exchanged glances.

If they met again, it would likely be their demise.

Chapter 302: Mysterious Black Dog

"Spiritual Pets for sale, Spiritual Pets for sale, carrying the legendary Divine Beast Bai Ze Bloodline, don't miss out as you pass by!"

Just as Xu Nian and Chen Wudi arrived at the edge of the entrance to the Misty Forest.

A hawker's call caught their attention.

"Divine Beast Bai Ze?"

Xu Nian and Chen Wudi exchanged a glance.

Someone was actually selling a Spiritual Pet with the Divine Beast Bloodline here?

That was quite a rare occurrence.

In some big cities, there are markets for Cultivators.

Indeed, there were transactions specifically for selling Spiritual Pets.

However, those Demon Beasts were generally not of a high level, at most they were of the Battle Sect Level.

The buyers were also those rich young masters and mistresses.

This guy coming here to sell Spiritual Pets was indeed somewhat peculiar.

Xu Nian and Chen Wudi couldn't help but walk over.

The person selling Spiritual Pets was a bald monk dressed in a white robe.

This monk was not very old, only about twenty-seven or twenty-eight.

His earlobes were large, and his face always bore a smile, but it gave off a sly and cunning impression.

Xu Nian released his Spiritual Sense to investigate the monk's Cultivation.

However, he found that he could not sense anything, as if this monk before him was an ordinary person.

A Black Dog lay behind the monk.

The Black Dog looked no different from the typical country black dogs.

It sprawled on the ground, ears drooped, looking utterly listless.

There was not the slightest hint of a Demon Beast's aura on its body, let alone that of a Divine Beast.

At the moment, there were several people gathered around the monk, seemingly attracted by his hawking.

Clearly, like Xu Nian and the others, they felt this Black Dog was nothing but a regular dog.

"Hey, monk, where's the Demon Beast here? This is just an ordinary Black Dog, and you're saying it's got Bai Ze Divine Beast Bloodline. Aren't you scamming people?"

"Yeah, monk, what kind of Demon Beast did you say this is?"

The crowd around him chattered.

Obviously, they all thought the monk before them was a swindler.

An ordinary Black Dog was being touted as a Divine Beast.

Yet the monk remained smiling, answering unhurriedly, "This dog is named the Earth-shattering Demon Dog, a powerful mutated Divine Beast."

"Earth-shattering Demon Dog? A mutated Divine Beast?"

Upon hearing this, the people around burst into laughter.

They had never even heard of such a name.

In their view, the name was entirely made up by the monk.

Chen Wudi also sneered in disdain, clearly thinking, like everyone else, that the monk was a swindler.

Initially, Xu Nian thought so too, but when he noticed a hint of human-like sarcasm flash across the Black Dog's mouth, he knew the monk was not lying.

"So how much are you selling this dog for?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"Ten million Gold Coins!" the monk replied with a smile.

"Ten million Gold Coins? Why don't you go rob someone?" The crowd immediately showed a look of surprise.

A mere dog for ten million Gold Coins, only a fool would buy it.

Everyone thought the monk was crazy and shook their heads before dispersing.

Chen Wudi also seemed to lack interest and was about to pull Xu Nian away.

But he found that Xu Nian stood still, unmoving.

"You're not actually thinking of buying this dog, are you?" Chen Wudi asked, eyes wide.

Xu Nian just smiled and didn't reply.

The dog also seemed to take a casual glance at Xu Nian, then continued lying on the ground, pretending to be asleep.

"Benefactor, if you really want to buy it, this poor monk can give you a discount, how about eight million Gold Coins?" the monk said, smiling at Xu Nian.

Chen Wudi rolled his eyes.

Don't even talk about eight million Gold Coins, he wouldn't want it even if it were given to him for free.

"One million!" Xu Nian held up a single finger.

Chen Wudi immediately felt that Xu Nian had lost his mind. A million Gold Coins to buy an ordinary dog?

Could this dog really be different?

So he went up and kicked the Black Dog.

"Oww..." the Black Dog immediately began to howl.

This gave Chen Wudi a moment of disappointment.

Those who hadn't walked far away saw this scene and looked at Xu Nian as if he were an idiot.

"That won't do, it's too low," the monk shook his head.

Xu Nian smiled faintly and said, "Besides me, no one else is going to buy your dog anyway. Take it or leave it, two million. If you don't sell it now, just keep it for yourself!"

Hearing this, the monk's face showed a struggle.

Finally, with an appearance of great reluctance, he said, "Alright, two million it is."

Xu Nian gave a slight smile and took out a Qiankun Bag with two million Gold Coins to throw to the monk.

The monk caught the bag of two million Gold Coins, his eyes instantly shining with a sharp gleam.

Gone was his earlier reluctance.

"Here is the Demon Beast Ring to control it. Just drip your blood to recognize it as your master. But I'm warning you, don't ever break the contract on the Demon Beast Ring, or you'll be the one to suffer the consequences."

Xu Nian was momentarily stunned, then smiled.

He proceeded to drip his blood to claim the Demon Beast Ring.

At the same time, he felt a connection form between himself and the Black Dog.

Those around, who hadn't gone far, saw that Xu Nian actually paid for the Black Dog.

All thought Xu Nian was a fool with more money than sense, so gullible!

An ordinary Black Dog really sold as a Divine Beast Bloodline Demon Beast.

Chen Wudi was left speechless.

But then he thought, Xu Nian, a person more cunning than a fox.

How could he have been deceived so easily?

But he had just tested the dog himself. Clearly, it was just an ordinary dog, wasn't it?

Xu Nian, however, just smiled without a word.

"Young man, you're quite good. Here is my Communication Spirit Talisman, I'll contact you first when I have something good in the future," the monk said with a smiling face.

"Thank you, Master, may I ask what is your Dharma name?" Xu Nian asked as he took the monk's Communication Spirit Talisman.

"Ha ha, my Dharma name is 'Bu Keng'!" the monk laughed heartily, then strode away with a flick of his sleeve.

Those around were left speechless.

How is that not a trick?

He was clearly a complete fraud!

Chen Wudi was also speechless; this Dharma name sounded utterly unreliable at first hear!

Xu Nian just smiled and said to Chen Wudi beside him, "Let's go!"

Although full of doubt, Chen Wudi nodded.

Alongside Xu Nian, he walked deeper into the misty forest.

And the big Black Dog hesitated for a moment, then slowly got up from the ground and followed.

Just like that, two men and one dog walked for a full two hours.

Not a word was spoken the entire way.

Chen Wudi, overflowing with questions, finally couldn't hold back and asked, "Xu Nian, why did you buy a useless mutt?"

Xu Nian smiled and turned to look at the big Black Dog, "And when exactly were you planning to stop hiding?"

Chen Wudi wore a puzzled look, was Xu Nian talking to this Black Dog?

A simple mutt, how could it possibly understand what he was saying?

It clearly had no Spiritual Wisdom!

"Human, when did you discover me?"

However, at that moment, the originally ordinary Black Dog suddenly curled its lips into a sneer and looked at Xu Nian.

Chen Wudi, hearing the Black Dog speak, instantly widened his eyes in disbelief.

Chapter 303: Misty Forest

"Can you talk?" Chen Wudi asked incredulously as he looked towards the Black Dog.

"Get lost, fatso! You kicked me just now, and I haven't settled the score with you yet!" The Black Dog retorted angrily, looking fierce.

Chen Wudi was rendered speechless; the Black Dog really could talk.

It hadn't reached the Saint Level yet it could speak human language, which was clearly something only a Divine Beast Bloodline Demon Beast could do!

Xu Nian smiled. It seemed his guess was indeed correct.

This Black Dog was a mutated Divine Beast Bloodline Demon Beast with the Bai Ze Bloodline.

"Actually, it's not hard to see that you are pretending. I possess Spiritual Sense, and no subtle expression of yours can escape my observation with Spiritual Sense. Of course, the main thing is, I saw that you are a Marquis Level Demon Beast. Two million gold coins for a Marquis Level Demon Beast is certainly not a loss," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Marquis Level?" Chen Wudi's eyes widened.

