

Divine King 311

Chapter 311 Sudden Incident

Wang Hu couldn't understand it till his dying breath.

Why was there such a huge gap in strength between two One-star Body Kings?

Perhaps the only way to get an answer was to wait and ask King Yan below.

After killing Wang Hu, Xu Nian turned his head toward the youth with the horse face.

The youth with the horse face immediately shivered, nearly scared half to death.

"Hand him over to me!" Chen Wudi chuckled.

Hearing this, Xu Nian immediately revealed a smile.

He knew Chen Wudi was up to his playful antics again.

With a wave of his hand, he let Chen Wudi do whatever he wanted.

Although Chen Wudi's cultivation might not match that of the horse-faced youth,

he believed that as long as he watched from the sidelines,

the horse-faced youth wouldn't dare entertain any thoughts of resistance.

"Yo, Brother Horse Face, why are you kneeling on the ground? Come on, get up!" Chen Wudi walked up to Brother Horse Face and said.

"No, I think I'll keep kneeling!" the horse-faced youth glanced at Xu Nian not far away and said.

"Ah, Brother Horse Face, don't be like that. Although we are not from the same sect, we are somewhat like brothers, right? Was someone too violent and scared you? Don't worry, as long as you're well-behaved, I promise I won't let him kill you," Chen Wudi said in a tone as if coaxing a child.

"Really?" Surprise instantly surfaced on the horse-faced youth's face.

"Of course, it's true! But I seem to recall you said that the next time you saw me, you were going to kill me, right?" Chen Wudi asked in a thoughtful manner.

"I never said that, and even if I did, that was just me talking nonsense!" the horse-faced youth said, while frantically slapping himself in the face several times, then looking at Chen Wudi with a well-behaved expression.

He was genuinely afraid of angering Chen Wudi, and then having Xu Nian come over and tear him apart.

"So, should I call you Brother Horse Face or Brother Horse Shit?" Chen Wudi asked with a mischievous grin.

"Whatever you prefer to call me, Sir, be it Horse Face or Horse Shit. As long as you are happy," the horse-faced youth hurriedly said.

Seeing this, Chen Wudi couldn't help but laugh playfully.

He kicked the horse-faced youth's face, cursing, "What a masochist!"

The horse-faced youth was kicked to the ground but didn't show any anger,

still maintaining a beaming smile.

Xu Nian, watching from a distance, shook his head and lost interest.

It seemed like the horse-faced youth genuinely didn't dare to fight back.

As long as Chen Wudi didn't go too far, there wouldn't be any trouble.

Xu Nian walked over to Xu Xin.

At this moment, Xu Nian had fully confirmed that Xu Xin was indeed his own sister.

His emotions were a mix of excitement and nervousness,

yet he didn't know how to reveal the truth to Xu Xin.

However, before Xu Nian could even speak, Xu Xin took the initiative, "Your cultivation has broken through to Two-star consecutively, won't there be any side effects?"

"There won't be; it was a natural breakthrough, so there won't be any harm," Xu Nian hastily replied.

"I really want to thank you today!" Xu Xin replied, relieved at his words.

Xu Nian scratched his head with a smile, revealing a simple and honest grin.

Xu Xin smiled faintly, a particularly dazzling one.

Seeing Xu Xin's smile, Xu Nian's mood also uplifted significantly.

"By the way, you mentioned earlier that you knew Xu Nian's whereabouts, could you tell me?" Xu Xin suddenly asked.

Xu Nian was startled.

He hadn't expected Xu Xin to ask such a question,

and for a moment, he was at a loss for words.

Seeing Xu Nian's hesitation, however, Xu Xin became tense.

"What's wrong? Is that Xu Nian in some kind of trouble?" Xu Xin asked anxiously.

"No, not at all, that Xu Nian is doing very well, and he's very safe," Xu Nian quickly said.

Xu Xin, hearing this, relaxed once again.

Xu Nian, witnessing this, felt warmth in his heart.

"Actually, I..."

But just as Xu Nian was about to come clean to Xu Xin, a terrifying roar sounded from afar,

which made both Xu Nian and Xu Xin immediately go on alert.

Just as the black dog, lying on the ground, heard the roar of the beast, it instantly stood up.

"What's going on?"

Xu Nian looked towards the black dog and asked.

"It's the Immortal Demon Ape, someone must have disturbed it. Judging by the roar, it should be a Marquis Level Peak Immortal Demon Ape," the black dog replied.

Xu Nian and Xu Xin's expressions both changed.

A Marquis Level Peak Immortal Demon Ape?

Who could be so bold.

To actually have disturbed it?

Chen Wudi had already arrived by Xu Nian's side, with the young man with Horse Face trailing behind him.

Just moments ago, Horse Face Brother had sworn an oath to the Heavenly Dao.

He had fully accepted Chen Wudi as his master.