He couldn't believe that the Black Dog in front of him was a Marquis Level Demon Beast.

"How did you find out? I have the innate ability to hide my strength and aura. Even with your Spiritual Sense, you shouldn't be able to see through it," the Black Dog asked, puzzled.

Xu Nian just smiled silently.

However, his eyes suddenly lit up with a blue light.

Seeing the change in Xu Nian's eyes, the Black Dog's face immediately showed surprise.

"The Gray Dragon Eye? How can you, a human, possess the innate gift of the Gray Dragon?" The Black Dog exclaimed in shock.

"That's none of your concern. All you need to know is that I am now your master!" Xu Nian declared proudly.

The Black Dog was clearly very unruly and defiant. To make it truly submit from the bottom of its heart, some effort was needed.

"Ha ha, you want me to recognize you as my master? Impossible. Otherwise, why would that stinky monk have sold me to you? Although you possess my Soul Mark, unless you kill me, there's no way I'll acknowledge you as my master," the Black Dog laughed loudly.

Its demeanor was utterly defiant.

It didn't regard Xu Nian, its master, seriously at all.

Seeing this scene, Chen Wudi became instantly annoyed.

However, the Black Dog glared fiercely at him, which immediately scared him into backing down.

He could not defeat a Marquis Level Demon Beast.

"Do you really refuse to submit to me because you think I, a human, am not worthy of being your master?" Xu Nian asked with a cold laugh.

Divine Beast Bloodline Demon Beasts all have their own pride, especially those with the Bai Ze Bloodline.

Because this type of Demon Beast is particularly smart.

"That's right, I just think you're not worthy," the Black Dog said, unabashed.

It was not afraid that Xu Nian might destroy its soul in a rage.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian also smiled.

Just as he had expected, the Black Dog was unwilling to submit to him.

"So, what about now?"

Xu Nian let out a cold laugh, and immediately, the aura of the Nine Dragons Supreme Body emanated from his body.

The Black Dog's complexion drastically changed, and its whole body trembled and cowered on the ground.

"What... what kind of physique is this?" The Black Dog said in a panic.

This terror stemmed from deep within its bloodline, a suppression of its bloodline.

It instinctively provoked fear.

Even without the binding of the Soul Mark, the Black Dog dared not act rashly in front of Xu Nian.

It couldn't even utilize a fraction of its combat power in Xu Nian's presence.

This was bloodline suppression within the Demon Beast World.

"Do you still think your Divine Beast Bloodline is noble now?" Xu Nian snorted coldly.

The Black Dog cowered on the ground, its eyes full of fear.

In the perception of their Demon Beasts,

Whoever's bloodline was nobler spoke of higher status.

Even if their strength was inadequate for the time being.

As long as their bloodline was potent and noble, their future strength was bound to be formidable.

Now, Xu Nian was displaying this power of bloodline.

He completely overwhelmed his Divine Beast Bloodline.

He dominated above his Divine Beast Bloodline.

At this moment, he had totally developed a sense of reverence for Xu Nian.

"Master!" Black Dog lowered his head and said.

Hearing this, Xu Nian then withdrew the aura of his Nine Dragon Supreme Bloodline.

His bloodline could suppress the Nine Great Ancestor Dragons, and the Dragon Clan was even the top of the Demon Realm.

If he could suppress the Dragon Clan, there was no way he couldn't suppress a Bai Ze Bloodline Demon Beast.

"Get up and tell me your true strength," Xu Nian said.

"Reporting to Master, my current strength is Four-star Marquis Level, but my combat power is definitely comparable to a Five-star Marquis Level human warrior," Black Dog answered truthfully.

Xu Nian nodded his head.

Two million Gold Coins for a Five-star Marquis Level fighter, it's a good deal.

Chen Wudi was stunned by the side.

That wasn't just a good deal, it was a huge profit!

If those people knew how powerful this Black Dog was, they would probably regret it to death.

"Who exactly is that monk? How did you end up in his hands?" Xu Nian asked curiously again.

However, Black Dog shook his head and said, "I don't know. I encountered that smelly monk along the way. I couldn't defeat him, and he forcibly extracted my Soul Mark. I ended up in his clutches. If I get the chance, I'll definitely bite him to death."

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's brow furrowed.

It seemed that the monk was indeed no ordinary individual.

Only in his twenties, yet he had strength surpassing Black Dog's.

Most importantly, forcibly extracting a Soul Mark—that was probably something even a Saint couldn't do, right?

"Alright, now that I am your master, you will follow me from now on. Without my permission, you are not allowed to act on your own. Just continue to pretend to be your Earthy Dog," Xu Nian instructed.

"Yes, Master!" Black Dog responded.

Xu Nian then looked around.

They had now officially entered the deep forest shrouded in mist.

Thick fog surrounded them everywhere.

Spiritual Sense could not be used to investigate.

Their range of power only reached about twenty meters.

Finding the path to Death Valley in such an environment was going to be incredibly difficult.

"Master, are you guys trying to go to Death Valley?"

At that moment, Black Dog asked.

"Eh, you know the way to Death Valley?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Yes, although Spiritual Sense and vision are obstructed in this foggy forest, smell isn't, and I can smell things from a hundred miles away. So I know the path to Death Valley," Black Dog responded.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian and Chen Wudi immediately became ecstatic.

They didn't expect such an unexpected gain.

Otherwise, they might have had to wander countless circles in this vast foggy forest to find Death Valley.

"Alright, you lead the way then," Xu Nian instructed.

Black Dog complied with a bark.

And began to lead the way for Xu Nian.

However, they hadn't walked far when Black Dog suddenly stopped.

"Eh? Black Dog, why did you stop?" Chen Wudi asked, puzzled.

However, Black Dog did not respond to Chen Wudi but turned to Xu Nian and said, "Master, there are people ahead, and it seems they are in battle."

Xu Nian also nodded his head.

His Gray Dragon Eye had also sensed the fluctuations of Spiritual Energy coming from ahead.

"Let's go and have a look!" Xu Nian said, nodding.

With that, the two men and the dog quietly headed towards the direction of the battle.

Chapter 304 Soul-Shaking

Xu Nian and his companions swiftly reached the center of the battle.

Through the Gray Dragon Eye, Xu Nian also saw the ongoing combat scene.

What he didn't expect was,

it was actually three young-looking men attacking a woman.

These three young men were essentially around the age of twenty-four or twenty-five, yet their strength was exceptionally strong.

Two of them were One-star Marquis Level warriors.

The remaining one had even reached the Two-star Marquis Level.

At such an age, to have achieved such cultivation,

this sufficiently illustrated,

not only were their talents extraordinary, but the background of their forces was also quite remarkable.

However, when Xu Nian looked at the woman, he was still startled.

The woman being attacked seemed to be just a year older than him but already possessed the strength of a Two-star Marquis Level.

An eighteen-year-old at the Two-star Marquis Level was the most heaven-defying talent Xu Nian had ever seen.

Of course, what truly distracted Xu Nian was not the woman's strength.

It was her appearance.

This woman was extremely beautiful and alluring, with a temperament unmatched in her cool elegance.

But precisely because of this, Xu Nian saw someone else's shadow on her,

Indeed, it was his own mother.

This discovery petrified Xu Nian in an instant.

Memories of the past surged from the depths of his heart.

Xu Nian's eyes reddened in an instant.

He had not seen his mother for over a year, and deep inside he greatly missed her.

Yet, he had never mentioned this longing to anyone.

Now, seeing this young woman, his emotions burst forth uncontrollably like a breached river.

Chen Wudi did not notice Xu Nian's emotional turmoil.

It was Black Dog, however, who gave Xu Nian a surprised glance,

not understanding why Xu Nian suddenly began to cry.

Xu Nian took a deep breath, suppressing the emotions in his heart, and continued to observe the situation ahead.