So, now it was impossible for Horse Face Brother to have even a hint of rebellious thoughts against Chen Wudi.

As for Xu Nian, he was even less likely to harbor any ill-intent.

Xu Nian didn't bother with Horse Face Brother.

His attention was fully focused on that Marquis Level Peak Demon Ape.

This terrifying creature's sudden disturbance was bound to attract many people's attention.

"Not good, that Demon Ape is charging towards us."

At that moment, Xu Nian and the black dog shouted in alarm simultaneously.

Chen Wudi and Xu Xin, among others, all wore changed expressions.

"You guys go into the Star Tower first!"

Xu Nian instructed Chen Wudi and the others.

Chen Wudi also nodded in agreement.

After saying this, he waved his sleeve and carried Horse Face Brother and Xu Xin into the Star Tower.

Xu Nian, along with Big Black Dog, leapt onto the branches of a nearby tree and watched vigilantly in the direction of the noise.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The ground shook, and the frequency and amplitude of the tremors kept on increasing.

Xu Nian knew that this was the Immortal Demon Ape drawing closer and closer to them.

"Boom!"

Finally, trees in front were knocked down.

A gigantic ape, nearly a hundred meters tall, came into their view.

The giant ape's fur was pitch black, its body covered with hair sharp as steel needles.

Its eyes cast a golden glow.

It was in a complete rage, rampaging through the forest.

However, Xu Nian's attention wasn't on the enraged Immortal Demon Ape.

It was on the shoulder of the ape.

There, sat a young man.

With a faint smile at the corner of his mouth, his palm was emitting a strange glow pressed against the neck of the Immortal Demon Ape.

It seemed that it was exactly this eerie glow that was causing the Demon Ape to be so violent.

Noticing the presence of Xu Nian and the black dog,

The young man turned his head towards Xu Nian and revealed a light, teasing smile.

Then the Immortal Demon Ape let out a roar and swung its massive paw ferociously towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was taken aback, then immediately turned into an afterimage, darting backwards.

The ape's palm moved incredibly fast.

Xu Nian narrowly missed the attack, by the barest of margins.

However, his body was still blown away by the strong wind generated by the swing of the giant paw.

Xu Nian's body smashed heavily into the ground, creating a deep crater upon impact.

"So powerful!" internally exclaimed Xu Nian.

Just the gale stirred up flung him away; the strength of this Immortal Demon Ape was truly terrifying.

Yet before Xu Nian could catch his breath,

He saw a massive foot stomping down fiercely towards him.

Chapter 312 Xu Family Prodigy

The giant foot stomped down viciously towards Xu Nian.

At this stomp, it was enough to turn Xu Nian into a pile of flesh and blood.

A surge of anger instantly welled up in Xu Nian's eyes.

The Immortal Demon Ape had been controlled, and it was clear that the youth on the ape's shoulder was intentionally striking out at him.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian immediately stomped his foot onto the ground.

Creating a big pit in the ground, then, with the rebounding force, he instantly retreated backwards.

"Boom!"

A heaven-shattering boom resounded.

The ground was directly left with a massive footprint.

The terrifying blast of air sent Xu Nian flying.

"How powerful this Demon Beast is, the Immortal Demon Ape truly lives up to being a descendant of the Immortal Vajra Ape. Had it actually stepped on me, the consequences would be unthinkable." Xu Nian tumbled on the ground before rising again.

The Immortal Demon Ape didn't continue its attack but quieted down.

As for the youth on its shoulder, he looked at Xu Nian with a cold, mocking smile.

"Who are you? Why do you attack me?" Xu Nian asked, looking at the youth.

At this moment, Black Dog had already hidden in the shadows.

During the battle just now, Xu Nian had taken the opportunity to command the Purple King Vine to sneak underground.

If this young man in front of him was truly an enemy, Xu Nian would have to fight him with all he had.

"It's nothing. I just wanted to test how strong this Demon Beast that I've just tamed is, but I didn't expect that you could actually survive an attack from this demon ape," the youth said from a position of superiority.

A faint cold sneer with a touch of disdain hung on the corner of his mouth.

A wave of anger instantly surged within Xu Nian's heart.

Just because of a test, he thought to kill someone?

Wasn't this reason for killing far too arbitrary?

"Boy, since you've survived the attack from my new Battle Pet, it means you have a large life. I will spare you today," the youth said with a light laugh.

After speaking, he controlled the Immortal Demon Ape to turn and leave.

Continuing to head deeper into the foggy forest.

Anger brewed in Xu Nian's heart.

However, he did not plan to make a move.

Leaving aside whether or not he could defeat this Immortal Demon Ape, even if he could,

What about the youth?

Xu Nian had examined him a moment ago, and the result was unexpected.

He was actually unable to see through the young man's Cultivation.

However, the ability to subdue such a huge ape suggested that his strength was quite formidable.

As the giant ape gradually walked away, Xu Nian did not pursue.

Now was not the time for prideful contest.

"He is from the Beast Taming Sect."

Just then, Chen Wudi and Xu Xin came out from the Star Tower.

It was Xu Xin who spoke.

"The Beast Taming Sect?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

He had never heard of such a Sect on the mainland.

"The Beast Taming Sect is a powerful hidden Sect of the Tianhen Empire. Their disciples rarely venture out into the world, so few people know of their existence. The method that the youth used to control the Immortal Demon Ape is unique to the Beast Taming Sect," Xu Xin explained.

Xu Nian suddenly realized that there was such a mysterious force within the Tianhen Empire.

It seemed that the Tianhen Empire was more complex than he had imagined.

The Beast Taming technique of the Beast Taming Sect alone was quite extraordinary.

Perhaps that youth had other powerful Demon Beasts with him.

So not making a move just now was a wise choice.

Although he had broken through to the Body King Realm,

In this chaotic situation, his strength was not considered too high.

He still needed to be extremely cautious.

"Sister Xu Xin, shall we continue on our way?" Xu Nian looked at Xu Xin and asked.

When addressing her, he intentionally added the word "sister."

Xu Xin was slightly stunned, but she did not reject the title from Xu Nian.

He gave a slight nod, signaling his agreement.

Xu Nian, seeing this, revealed a smile on his face.

He thought for a moment and decided not to reveal his true identity to Xu Xin for now.

If Xu Xin knew his true identity and they encountered any danger, she definitely would not let him face it alone.

She would even stand in front of him.

Xu Nian did not wish Xu Xin to suffer any harm.

Then Xu Nian continued towards Death Valley with Chen Wudi and Xu Xin.

Although Chen Wudi had taken Xu Xin and Ma Si into the Star Tower earlier, he did so to keep Xu Nian's secret safe.

Chen Wudi had brought them into the first layer of the Star Tower.

Thus, Xu Xin did not meet Zhao Yanyun and the others, nor did she harbor any suspicion about Xu Nian's identity.

As for Ma Si, Chen Wudi left him inside the Star Tower.

Even though it was just the first layer, the concentration of spiritual energy was ten times that of the outside world.

Ma Si was very happy and willingly cultivated there, preparing to break through to the Marquis Level Battle King Realm.

Soon, Xu Nian and the other two reached the outer edge of Death Valley, led by Black Wind.

The fog gradually dissipated, revealing a vast valley.

The valley was deep and winding, with no clear indication of where it led.

There were huge footprints on the ground.

Clearly, they were left by the Immortal Demon Ape encountered earlier.

In addition, there were traces of battle.

Evidently, many people had already come to this place before them.

If Xu Nian's guess was correct,

The Four Great Families, the Imperial Family, and the Three Great Sects had all made it through the Misty Forest.

They had entered the valley.

"Let's be careful, everyone. Since this valley is known as Death Valley, it must be incredibly dangerous," Xu Nian said to Xu Xin and Chen Wudi.

Chen Wudi and Xu Xin both nodded, their expressions turning serious.

So the three of them set off into the valley.

However, they hadn't gone far

when Xu Nian saw three young men and an old man standing on the road ahead, not far away, watching them.

Among the three youths was one that Xu Nian recognized.

Indeed, it was Xu Fenn, whom he had encountered in the inn.

So Xu Nian didn't need to guess to know that these four were from the Xu Family.

Xu Nian couldn't help but size up

the other two youths and the elder.

To Xu Nian's surprise, the two youths were quite formidable.

One of them, around twenty-seven or twenty-eight years of age, was at the Three-star Body King Realm.

As for the other, who appeared to be only about twenty-five or twenty-six, he was actually at the peak of the Four-star Battle King.

This made Xu Nian sigh inwardly.

Children of the large families were indeed different.

There were so many young marquis-level powerhouses.

What caught Xu Nian's attention even more, though, was the old man.

The old man's cultivation seemed to have reached the Half-Saint Realm.

He was only a step away from the true Saint Realm.

"Is this the force sent out by the Xu Family this time? Perhaps the real powerhouses are still hiding in the shadow," Xu Nian mused to himself.

He believed that before the true Demon Emperor's Tomb came to light, these Saints would not show themselves easily.

While Xu Nian was observing them,

they were also scrutinizing Xu Nian and Chen Wudi.

However, they quickly lost interest in Xu Nian and Chen Wudi, turning all their attention to Xu Xin.

It was obvious they were waiting here for Xu Xin.

The old man did take a few more glances at Xu Nian,

but he did not see through anything.

After all, he was not a true Saint yet and had not opened the Mud Ball Palace.

When Xu Xin saw the four individuals, her brows also furrowed slightly.

She had not expected the Xu Family's four individuals to be waiting for her here.