He did not immediately consider intervening.

After all, he had not yet ascertained who these people were and why three young men were attacking one woman.

Yet, the following conversation between the four persons profoundly shocked him.

"Clang!"

One of the youths, a Two-star Marquis Level Battle King, struck the young woman's abdomen with his sword, instantly sending her flying.

The woman's body slammed into a large tree, stopping only then, with a trickle of blood emerging from the corner of her mouth.

Her eyes coldly fixed on the three men before her.

"Xu Xin, I advise you to surrender. Although you are a rare genius in the Xu Family, you simply cannot defeat the three of us. In this Foggy Forest, you won't be able to escape even if you tried," the leading young man said with a cold laugh.

Xu Xin?

Xu Family?

Xu Nian was stunned; this woman belonged to the Xu Family?

And she resembled his mother so closely?

Could her identity possibly be?

Xu Nian's heart began to race wildly; he was unsure if his guess was correct.

Yet, he felt that this girl might indeed be his sister from the same mother, but a different father.

Xu Nian's mind started to panic.

If this woman truly was his sister,

he really didn't know how to face her.

Would she acknowledge him as her younger brother?

"Ye Tiannan, you lead people to ambuscade me - aren't you afraid that once the Xu Family learns of this, they will be thoroughly enraged?" the young woman spoke, her voice cold yet very pleasant.

In this Foggy Forest,

despite being a Marquis Level powerhouse.

But she was unable to fly.

For the entire range of the misty forest had been placed under a powerful prohibition.

Thus, her desire to escape was hardly feasible from the pursuit of these three.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian immediately understood the identities of these three.

One of the Four Great Families, Wu Emperor Mountain Family Ye.

The youth he had encountered at Heavenly Slash Gang was from Wu Emperor Mountain Family Ye.

"Annoyed? The Xu and Ye Families have been openly and covertly competing for a thousand years, and have long been at odds with each other. Besides, this is the misty forest. Even if we kill you here, who would know it was us? One of our orders was to assassinate you. Do you think the Ye Family would fear your Xu Family's retaliation after your death?" The youth named Ye Nantian coldly laughed in response.

Upon hearing these words, Xu Xin's eyebrows slightly furrowed.

It was clear she had not anticipated such a mission from the Ye Family.

"Haha, Xu Xin, you are doomed today. Honestly, you are so beautiful I am reluctant to kill you. But since the Family Head commands, I have no choice. Of course, if you would willingly serve us three, I might consider sparing you just this once." Ye Nantian said with a lecherous laugh.

His two companions also began to chuckle lewdly.

Xu Xin, the foremost beauty of the Xu Family.

Now only eighteen, she had already grown so strikingly.

Surely, she would be a beauty capable of captivating the Imperial Capital.

How could they not be tempted?

"In your dreams! I, Xu Xin, would rather die than let you touch a single hair on me." Xu Xin's voice was icy and resolute.

Her sword wailed continuously.

The last sword stroke was reserved for herself.

"Hmph, since you are so ungrateful, don't blame us then."

Ye Nantian coldly snorted, his eyes suddenly turning fierce.

He then swung his sword towards Xu Xin.

The other two youths also attacked from both sides, completely blocking Xu Xin's retreat.

Seeing the three swords slashing towards her, a cold light flashed in Xu Xin's eyes.

Her sword instantly transformed into dozens of sword shadows, confronting the attacks of the three men.

"Clang! Clang! Clang!"

The sound of clashing swords resonated incessantly.

Xu Xin's sword formed an impenetrable wall of blades, blocking the trio's attack a meter away.

However, the good times didn't last long. The man named Ye Nantian was clearly not an average fighter.

With one stab, a bright golden light erupted.

Breaking through Xu Xin's sword wall, he wounded her shoulder.

Xu Xin grimly endured the sharp pain and fiercely struck out with her palm.

The force of her palm sent the three men reeling back.

She also took advantage of the force to distance herself from the trio.

Her white shoulder was now stained with fresh blood, standing out starkly like a brilliant red flower.

"Truly you are a once in a hundred years genius from the Xu Family, managing to hold off the three of us for so long. I, Ye Nantian, genuinely admire you." Ye Nantian spoke admiringly.

However, Xu Xin's gaze remained cold as frost, showing utter disdain for Ye Nantian's compliment.

But the pain from her shoulder caused her eyebrows to furrow intermittently.

With a wound on her right shoulder, her swordsmanship was severely compromised.

This situation was extremely unfavorable for her.

"Haha, Xu Xin, it's over. You were no match for us even before, and now you certainly can't defeat us. Just wait for your death!" Ye Nantian laughed heartily.

He then signaled his companions with his eyes.

Following which, the three charged at Xu Xin from three different directions.

"Is it really going to come to this?"

Xu Xin watched the three men advancing to attack, but her eyes were filled with deep reluctance.

However, she quickly steeled herself again.

Her body surged with Spiritual Energy, ready to use all her strength for a desperate fight.

But just then, a cold shout came from the sky.

"If you dare to harm her further, I will annihilate the entire Ye Family!"

"Whoosh!"

Suddenly, a figure appeared in front of Xu Xin like a ghost.

Who could this be, if not Xu Nian?

Chapter 305: Ancestor Vein Power

Xu Nian's sudden appearance

instantly stunned Ye Nantian and his two companions.

It was only a brief moment of surprise,

and they did not withdraw their attacks.

They continued to swing their swords towards Xu Nian and Xu Xin.

Xu Xin was also startled.

She didn't expect a youth to appear at this moment,

and she did not recognize the youth in front of her.

This youth looked even younger than her; his cultivation couldn't be that high.

She didn't want to pull someone else into danger right before her death.

However, just as she was about to persuade the youth to leave,

the young man made his move.

A sharp sword appeared in his hand.

A formidable sword force suddenly erupted from him.

"Roar!"

Then the youth struck with his sword.

Two azure sword Qi dragons roared out in an instant, howling towards the three assailants.

"Sword force?"

The faces of the three changed instantly, and they immediately switched from attack to defense.

They swung their swords towards the Azure Dragon Sword Qi.

"Clang!"

Ye Nantian was pushed back by the impact of the sword Qi dragon.

The other two members of the Ye Family weren't as lucky; they were hit by the tail of the Azure Dragon Sword Qi.

Their clothes burst open, and they spat out blood as they were blown away.

Their bodies were covered with multiple sword wounds, their blood soaking their entire being.

Seeing this, Ye Nantian's brows instantly furrowed, and he glared at Xu Nian in front of him.

Xu Xin was also shocked.

This young man had forced back three Marquis Level cultivators with a single sword strike

and had severely injured two One-star Marquis Levels.

How could this be possible?

Moreover, the realm of swordsmanship he had used seemed very high.

If she wasn't mistaken, it was definitely the peak of the Second Level of Sword Force Realm.

She was known as the once-in-a-century genius of the Xu Family,

and she had just stepped into the Sword Force Realm not long ago.

Yet now a young man younger than herself

was able to exhibit a higher realm than her.

How could Xu Xin not feel amazed?

"Who are you? Why are you interfering in our affairs? Do you know who you are standing before?" Ye Nantian asked coldly after scrutinizing Xu Nian.

Xu Nian heard this and laughed.

That tone again.

This Ye Nantian's tone was exactly like that of Fang Ming.

It seems to be a common problem among the big families!

"It doesn't matter who I am. As for who you are, of course, I know, didn't I just say? If you dare hurt her even a bit, I will annihilate the Ye Family entirely," Xu Nian responded with a cold laugh.

"To annihilate the Ye Family entirely? Such arrogant words, just with you alone?" Ye Nantian laughed coldly.

Even the Imperial Capital Xu Family or the Imperial Family didn't have the confidence to completely destroy the Ye Family.

And now, a mere young man was claiming he could annihilate the Ye Family, an utterly arrogant and ignorant claim.

Xu Xin's frown also deepened slightly.