Chapter 313 Nine Heavens Dragon Locking Pass

"Sister Xin, where did you go? Do you know we have been looking for you?"

The young man who spoke was none other than the Four Star Battle King, leading the group of three youths.

As for Xu Nian and Chen Wudi, they were completely ignored.

"I'm fine, I was just taking care of some personal matters," Xu Xin replied indifferently.

"Nonsense, did you go to find that Xu Nian? How many times have I told you, if we see him, we will surely bring him back. Why do you still act on your own? If you encounter any danger, how could I explain it to the Family Head?" The elder scolded.

He was one of the Xu Family's Elders, responsible for overseeing their travels.

And Xu Xin was one of the family's most prized and valued members.

If anything happened to Xu Xin, it would be an immense loss for the Xu Family.

"I'm sorry, Grandpa Tian!" Xu Xin responded.

However, there wasn't a trace of remorse in her eyes.

Xu Tian saw this scene and could only shake his head helplessly.

"Sister Xin, Grandpa Tian is also worried about your safety. Haven't we agreed? I will help you find Xu Nian, so you can rest assured," said the Four Star Battle King with a smile.

He reached out to touch Xu Xin's arm as he spoke.

Xu Xin instinctively stepped back, avoiding the young man's hand.

The young man gave an embarrassed smile and withdrew his arm.

He didn't get angry, apparently accustomed to such reactions.

"Sister Xin, did you find Xu Nian this time?" asked the Three-star Body King.

A faint smile hung on his face, but there was a sly glint deep in his eyes.

Clearly, his question was anything but well-intentioned.

However, Xu Xin did not notice.

She just shook her head slightly, a hint of disappointment flashing in her eyes.

Hearing her answer, the young man exchanged a meaningful glance with Xu Fenn

next to him.

Others didn't notice their nonverbal communication, but Xu Nian saw everything clearly.

Xu Nian sneered inwardly.

Xu Xin probably had no idea that Xu Fenn had already come looking for him, did she?

And Xu Fenn's visit surely involved this Three-star Body King.

As for whether the Four-star Battle King and the elder were part of it, Xu Nian couldn't tell yet.

"Sister Xin, who are these two?" asked the Three-star Body King, looking at Xu Nian and Chen Wudi with a touch of confusion and caution in his eyes.

The other three from the Xu Family also turned to look at Xu Nian and Chen Wudi, their gazes filled with curiosity.

"He is my savior, one is called Lin Long, the other, Zhang Di," Xu Xin introduced them to the Xu Family members.

"Zhang Di? An ordinary cultivator dares to have 'Di' in his name!" sneered the Three-star Body King disdainfully.

Xu Fenn chuckled coldly along with him, openly showing his contempt for Chen Wudi.

Chen Wudi felt a wave of anger.

But he was stopped by a look from Xu Nian.

Clearly, now was not the time to clash with them.

As for the Four-star Battle King, he paid little attention to the two of them and turned to ask Xu Xin, "Sister Xin, what's this about saving your life just now? Did you encounter danger earlier?"

"Yes, I was ambushed by Ye Nantian and his people before. Luckily, they saved me, otherwise, the consequences would have been unimaginable," Xu Xin replied.

"Ye Nantian? Is that guy looking for death?" Anger surged in the eyes of the Four-star Battle King.

The other three were also furious, not expecting Xu Xin to have had such an experience.

"Hmph, if I see Ye Nantian again, I guarantee he won't have a place to be buried," declared the Four Star Battle King fiercely.

"Right, daring to assassinate someone from our Xu Family is tantamount to suicide," the Three-star Body King added angrily.

"You won't get the chance. That Ye Nantian has already been killed by him," Chen Wudi couldn't help but interject.

He had been annoyed by their disregard for him and Xu Nian and saw this as an opportunity to strike back at them.

"What?"

As expected, once these words were spoken, everyone from the Xu Family glanced at Xu Nian, then turned their heads toward Xu Xin.

When they saw Xu Xin nod her head, surprise flashed across their faces.

How old was this youth?

He seemed even younger than Xu Xin, right?

Could he really have killed Ye Nantian?

Of course, killing Ye Nantian didn't necessarily mean that he was stronger than Ye Nantian.

Perhaps Xu Xin had already been severely injured in a fight with Ye Nantian, and this guy just happened to take advantage of the situation.

So, they were somewhat surprised but not overly shocked.

"Regardless, I still have to thank you for saving Sister Xin. My name is Xu Long, and if anyone dares to bully you, just mention my name," the Four-star Battle King said to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian gave a slight smile.

He could tell that Xu Long was an upfront person.

Although somewhat arrogant, his character was fundamentally decent.

Of course, he could also tell that Xu Long had some admiration for his sister, Xu Xin.

However, it seemed like his sister, Xu Xin, didn't have any interest in this guy.

Xu Nian had no intention of getting involved in Xu Xin's personal affairs.

Of course, if anyone dared to harm his sister or harbor malicious intentions,

he wouldn't mind showing them just how terrifying the wrath of Xu Nian could be.

"Alright, now that you are here, let's continue on our way. Ahead lies the Nine Heavens Dragon Locking Pass, a life-and-death juncture, and we must be careful," the Elder Tian said.

All eyes turned towards the interior of the valley.

Indeed, there were nine different paths ahead.

Each led deep inside, with no visible end.

It was as if nine giant dragons lay sprawling upon the ground.

"Nine Heavens Dragon Locking Pass? A nine-in-ten chance of death?" Xu Nian revealed a look of surprise.

He hadn't expected Death Valley to be this perilous.

Presumably, of the nine paths, only one led to the true destination.

The rest might lead to death or hell.

Powerful restrictions had been laid all around, making it impossible even for Saints to fly.

Therefore, these nine paths were the necessary routes leading deeper into Death Valley.

They had to choose one of these paths.

If they chose wrongly, it would be a catastrophe.

"Shall we take this one?" The Three-star Body King pointed at the far left of the nine paths.

The elder glanced at the path and then nodded.

Out of the nine paths.

Only the far-left one was the least conspicuous and overgrown with green grass.

This suggested that there was life in the path, making it seemingly the safest choice.

The other members of the Xu Family had no objections.

They clearly agreed with the perspective of the Three-star Body King.

Xu Nian, however, slightly furrowed his brows.

He always felt that there was something off about that path.

Precisely because it looked too safe, it instead made Xu Nian feel uneasy.

"Lin Long, what's wrong?"

Just as everyone was heading towards that path, Lin Xin noticed something off about Xu Nian.

The rest of the Xu Family immediately stopped in their tracks, looking puzzled at Xu Nian.

"We can't take that path, to enter it is to face certain death,"

Yet at that moment, Xu Nian firmly declared.

Chapter 314 Invisible Slap in the Face

Xu Nian's words naturally caused everyone to be stunned.

"Sure to die? On what basis do you say the path I've chosen leads to certain death?" Xu Tong asked as he looked toward Xu Nian.

He had chosen this path after much deliberation, and even the Elder had agreed with his viewpoint.

Now Xu Nian was actually claiming the path he had chosen was bound to be fatal?

He, of course, felt indignant at heart.

The other members of the Xu family also turned their gazes towards Xu Nian, clearly having doubts about his statement.

"Lin Long, did you discover something?"

Xu Xin had seen Xu Nian's methods before, so she knew he was not the type to speak without basis.

"No, it's just a feeling. This passage is extremely dangerous, far more dangerous than any of the other paths," Xu Nian said, shaking his head in response.

"A feeling?" Xu Tong couldn't help but sneer.

The other members of the Xu family also showed mocking expressions.

Xu Fenn even disdainfully said, "If you think the path we've chosen is very dangerous, then you don't have to follow us. Go on your safe path by yourself."

In their eyes, Xu Nian and Chen Wudi would never be able to reach the depths of Death Valley on their own.

Following them was merely taking advantage of their kindness.

And now he even had the audacity to question their decision; it was simply an inch given and a mile taken.

Xu Xin's eyebrows also furrowed slightly, obviously not expecting Xu Nian to make such a remark.

However, she still asked, "Then which path do you think is safe?"

"The third one on the right!" Xu Nian pointed without hesitation to the third path on the right.

All eyes turned towards the third path on the right.

That path was somewhat dark, and a chilling, sinister aura emanated from within.

It gave off a feeling that would make anyone's heart turn cold at a glance.

No ordinary person would choose such a path.

"You're not kidding, are you? That path is the truly dangerous one. I think you want to drag us down with you in a joint burial," Xu Fenn said with a fierce look in his eyes.

Xu Tong also had a cold, mocking laugh, clearly sharing Xu Fenn's opinion.

As for Xu Long and the Elder, they furrowed their brows slightly, showing a pensive expression.

Xu Xin's brows were also tightly knit.

To be honest, she really didn't favor the path Xu Nian had chosen.

At a glance, it looked extremely dangerous.

It even seemed to be the most terrifying of the nine paths.

But Xu Nian's firm tone and eyes couldn't help but make her doubt.

Xu Nian didn't speak. Of course, he hadn't identified this path based solely on his feelings.

Black Wind had been quietly trailing behind Xu Nian, acting like an ordinary black dog.

But its sense of smell was extremely keen.

It told Xu Nian right away that the ninth path was very dangerous.

And the third path was the safest.

Of course, the real reason that Xu Nian was so certain of Black Wind's judgment being correct was that

just a moment ago, he had received a message from a person's Spiritual Sense.

And the owner of this Spiritual Sense told him to take the third path.