She previously thought this young man had extraordinary abilities.

But she hadn't expected him to be so arrogant.

The depth of the Ye Family wasn't something outsiders could easily comprehend.

Not to mention the Xu Family's resources,

even as a member of the Xu Family, she didn't know their full extent.

How could the Ye Family, which had contended with the Xu Family for a thousand years, be so simple?

"Young man, I think you're tired of living, daring to utter such words. I don't care who you are; this statement alone is enough to have you sentenced to death," Ye Nantian snorted coldly, his eyes also filled with disdain.

Although the young man had displayed an impressive level of swordsmanship just now, it was still not enough to instill fear in him.

Xu Nian smiled and said nothing.

He knew that no one would believe what he was saying.

At present, he indeed did not have the strength to overthrow the Ye Family, but that did not mean he couldn't in the future.

"Boy, now let me show you the true strength of our Ye Family," Ye Nantian snorted coldly.

Then a sword pattern-like mark appeared on his brow.

With the appearance of this mark,

the aura around Ye Nantian instantly became incredibly sharp.

At that moment, he seemed like a sharp sword, shooting straight into the sky.

Even the surrounding mist couldn't help but disperse a great deal.

The sharp sword in Ye Nantian's hand began to tremble violently.

The sharp aura from the sword blade made one's heart involuntarily tremble.

"Ah, what a peculiar power, to make the Sword Qi so sharp," Xu Nian couldn't help but admire.

At this moment, the Sword Qi emanating from Ye Nantian was several times more fierce than before.

Naturally, the power of his sword moves was also much stronger than before.

"This is the Ancestor Vein Power of the Ye Family, also known as the power of the sword. Once wielded, the enhancement to Swordsmanship is quite terrifying," Xu Xin said with a slight frown.

"Ancestor Vein Power again? Do all the Four Great Families have their own Ancestor Vein Power?" Xu Nian couldn't help but ask.

Xu Xin glanced at Xu Nian and nodded.

Xu Nian suddenly understood, then wanted to ask something else.

But he found that Ye Nantian was already attacking him.

He could only suppress the doubts in his heart.

"Die!"

Ye Nantian shouted loudly, and the sharp sword in his hand slashed through the air.

Like starlight pouring down, it headed straight for Xu Nian.

Xu Nian instantly deployed the Illusion Fascinate Trace, turning into an illusion to dodge the sword.

The Sword Qi poured down, tearing a long, deep ravine into the ground that was several meters long.

Upon seeing this, Xu Nian was also astonished.

It seemed Xu Xin was right; Ye Nantian, wielding the power of the sword, had an attack power clearly much greater than before.

This casually unleashed sword carried such tremendous power; he feared that wielding the Sword Dao would be even more terrifying.

"Where do you think you're going!"

Ye Nantian, in a loud roar, swung his sword again.

A tree wide enough for three men to encircle was instantly split in half.

A piece of Xu Nian's robe was also caught by the Sword Qi, turning directly into flying ash.

"Such powerful Sword Qi, it doesn't need any Sword Intent at all to wield such immense power. This Ancestor Vein Power of the Ye Family is indeed incredibly magical."

After dodging two more of Ye Nantian's Sword Qi attacks, Xu Nian had gained a substantial understanding of Ye Nantian's Sword Qi.

It had to be said that Ye Nantian's Sword Qi was indeed powerful.

Of course, he was not without recourse.

"Hmph, I want to see how you dodge this next move, Immortal Sword Feather!" Ye Nantian shouted loudly.

The sharp sword in his hand actually began to hover in the air.

It split into nine.

Each of the nine sharp swords emitted tremendously powerful Sword Qi.

Each stream of Sword Qi was enough to kill an ordinary Two-star Marquis Level.

Xu Nian's eyes became solemn upon seeing this scene.

Even he felt a strong threat from this one sword.

"Die!"

Ye Nantian shouted loudly.

Those nine sharp swords streaked toward Xu Nian like a rain of swords.

Xu Xin, standing in the distance, suddenly gripped her sword handle tighter, seemingly ready to step in at any moment.

However, at that moment, several purple vines suddenly burst from the ground beneath Xu Nian's feet.

These vines quickly formed an impenetrable wall.

The sharp swords formed from Sword Qi struck the vine wall but failed to penetrate the vines.

In the end, they all shattered completely.

"What?"

Ye Nantian was shocked, not expecting Xu Nian to have this trick up his sleeve.

Xu Nian, however, hooked the corner of his mouth in a slight smile.

Suddenly a vine shot out from beneath Ye Nantian's feet, wrapping him up completely like a rice dumpling.

Chapter 306: Devouring the Ancestor Vein

The sudden turn of events startled everyone present.

Especially Ye Nantian, he struggled desperately, trying to break free from the restraints of the Purple King Vine.

However, the more he struggled, the tighter the Purple King Vine bound him.

Moreover, the juice secreted from the Purple King Vine had a potent paralyzing effect.

Gradually, Ye Nantian felt as if his body had lost all sensation.

Although the Purple King Vine was only at the One-star Marquis Level, its strength was not inferior to that of a Three-star Marquis Level because it was a plant-based Demon Beast.

Ye Nantian's sword force was formidable, but he still couldn't break through the tendrils of the Purple King Vine.

So, in the end, it was he who was defeated.

Xu Xin, watching this scene from the side, slightly relaxed her grip on the sword handle.

However, a trace of surprise still flashed in her eyes.

The youth before her possessed combat power comparable to an ordinary Two-star Marquis Level.

To have such a plant-based Demon Beast for protection as well?

His identity and background must be extraordinarily complicated.

"Be careful!"

Just at that moment, the two Ye Family youths previously severely injured by Xu Nian had somehow gotten up.

They had stealthily maneuvered behind Xu Nian and quietly launched an attack.

Xu Xin quickly spoke out to warn him.

However, Xu Nian seemed oblivious to the two Ye Family youths behind him, completely unconcerned.

The faces of the two Ye Family youths instantly displayed smug smiles, thinking Xu Nian hadn't noticed their sneak attack.

But their smiles quickly froze.

For they saw a black shadow leap out from the shadows.

It reached them in the blink of an eye.

Then, a sharp claw flashed before their eyes, and their heads were viciously cleaved into pieces.

The two Ye Family scions hadn't even gotten close to Xu Nian before they fell to the ground, dead.

Xu Xin stood dumbfounded.

Looking at the Black Dog that had smoothly landed,

her eyes were filled with terror.

A Four-star Peak Marquis Level Demon Beast?

The hopes that Ye Nantian harbored dissipated instantly, and a deep sense of despair washed over him.

Xu Nian smiled as he looked toward Ye Nantian, slowly making his way over.

"Who exactly are you?" Ye Nantian asked with a grave expression.

A youth of merely Battle General Level wielding the power of a Two-star Marquis Level.

In possession of a Marquis Level plant-based Demon Beast and a Four-star Marquis Level Demon Beast Spirit Pet.

To claim that this youth had no vast force backing him, even if it killed him, he wouldn't believe it.

Xu Xin's face was full of curiosity, evidently puzzled about Xu Nian's identity as well.

Xu Nian had already approached Ye Nantian and said with a smile, "Who I am is not something you need to worry about. All you need to know is that you've offended someone you shouldn't have, and your fate is... death!"

Xu Nian smiled faintly, the Black God Spear in hand.

"Ptui!"

Ye Nantian's heart was pierced through.

His pupils dilated instantly, staring deathly at Xu Nian, as blood began to spurt from his mouth.

Yet, Xu Nian did not stop.

Instead, he brought his fingers together to form a sword, piercing through Ye Nantian's brow.

Indeed, Xu Nian was very interested in the Ancestor Vein Power of Ye Nantian.

He wanted to see if his Dan Sea Species Green Lotus could absorb Ye Nantian's Ancestor Vein Power.

As Xu Nian's finger pierced in, he immediately felt a terrifying sword force surge through his finger into his body.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and immediately activated the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus to begin absorbing this sword force.