Although Xu Nian was somewhat surprised as to why this owner of the Spiritual Sense was so certain,

he still chose to trust her.

"Hmph, boy, if you feel that the third path is safe for you, then go on your third path and don't hinder us," Xu Tong said coldly.

"Yeah, if it weren't for the fact that you once saved Sister Xin, you wouldn't even have the right to follow us," Xu Fenn said scornfully.

"Shut up!" Xu Xin immediately admonished.

Xu Fenn shut his mouth, but his eyes were still filled with disdain as he looked at Xu Nian.

The young man named Xu Long subconsciously furrowed his brows, clearly dissatisfied with Xu Xin's defense of Xu Nian.

"Sister Xin, I think we should listen to Brother Xu Tong," Xu Long spoke, now standing on Xu Tong's side. "Even though this kid saved you, he himself admitted it was just a feeling and didn't have any solid evidence."

Upon hearing this, Xu Xin hesitated and turned her head to look at Xu Nian.

"Sister Xu Xin, you have to believe me, we absolutely must not take the ninth passage. If you insist on going, I would rather die than let you," Xu Nian said with a resolute look in his eyes.

Xu Xin was shaken.

She hadn't expected Xu Nian to make such a statement.

Would he truly die to stop her?

How important was she to him really?

"Kid, that's enough. Even if you saved Sister Xin, so what? I'm giving you this moment to disappear from my sight, or I won't be polite," Xu Tong said with a cold snort, anger rising in his eyes.

This kid in front of him was seriously irritating him.

If it weren't for Xu Xin being there, he would have killed him already.

Why would he waste his breath talking?

"Scram, kid!" Xu Fenn also said arrogantly.

He too found Xu Nian very annoying.

This young man, upon learning they were from the Xu family, not only did not show a speck of respect but even seemed to have a bit of disdain.

This deeply wounded his pride, making him dislike the two young men before him even more.

However, Xu Nian ignored their words and turned to Xu Xin, asking, "Are you willing to believe me?"

In fact, if it weren't for Xu Xin, he wouldn't bother arguing so much.

What did he care about these people's lives or deaths? It was only Xu Xin he truly cared about.

He spoke so much only because he didn't want to see Xu Xin caught in the middle and distressed.

"Okay, I will follow you on the third path," Xu Xin said after a moment's hesitation.

Somehow, a voice inside her was telling her to trust him.

She didn't know where this voice came from, it felt like it originated from deep within her bloodline.

Upon hearing her words, a smile appeared on Xu Nian's face.

"Sister Xin, are you crazy?" Xu Tong and others were shocked.

They hadn't expected Xu Xin to actually decide to trust Xu Nian.

Xu Long's brows knitted tightly together, and his eyes filled with killing intent as he looked at Xu Nian.

That's right; he saw Xu Nian as a rival in love.

"Kid, I won't let Sister Xin go with you. I'm giving you a moment to disappear, or you won't have a chance to live," Xu Long said with a cold expression.

Hearing this, Xu Tong and Xu Fenn both smiled, clearly knowing that Xu Long was jealous, and looked forward to watching the drama unfold.

"Xu Long, what do you think you're doing?" Xu Xin immediately shouted at Xu Long.

"Sister Xin, stay out of this," said Xu Long, as he pushed Xu Xin away with a gentle force.

Then he prepared to attack Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's eyes also turned sharp, ready to fight.

"Stop!"

However, at that moment, a figure swept in like a breeze, landing between the two men.

"Elder?"

Xu Long was startled, not expecting Elder Xu Tian to intervene.

Xu Fenn and Xu Tong were also taken aback, their faces showing surprise.

Xu Nian's brows furrowed slightly, his expression also revealing a hint of surprise.

"Stop it. What he said is right. I just used two spiritual rats to test it; the one that entered the ninth passage died, while the one that took the third passage passed through completely unharmed. So, he's telling the truth," Elder Xu Tian spoke up.

As soon as these words came out, Xu Long and the others were suddenly stunned.

As for Xu Tong and Xu Fenn, they felt the sting on their faces as if they had been harshly slapped.

Chapter 315 Mystical Killing Maze

Xu Xin hadn't expected Elder Xu Tian to stand out at that time.

Moreover, she hadn't expected what Xu Nian said to be all true.

Actually, her decision to believe Xu Nian felt somewhat inexplicable.

Now, she hadn't expected Xu Nian's words to actually be right.

Xu Long withdrew his aura.

Since Elder Xu Tian had said Xu Nian was right, he naturally had no reason to cause trouble anymore.

As for Xu Fenn and Xu Tong, they were even more speechless.

They had previously insisted Xu Nian was wrong.

Now, reality harshly slapped their faces.

Chen Wudi just sneered.

Originally, these people looking down on him and Xu Nian made him feel frustrated.

Now, seeing them embarrassed, he naturally felt immensely gratified.