"Eh, it actually worked. I can absorb it indeed."

Xu Nian offered a faint smile as the sword energy was successfully absorbed into his Dantian.

However, this thread of sword energy seemed not to merge with the spiritual energy within the Dantian.

Instead, it formed a sharp sword above the Dan Sea.

This sword exuded a terrifying and sharp aura.

"How interesting!"

Xu Nian smiled slightly and immediately accelerated the operation of the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus.

He began to voraciously devour Ye Nantian's sword energy.

At this moment, Ye Nantian had not died; he felt his own Ancestor Vein Power being frantically sucked out by Xu Nian.

His eyes revealed an exceedingly shocked expression.

"You... you are a demon!" Ye Nantian used his last ounces of strength to utter these words.

Then he was completely breathless.

The absorbing of sword energy by Xu Nian was also nearly finished, so he withdrew his hand once more.

He discovered that the sharp sword made of sword energy within his Dantian had become much more solid.

And whenever he wished, a thread of sword energy would disperse from upon the sword into his spiritual energy.

This meant essentially that Xu Nian also possessed sword energy.

"How interesting, this Green Lotus Technique of the Dan Sea Species really is miraculous. This sword must represent the origin of Ye Nantian's Ancestor Vein Power—meaning Ye Nantian's Ancestor Vein Power has fully transferred to me," Xu Nian's face revealed a smile.

Of course, Ye Nantian's Ancestor Vein Power didn't seem to be very concentrated.

Otherwise, the power of this sword energy would be even greater.

Xu Xin at his side was completely stupefied.

Absorbing Ancestor Vein Power?

What kind of method was this?

She found the youth in front of her to be increasingly mysterious.

With her broad knowledge, she was still unable to discern which power he came from.

"Are you from overseas?" Xu Xin thought of a possibility.

That is, he came from the illusory and unreachable mountains overseas.

At the borders of the Tianhen Continent, there's an enigmatic and boundless ocean.

Legend has it that within this ocean, there are some mystical mountains that are home to some colossal powers.

The people there are extremely powerful, and even the Imperial Family cannot contend with them.

Legend has it that Emperor Tianhen once received an Immortal from overseas with utmost respect.

Hence, Xu Xin's first guess was that Xu Nian came from the secretive powers of the overseas Immortal mountains.

"Overseas Immortal mountains?" Xu Nian was surprised for a moment.

He then began to laugh; he had also heard of the legends about the overseas Immortal mountains.

However, for him, these were just legends, yet he had not expected Xu Xin to actually consider him someone from the Immortal mountains overseas.

"If that's what you want to believe, then so be it!" Xu Nian did not want to reveal his identity.

Because he still couldn't be sure if the girl before him was truly his sister.

If she was, he also didn't know how to face her.

If she wasn't, then his Xu Family's identity could easily bring about unnecessary trouble.

Besides, he was currently in disguise, so it was natural that Xu Xin wouldn't be able to recognize him.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's ambiguous response, Xu Xin grew even more convinced that Xu Nian came from some mysterious power.

"You should take care of the wound on your shoulder first!" Xu Nian pointed at the sword cut on Xu Xin's shoulder and spoke.

Xu Xin nodded upon hearing this.

She directly sat down cross-legged and began the process of healing through cultivation.

Xu Nian moved about twenty meters away from Xu Xin and sat down cross-legged.

He knew Xu Xin was still somewhat wary of him.

Thus, maintaining distance would bring her a good sense of security.

Xu Nian watched Xu Xin's serene face quietly but felt that she increasingly resembled the appearance of his mother when she was young.

Especially those eyes, equally clear and moving.

Chapter 307: Xu Xin's Anger

When Xu Xin woke from her healing sleep,

she found Xu Nian staring at her, lost in thought.

However, there was none of the usual admiration in his eyes that other men showed; instead, it was tinged with a bit of sadness and excitement.

This glance shook Xu Xin.

She had no idea why this young man was looking at her with such a strange expression.

It was as if she were a long-lost relative of his.

Xu Xin slowly got to her feet.

Her movement naturally caught Xu Nian's attention.

"You're awake? How are your injuries?" Xu Nian asked with concern.

"They're no longer a problem, thank you. I don't know your name yet," Xu Xin said.

"My name is... Lin Long, your name is Xu Xin, right? Oh, let me introduce you, this is my brother... Zhang Di." Xu Nian pointed to Chen Wudi, who was sitting not far away on a tree.

Xu Xin turned to look at Chen Wudi.

Chen Wudi gave a slight smile, as a greeting.

However, he was a bit puzzled inside.

Xu Nian's behavior today was quite strange.

Not only had he hidden his own name, but he had also changed his brother's name.

Although he didn't know the specific reason, he could guess a fair part of it.

Xu Xin wasn't too interested in Chen Wudi.

She glanced at him and then turned her attention away.

She turned to Xu Nian and asked, "Did you guys enter the Misty Forest to head to Death Valley too?"

"Yeah, I suppose everyone here is for that reason. If you trust us, why not come with us? We have Black Wind with us; it can help us find Death Valley," Xu Nian said, pointing to Black Wind who was sitting by his side and looked no different from a normal black dog.

Black Wind was the real name of the black dog.

Xu Xin glanced at the black dog.

Although its disguise was convincing,

she had already witnessed the black dog's prowess just a while ago.

She couldn't possibly treat it as just an ordinary black dog.

She was certain that this was no ordinary Four-star Demon Beast.

She just didn't understand why such a powerful beast would willingly disguise itself as an ordinary black dog.

"Alright, then I'll be in your care," Xu Xin decided after a thought.

Hearing her response, joy instantly appeared on Xu Nian's face.

Then, the three of them and the dog continued their journey deeper into the Misty Forest.

Along the way, Xu Nian also intentionally and unintentionally probed Xu Xin.

Although he didn't get a definitive answer, he was quite certain.

Xu Xin was his half-sister born of the same mother.

This discovery made Xu Nian restless.

He didn't know whether he should confess his identity to Xu Xin.

But after some deliberation, Xu Nian still held back.

However, through conversation,

Xu Nian also realized that Xu Xin's life in the Xu Family wasn't easy.

All these years, she had been alone.

Although she was a rare talent that the Xu Family had not seen in a century,

her unique status also led to the Xu Family Disciples deliberately distancing themselves from her.

Xu Nian didn't need to think further to know,

how difficult the years had been for Xu Xin in the Xu Family.

This realization filled Xu Nian's heart with pity.

Xu Xin had not developed any suspicions regarding Xu Nian's identity.

However, the next event did make Xu Nian both laugh and cry.

As they advanced, they unexpectedly encountered the three individuals from Tianjian Sect who had previously asked them for directions.

The Tianjian Sect trio was very angry, as they had wandered around the Misty Forest for a long time.

They hadn't seen Xu Nian and his group,

and furthermore, they had lost their way in the Misty Forest.

They were just bottling up their anger.

At that moment, they encountered Xu Nian and his group. One could easily guess what would happen next.

"Kid, you told us that Xu Nian entered this foggy forest, now why can't we see a single trace of him?" the Brother Horse Face youth glared at Chen Wudi as he questioned.

His tone was full of anger.

The other two Tianjian Sect disciples also looked at Chen Wudi with unfriendly expressions.

It was clear that they had begun to suspect that these two youngsters in front of them had played them.

Chen Wudi and Xu Nian exchanged a smile.

How could they possibly find Xu Nian.

The Xu Nian they were searching for was clearly standing right in front of them, it's just that they didn't recognize him.

However, Xu Xin, who was nearby, slightly knitted her brows upon hearing this.

The mention of Xu Nian clearly struck a nerve.

Xu Nian noticed her expression.

This gave Xu Nian a jolt in his heart, indicating that Xu Xin knew about the relationship between him and her.

"This foggy forest is so vast, can you blame us if you can't find him? I personally saw Xu Nian walking into the foggy forest. Brother Horse Face, if you don't believe me, there's nothing I can do!" Chen Wudi said helplessly.