Xu Nian, however, didn't care.

Whether these people lived or died had nothing to do with him; he only cared about Xu Xin's safety.

"Thank you for saving us. If it weren't for your warning, we might have already entered that passage, but how did you discover it?" Xu Tian asked, looking towards Xu Nian.

"It's thanks to this, my Spiritual Pet's sense of smell is extremely sensitive, and it can detect the scent of danger," Xu Nian explained, pointing to the Black Dog lying beside him.

He knew if he brought an ordinary Black Dog,

these people would definitely be suspicious.

Rather than hide it, he might as well tell them the Black Dog was a Demon Beast.

That way, they might lower their guard.

"Oh?"

Sure enough, upon hearing Xu Nian's words, everyone turned to look at the Black Dog next to Xu Nian.

After a glance, the elder disappointedly withdrew his gaze.

This was no Demon Beast, it was no different from a standard Black Dog.

Even if it was a Demon Beast, it wouldn't be powerful.

Smirks of disdain appeared on Xu Tong and others' faces.

Clearly, they viewed Xu Nian's Spiritual Pet as nothing but a joke.

"Let's go!"

The elder didn't ask further and directly started walking towards the third passage.

Xu Tong and Xu Fenn snorted coldly and followed.

Xu Long frowned slightly and followed as well.

Although Xu Nian had been right, Xu Xin's defense of Xu Nian triggered intense jealousy in him.

Xu Nian, however, was indifferent.

He never had a high opinion of Xu Long.

Xu Long was simply not worthy of his sister, so he didn't mind being a shield this time.

Following that, Xu Nian walked at the back of the group with Xu Xin and Chen Wudi.

This third passage seemed very dangerous but was the safest.

On the rocky walls on either side hung some dark spiders.

Dark spiders would spit out dark, poisonous threads.

This was why the passage seemed extremely gloomy.

However, although numerous, these spiders weren't very aggressive.

Basically, any Battle General could easily get through without alarming them, as they would not attack on their own.

Thus, Xu Nian and the others safely passed through the Nine Heavens Dragon Locking Pass.

Exiting the Nine Heavens Dragon Locking Pass, what met their eyes was a maze built from disordered rocks.

The maze was huge, and the boulders were three to four meters tall.

Above the maze, there was also a powerful Formation.

If one tried to walk above the maze, they would likely be obliterated by the Killing Array.

Thus, the only way to get through was to pass through the maze.

Of course, the maze was filled with dangers, and getting out successfully didn't seem so easy.

However, what really caught Xu Nian's attention was that at the entrance of the maze, there were actually four people standing.

Three young men and a middle-aged man.

"They are from the Fang Family, I've seen them before," Chen Wudi whispered into Xu Nian's ear, his eyes filled with a thick killing intent.

Xu Nian was taken aback, not expecting to encounter people from the Fang Family here.

It seems that enemies often cross each other's paths.

These three youths were all at the Marquis Level, the strongest among them being a Four-star Marquis Level Battle King.

The weakest was similarly a One-star Battle King, just like Xu Fenn.

As for that middle-aged man, he was somewhat weaker than Elder Xu Tian.

He was merely a Nine-star Peak War King.

Xu Nian was relieved that the Saint Level Emperor Scorpion from the Fang Family was not among them.

Otherwise, their situation would have been extremely dangerous.

After all, a Saint could see through their Disguise Technique.

Just as Xu Nian and his group spotted the people from the Fang Family,

the people from the Fang Family also noticed Xu Family's party.

Both families were naturally well-acquainted, but it seemed they were not that close.

Moreover, there was a subtle sense of rivalry between them.

"Yo, Fang Hong, didn't expect you to have made it through the Nine Heavens Dragon Locking Pass too!" Xu Tong said with a smile.

The mentioned Fang Hong was the most powerful among the three young members of the Fang Family, a Four-star Battle King.

This person named Fang Hong was about the same age as Xu Tong and it seemed the two had quite some interactions on normal days.

"Hmph, did you think we would be as foolish as you? A mere Nine Heavens Dragon Locking Pass could not pose a challenge to us," Fang Hong coldly responded, his eyes filled with disdain.

Xu Tong grew angry, he indeed nearly failed at the Nine Heavens Dragon Locking Pass.

So, he changed the subject, "Then why don't you continue on?"

Upon hearing this, Fang Hong laughed coldly, "If you want to go ahead, be my guest, but this is the Mystical Killing Maze Array. Be careless and you'll fall into a Killing Array, don't blame me if I didn't warn you."

Mystical Killing Maze Array?

Upon hearing this, the expressions of Xu Family members immediately changed.

Xu Nian was familiar with this ancient Formation.

It was extremely powerful; very few who entered ever came out.

Unless there was someone proficient in Formations, it was very difficult to survive inside.