"It's Ma Si, not Brother Horse Face!" the Brother Horse Face youth immediately said angrily.

"Okay, Brother Ma Shi." Chen Wudi quickly responded.

The Brother Horse Face youth exploded in rage instantly, feeling as if his lungs were about to burst.

This guy in front of him was clearly doing it on purpose.

Chen Wudi then stepped back, hiding behind Xu Nian.

Xu Nian sighed in exasperation, ready to intervene at any moment.

However, at that moment.

A chilly voice came from behind him.

"What do you want with Xu Nian?"

The speaker was none other than Xu Xin, her voice carrying a chill.

The three Tianjian Sect disciples were all stunned.

They had just realized there was such a beautiful woman beside them.

Especially the Body King, who was immediately attracted by Xu Xin's beauty and demeanor, his eyes lighting up.

Xu Nian was also taken aback, not expecting Xu Xin to speak up at this time.

"I am Wang Hu, a core disciple of the Tianjian Sect. May I ask who you are, miss?" the Body King asked with a smile as he quickly approached.

However, Xu Xin was indifferent to Wang Hu's words and coldly asked again, "I asked you, what do you want with Xu Nian?"

Wang Hu was taken aback, not expecting this woman to be so difficult to talk to.

But the more she acted like this, the more he felt the urge to conquer her.

"It's like this. Xu Nian killed three of our core disciples from the Tianjian Sect, and we naturally want to bring him to justice. Whoever dares to kill a Tianjian Sect disciple must die," Wang Hu declared.

His tone was filled with dominance and arrogance.

The two Battle Generals behind him also put on an arrogant demeanor.

However, they failed to notice that Xu Xin's eyes had completely turned icy.

"Since you're here to kill Xu Nian, then you all can go die!" Xu Xin coldly shouted.

A sword appeared in her hand, slashing directly towards Wang Hu.

Wang Hu and the others' faces changed.

They had intended to showcase the might of the Tianjian Sect.

But they hadn't expected that this young girl would get so angry over it.

She actually wanted to kill them.

And the Sword Qi she emitted was incredibly fierce.

Wang Hu immediately brought out his Heavy Sword to fend off Xu Xin's sword.

"Clang!"

The force exploded.

Wang Hu staggered backward several steps before stabilizing his stance, staring at Xu Xin in surprise.

Xu Xin also stepped back several steps, holding her right shoulder.

Clearly, her injury had not yet healed and she could not exert her true combat strength.

But her eyes were exceptionally resolute.

This scene profoundly shook Xu Nian's mind.

Was Xu Xin fighting for him?

Chapter 308: Excitement that Needs to be Vent Out

Xu Nian really hadn't expected Xu Xin to react so strongly.

Even less had he expected that Xu Xin would actually come to blows with three strangers from the Tianjian Sect over just a name.

At this moment, Xu Nian truly felt moved, his eyes welling up with tears.

He felt Xu Xin's affection for her never-before met brother, far from any rejection but rather a special cherish.

All his previous concerns were swept away in an instant.

All the contempt and humiliation he had suffered over the years seemed insignificant at this moment.

And, in a flash, the name Xu Xin became something he'd protect for the rest of his life.

Chen Wudi, standing by, watched this scene in silence.

But he, too, felt a silent joy for Xu Nian.

"Sister Apprentice, it seems we have not offended you, so why would you attempt to kill us?" Wang Hu asked Xu Xin with a grave expression.

He had also noticed that Xu Xin's realm was above his.

For someone so young to have reached such a high realm, it wasn't just a matter of talent.

It suggested that the woman before him came from some major power.

From any standpoint, Wang Hu did not want to clash with a beautiful woman from a major power.

The other two Nine-star War Generals also looked at Xu Xin with solemn expressions, clearly intimidated by the strength she had displayed.

"You haven't offended me, but you've tried to kill someone who should not be killed, so you must die," Xu Xin's wrist twisted, and her sword trembled with a ringing sound, preparing to attack again.

Wang Hu's brows instantly furrowed.

He knew who the person she referred to as one who should not be killed was.

But what he couldn't figure out was the relationship between this Xu Nian and the woman before him.

"Sister Apprentice, although I do not know your relationship with Xu Nian, why can't we kill him if he has slain a disciple of our sect? If you insist on protecting him, I'm afraid I will have to offend you," Wang Hu huffed coldly.

As he spoke, the aura of a Peak of One-star Body King burst forth from him.

His gigantic sword swung, generating the roaring sound of thunder.

Xu Xin's face was ice-cold, her eyes unshaken as she prepared to take action.

"Let me do it! You are injured on the shoulder and not fit for battle."

However, just at that moment, Xu Xin felt someone tugging at her arm.

She turned reflexively, only to find that Xu Nian had somehow moved behind her.

"It's none of your business. Although the Tianjian Sect is not a major power, offending them will bring you unnecessary trouble..."

Xu Xin started to refuse.

But before she could finish, she found herself ensnared by the Purple King Vine.

She was pulled back and away by a forceful tug.

Xu Xin looked at Xu Nian in surprise.

She hadn't expected the young man to use the Purple King Vine on her.

Yet she also knew the young man meant no harm; he simply wanted to stop her from fighting.

But what she didn't understand was why this young man would go so far to help her.

Naturally, this scene took the members of the Tianjian Sect by surprise.

Especially when Wang Hu and others saw the Purple King Vine, their brows furrowed deeply.

They hadn't expected this seemingly ordinary young man to have such a powerful Spiritual Pet.

"What skill is it for three grown men to gang up on one woman? If you want to fight, I'll fight with you," said Xu Nian as he looked at Wang Hu and the others with a smile, his eyes filled with intense fighting spirit.

He felt an indescribable excitement in his heart at this moment.

Xu Xin's actions had given him a taste of the familial affection he'd long missed, and now he was ready to fight with all his might for that long-lost bond.

Wang Hu and his companions didn't reply to Xu Nian's words, clearly somewhat wary of Xu Nian's Purple King Vine.

"Haha, don't worry, I won't use the Purple King Vine. If you can defeat me, I'll immediately tell you the whereabouts of that Xu Nian." Xu Nian laughed heartily.

His tone was wildly arrogant, supremely domineering.

After speaking, an eight-star Battle General Level aura burst forth.

Wang Hu and the others, sensing the aura radiating from Xu Nian, immediately showed a hint of disdain.

An eight-star Battle General daring to be so arrogant?

Without using that Purple King Vine, wasn't that just courting death?

"Brother Wang, there's no need for you to take action, let me deal with him," a peak Nine-star War General standing next to the horse-faced youth disdainfully said.

"Alright, be careful!" Wang Hu hesitated briefly before nodding.

"Brother, rest assured, he's just an eight-star Battle General, dealing with him will be a piece of cake," the Nine-star War General bragged.

After finishing, he looked at Xu Nian with a cold sneer and in an extremely contemptuous tone said, "Kid, if you used that Purple King Vine, we might actually fear you. But without the Purple King Vine, do you still think you can beat us?"

"Let's try and see," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Since you're intent on seeking death, then I shall fulfill your wish." Scoffing, the Nine-star Battle General then unleashed his full Nine-star War General Peak aura.

Transforming into a streak of light, he launched a furious attack towards Xu Nian.

Watching from a distance, Chen Wudi shook his head helplessly: "Another one dead from ignorance."

Xu Xin at his side showed not the slightest concern.

After all, she had seen Xu Nian's swordsmanship, knowing his Sword Skill Realm was high.

Dealing with a Nine-star War General Peak should be no problem.

What she didn't expect, however,

was that Xu Nian didn't draw his sword, but instead chose to fight the Nine-star War General with bare fists.

This caused Xu Xin to frown slightly.

Not understanding why Xu Nian was being so unwise.

Abandoning the powerful swordsmanship,

Choosing to clash head-on with brute force instead.

But in the next moment, she was stunned.

"Prepare to die!"

Seeing Xu Nian intending to clash fists with him, the Nine-star Battle General sneered.

His fist gleamed with the rising light of Spiritual Energy, ready to completely cripple the arrogant young man before him.

Xu Nian, however, continued to chuckle, as Divine Demon Gang Qi poured into his arm.

He threw a direct punch.

"Bang!"

A loud crash echoed.

A scream followed immediately.

The entire arm of the Nine-star War General Peak powerhouse was completely twisted.

Bits of white bone protruded through his shoulder, draped in fresh blood.

"What?"

The horse-faced youth exclaimed in shock from afar.

His companion's bones were actually shattered by a punch.

How terrifying was the power behind that punch?

Wang Hu's own pupils shrank, his gaze turning sharp.

Gang Qi?

Was this young man in front of him dual cultivating Spirit and Body?

Standing to one side, Xu Xin was also stunned.

She never expected Xu Nian to also be an eight-star Body General Cultivator,

And to break the bones of a Nine-star War General with a single punch.

Chen Wudi leaned against a tree, idly chewing on a blade of grass, his lips curling into a faint smile.

Such fellows failed to surprise him.

Because he had already been surprised enough in the past!

Seeing everyone's astonished expressions brought him particular delight.

Chapter 309: Furious Battle Intent

"Ah..."

The peak Nine-star War General youth screamed continuously as he clutched his arm.

Looking at the bone protruding from his shoulder,

his heart was flooded with indescribable fear.

That instant when their fists collided,

he had felt an immovable force pouring from his own fist.

It was an existence he could not contend with.

"You... how can your strength be so great? This is not the power of an Eight-star Body General," the Nine-star War General youth said in terror.

Even his voice trembled.

Xu Nian shook his head in disappointment.

This Nine-star War General was just too weak.

With only seventy percent of his strength, he had already been scared to this state.

If he had used his full strength, who knows if he would have been scared to the point of losing control of his bowels.

Obviously, the youth in front of him was not enough to vent the excitement in his heart.

Anger needed to be vented, and so did excitement.

At this moment, every cell in Xu Nian's body was in a state of excitement, urgently needing a battle.

His body craved combat, and not just any combat, but a powerful one.

"Bring out your strongest move, or you won't have a chance to live," Xu Nian said.

His eyes when he spoke

were like those of a king, looking down upon the world.

The Nine-star War General youth involuntarily swallowed his saliva.

The arrogance on his face was gone.

Faced with Xu Nian's domineering gaze, all he felt was fear.

"Ah... I'll fight you with all I've got!"

The peak Nine-star War General youth felt like he was going to break down, and with a roar, a sword appeared in his left hand.

The moment the sword was brandished, a huge glow burst forth from the blade.

"Hum!"

Then the youth swung the sword fiercely at Xu Nian.

Sword Radiance flickered, enveloping the entire blade.

The originally thin sword expanded five or six times in an instant, thrusting at Xu Nian with a piercing force.

"Now it's getting interesting, but still not quite there."

Xu Nian finally revealed a hint of a smile upon seeing this sword strike.

He then punched directly at the incoming blade.

"Crack!"

A sound of shattering echoed.

The Sword Radiance on the blade instantly exploded, and the sword was sent flying.

Xu Nian's fist, unstoppable, smashed into the chest of the Nine-star War General youth.

"Pugh!"

The Nine-star War General youth's eyes nearly popped as he spewed blood from his mouth and was sent flying straight back.

After smashing through three large trees, he landed heavily on the ground.

Wang Hu and the horse-faced youth stared wide-eyed in shock.

Xu Xin was also surprised, having not expected the youth's physical strength to be so formidable.

The Nine-star War General lay on the ground, never to get up again.

His internal organs had all been shattered; naturally, he had no chance of survival.

"Who's next, the two of you? Or shall you come at me together?" Xu Nian said with a smile, looking at Wang Hu and the other.

The horse-faced youth unconsciously took a step back.

Damn, his companion with similar strength was instantly killed.

If he went up, wouldn't he be just another morsel between the teeth?

Wang Hu's expression, meanwhile, became grim as he glared at Xu Nian, a surge of intense anger flooding his heart.

"If you're angry, then make your move," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Hmph, your strength is not bad, but it has not reached the level where you can be arrogant. Next, I will use your blood to pay homage to my disciple," Wang Hu took a step forward, proudly said.

"Haha, then let's fight. I hope you won't disappoint me," Xu Nian laughed heartily.

His eyes were filled with endless fighting spirit.

His blood was already boiling within him, eagerly anticipating a battle.

The stronger Wang Hu's strength, the more excited he would be.

"Seeking death!"

Wang Hu was furious, his presence roaring like a fierce tiger,

as he charged towards Xu Nian.

The fist swung out as if it were howling through the mountains, shaking everything around.

The fist of a Peak of One-star Body King.

Yet it was incredibly fierce and domineering.

Xu Xin's expression grew solemn as she watched this scene from a distance.

Although Xu Nian had defeated a Nine-star War General, a One-star Body King was not as easy to handle as that Nine-star War General had been.

If Xu Nian employed his swordsmanship, he might still have a chance of winning.

But using his fists, she felt that Xu Nian had almost no chance of victory.

However, as Xu Nian looked at the punch that was thundering towards him, there wasn't a hint of combat intent in his eyes.

Divine Demon Gang Qi surged violently, fiercely clashing with Wang Hu's punch.

"Boom!"

The two forces of Gang Qi collided with each other.

The terrifying sound of the explosion shook everything around.

The resulting gale swept through the surroundings.

Trees swayed and rustled, almost snapping in half.

Both Xu Nian and Wang Hu were forced to take three steps back.

Wang Hu was shocked, clearly not expecting Xu Nian to be able to take one of his punches.

The young man with a horse-like face was even more astounded.

An Eight-star Body General and a One-star Body King clashing head-on, yet the fight seemed even?

How was this possible?

If he hadn't witnessed it with his own eyes, even if he were beaten to death, he still wouldn't believe it.

Xu Xin was also surprised with a pretty face, never expecting Xu Nian's Body Cultivation to be so formidable.

"Haha, exhilarating, let's go again."

Xu Nian laughed heartily as the Divine Demon Gang Qi within him surged wildly.

His figure charged out once more.

His fist smashed towards Wang Hu like a giant boulder falling from the sky.

Wang Hu's eyes flashed with a fierce light, and the Gang Qi inside him surged like a river.

He met Xu Nian's attack with a formidable aura.

"Boom boom boom!"

The following clash between the two was like continuous thunderous explosions.

Fist to fist, knee to knee, each collision caused a powerful roar and energy storm.

The horse-faced youth watched, dumbfounded.

Someone was actually managing to stand toe-to-toe with Brother Wang Hu in a physical fight.

Their Brother Wang Hu was reputed to be the strongest Body Cultivator among the disciples of the Tianjian Sect, yet now he seemed evenly matched against a young Eight-star Body General.

With each passing moment of the fight, Wang Hu's shock and apprehension grew; the youth before him far exceeded his expectations.

And this guy seemed to grow stronger as the battle waged on, showing no signs of slackening.

Yet, his own Gang Qi was being depleted bit by bit with the fight.

If things kept going in this way, he might actually lose.

"Tiger Explosion Fist!"

A hint of ruthlessness flashed in Wang Hu's eyes as he directly deployed his powerful Gang Qi, casting a Heavenly Rank Gang Skill.

"Boom!"

Like a roaring tiger, Wang Hu's fist slammed into Xu Nian's chest in an instant.

Xu Nian's body was immediately sent flying backward, slamming into a large tree before coming to a stop.

"Haha, it seems Brother Wang Hu is indeed formidable," the horse-faced youth exhaled in relief and laughed.

A smile appeared on the corner of Wang Hu's mouth.

With that punch of his, even a regular Two-star Marquis Level powerhouse would have been seriously injured.

He didn't believe that this guy could take one of his punches and still be able to stand up again.

Xu Xin's brows furrowed instantly, and her eyes showed a look of concern.

But Chen Wudi said with a smile, "Don't worry, everyone might die, but not this guy."

Xu Xin was taken aback, not understanding what Chen Wudi meant by that.

However, just at that moment, a wildly violent aura shot up into the sky instantly.

The clouds around were dispersed in a flash.

"Haha, that feels great! Is this the power of the Body King Realm?"

At the same time, Xu Nian's voice rang out.

As everyone saw Xu Nian slowly stand up, his aura surged wildly, intimidating all directions.

"What? A One-star Body King, rising by two levels at once?"

At that moment, everyone.

They all widened their eyes, revealing extremely shocked expressions.

To breakthrough in the midst of a fight and rise by two levels?

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Promoted two levels?

The long-faced youth almost popped his eyes out.

And it included a major realm breakthrough, too!

He had seen breakthroughs during combat, but never had he seen anyone suddenly increase by two levels during a fight!

Wang Hu was equally astonished.

As a Body Cultivator himself, he knew just how difficult it was to make a breakthrough in the Body Cultivation Realm.

How could it be as simple as drinking water for this young man before him?

Xu Xin looked utterly surprised.

She stood there, motionless.

She couldn't figure it out!

Completely incomprehensible.

How could there be a breakthrough just like that?

And even if there was a breakthrough, an advancement by two levels at once didn't make any sense at all, did it?

Chen Wudi was the only one at the scene who didn't find this strange.

When it happened to others, it was a miracle.

When it happened to this guy, it was a common occurrence.

Therefore, he was the only one who remained calm on the scene.

Xu Nian felt the Divine Demon Gang Qi churning endlessly within him.

He felt a power in his body that he had never experienced before.

The power made him feel unspeakably exhilarated.

It was as if a huge mountain stood before him now, and he could blow it up with a single punch.

As for why there was a sudden breakthrough?

Of course, he was very clear about this.

Intense excitement had unearthed the latent power in his body.

It made every cell in his body incredibly active.

And in that final moment when Wang Hu struck him,

his physical strength finally erupted like a volcano that had been gathering momentum for a long time.

So the consecutive breakthroughs by two levels might seem miraculous to others,

but to him, it was something that naturally followed, like pushing a boat with the current.

"Haha, come at me again!"

Xu Nian looked at Wang Hu and laughed heartily.

Wang Hu's eyes darkened with an immense struggle on his face.

This young man, at the Eight-star Battle General Realm, had been able to fight with him to a draw.

Now that he had risen two levels, how could he fight him?

However, his eyes quickly hardened again.

He thought of a possibility, that this young man before him was deceiving him.

Perhaps from the beginning, he was a One-star Body King, deliberately creating the false impression of a breakthrough to instill fear in him.

Otherwise, how could an Eight-star Battle General possibly fight with him for so long.

And how could it be possible to promote two levels at once.

"Hmph, all tricks and illusions, let me reveal your true face," Wang Hu snorted coldly.

Then, he once again unleashed the Heavenly Rank Gang Skill, Tiger Explosion Fist!

"Go to hell! Tiger Burst Sky Gang!"

Wang Hu shouted loudly as his fist surged with even more ferocity than before.

One punch thundered out, like a giant tiger roaring through the forests, shaking heaven and earth.

However, as Xu Nian watched this lethal punch coming towards him, the corners of his mouth revealed a hint of a light smile.

"Too slow, too weak!"

Xu Nian sighed and then swiftly extended one hand, lightning-fast.

"Boom!"

A loud noise thundered.

Wang Hu's fist was actually blocked by Xu Nian's palm, raw and direct.

And Xu Nian's palm didn't budge at all.

The impact force on Wang Hu's fist had not caused him the slightest bit of harm.

"What?"

Wang Hu felt as if his fist in that instant had struck a mountain, completely unable to shake it by even a hair.

The long-faced youth, from afar, also widened his eyes and turned to stone.

Catching Brother Wang Hu's Heavenly Rank Gang Skill punch with a single hand?

What sort of strength was that?

Xu Xin also felt her heartbeat racing uncontrollably.

The Xu Nian who broke through to the Body King Realm seemed to have completely changed into a different person, utterly transformed!

Xu Nian's lips curved into a light smile as he looked at the shocked Wang Hu before him.

"Go!"

Xu Nian uttered a single word and then slapped his palm against Wang Hu's chest.

Wang Hu's body transformed into a straight line as he was sent flying backward.

"Bang Bang Bang!"

Wang Hu broke through ten large trees in succession before coming to a stop, having been blown back hundreds of meters.

The young man with a horse-like face twitched at the corner of his mouth upon witnessing this scene.

Is this guy even human?

Wang Hu also climbed up from the ground, a trickle of fresh blood spilling from the corner of his mouth.

"Ha ha, your palm strike seemed powerful, but it didn't do much harm. I think you're just putting on a show," laughed Wang Hu.

Despite being sent flying far away, he had not felt Xu Nian's palm strike inflict any significant damage on him.

On the contrary, it felt somewhat soft and cushioning.

Xu Nian smiled faintly at the corner of his mouth.

In that palm strike, he hadn't put much strength into it and had deliberately dispersed his power.

It was all to spare Wang Hu some pain and play with him a little longer.

He hadn't expected Wang Hu to take him for a soft target, strong on the outside but weak within.

"Show me your strongest move," Xu Nian said indifferently.

Wang Hu could no longer rouse his interest in battle.

Upon hearing this, Wang Hu's face was immediately awash with disdain.

"If you're courting death, then let me show you my true power."

Wang Hu gave a cold snort as a heavy sword appeared in his hand.

This was a heavy sword made entirely of meteorite iron.

It probably weighed around thirty thousand catties.

The heavy sword came crashing down, smashing a giant rock into powder.

"A heavy sword? I hope it doesn't disappoint me," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Arrogant! My sword weighs thirty thousand catties, and with a swing, it wields nearly five hundred thousand catties of force. Even if you're strong, you won't be able to block it. Prepare to die!" Wang Hu bellowed.

Then he leapt into the air, the heavy sword slicing fiercely towards Xu Nian from above.

"Eh, is that Brother Wang Hu's signature move, Heaven and Earth Creation?" The horse-faced young man exclaimed in surprise upon seeing the scene.

He knew well that many Two-star Battle Generals had been defeated by this very move of Brother Wang Hu.

He wondered if this young man before him could withstand it.

"Clang!"

To everyone's surprise,

Just as the heavy sword was about to hit Xu Nian's face,

Xu Nian once again extended a hand with lightning speed and blocked the massive sword.

"How... how is this... possible?"

Wang Hu's eyes bulged out, showing an extremely shocked expression.

He couldn't believe that this young man had just caught his strike with one hand.

The force of this blow was half a million catties!

The horse-faced young man stood frozen in the distance.

Nima?

Is this even a human?

This is a humanoid fierce beast!

Xu Xin's beautiful eyes trembled, unable to express her feelings with words.

Xu Nian looked at Wang Hu's surprised expression and his lips curved up into a light smile.

"You just said my attack lacked strength, right? Then try this punch!"

Xu Nian chuckled and instantly launched a lightning-fast punch.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's fist smashed into Wang Hu's chest.

Wang Hu's back bulged out instantly, and his expression twisted in a flash.

Eyes bulging, face filled with horror.

A surge of unimaginable pain instantly overwhelmed his brain.

It was as if two of his three souls and six of his seven spirits had been knocked out in an instant.

Xu Nian, however, paid no further attention to Wang Hu and simply turned around and left.

Wang Hu's body didn't get thrown back; instead, he staggeringly took a couple of steps.

A mocking smile appeared at the corner of his mouth, as if he wanted to say something.

"Bang!"

However, before he could speak,

His entire body exploded into a rain of blood.

"Thud!"

The horse-faced young man immediately fell to his knees.

Staring at the blood rain, his face went numb with shock!