Seeing the changed expressions on the Xu Family members' faces, the other two youths from the Fang Family revealed a light smile.

Clearly, they were very pleased with the Xu Family's reactions.

This Formation was also a headache for them.

If the Xu Family appeared too relaxed, wouldn't they lose face?

Xu Nian was also somewhat surprised.

Mystical Killing Maze Array?

It seems Death Valley truly lived up to its name.

Just hearing the name gave him a chilling feeling.

The Fang Family should be standing here because they dared not easily enter the Maze Array!

"Xu Nian, I will transmit the Array Map of this Mystical Killing Maze Array to you, close your eyes first."

Just then, a gentle voice sounded again.

Xu Nian was stunned.

How did she have the Array Map of the Mystical Killing Maze Array?

Nevertheless, Xu Nian did as told.

Sure enough, a vast amount of information flooded into Xu Nian's mind at that moment.

Then a map of the Maze appeared in Xu Nian's mind.

It was the exact map of the entire maze.

It was complexly crisscrossed and twisted.

Not only that, it was very clear where each Formation within the maze was located.

With this map, Xu Nian could practically walk sideways in this Mystical Killing Maze Array.

"Interesting, it seems I can use this Formation to do some interesting things."

Xu Nian reopened his eyes and looked at the people from the Fang Family.

A hint of playful light laughter flashed in his eyes.

Chapter 316 Going Separate Ways

While Xu Nian was diligently processing the newly emerged Array Map in his mind,

the members of the Fang Family had already begun to reach an agreement with the Xu Family.

It seemed that people from both families planned to join forces to breakthrough the Formation.

Since none of them were experts in Formation, and they did not want to wait any longer,

the best solution was for the two families to cooperate and tackle the Formation together.

"Alright, since that's the case, our two families will temporarily put aside past grudges and work together with all our hearts to challenge the Formation. Anyone who breaches this agreement will face the other family's fierce retaliation," a middle-aged man from the Fang Family said.

The people of the Xu Family nodded in agreement.

Of course, both families were well aware.

Once a conflict of interest arose, such an alliance would instantly collapse.

"Since everyone agrees, let's go!" Elder Xu Tian spoke up.

"Wait a minute! Who are these two?" A young man from the Fang Family suddenly pointed at Xu Nian and Chen Wudi and asked.

This person was Fang Toon, one of the three young men from the Fang Family who was a Three-star Battle King.

He had noticed Xu Nian and Chen Wudi early on and realized that they were not from the Fang Family.

So he had been curious about their identities.

Why were there two outsiders in the Xu Family's team?

"They are the lifesavers of our Xu Family, not outsiders. They are traveling with us, what about it?" Elder Xu Tian spoke up.

"No, he is your Xu Family's savior, not our Fang Family's. Since you are cooperating with our Fang Family, we do not allow outsiders here, and these two clearly lack strength. Even if they follow us, they will only hold us back," Fang Toon decisively refused.

"I agree. The Mystical Killing Maze Array is full of dangers; just one person could jeopardize us all. Therefore, we must exclude some outsiders, or the alliance must be terminated," Fang Hong followed up.

Xu Xin frowned upon hearing this.

Clearly, she had not expected the Fang Family to be so resistant to Xu Nian and the others.

"Fang Chong, isn't this a bit too much? They are just two young men, can't you give this old man some face?" Elder Xu Tian looked at the middle-aged man and said.

"Elder Xu, it's not that we are exaggerating, but we must be cautious. I completely agree with the younger generation's view. Even if these two young men enter the depths of Death Valley, the dangers there are not something they can withstand. This isn't repaying gratitude, this is harming them," that middle-aged man from the Fang Family said with a smile.

Elder Xu Tian was stunned upon hearing this.

It seemed that Fang Chong's point made sense.

Just as Xu Xin was about to retort, she heard Xu Long standing beside her say, "Grandpa Tian, I also think Uncle Fang is right. The deeper we go into Death Valley, the more dangerous it gets. If Brother Lin follows us deep inside, it would only harm him. I think we should let him go back first, and we can repay him after we come out of Death Valley."

"I agree!" Xu Tong quickly chimed in.

"I also agree," Xu Fenn stepped forward and said.

Elder Xu Tian nodded, evidently feeling that Xu Long made sense.

He involuntarily turned his head to look at Xu Nian.

"Grandpa Tian, we can't..." Xu Xin hastily spoke out in anxiety.

However, she was stopped by Elder Xu Tian.

Elder Xu Tian approached Xu Nian and said, "Brother Lin, they are right. Even if we take you deeper into Death Valley, it will only harm you. Here is a bottle of Battle King Pill. Take it as an appreciation for your previous help."

Xu Nian looked at Elder Xu Tian, then at Xu Xin beside him.

Xu Xin's face was flushed with shame, her eyes filled with deep apology.

Xu Nian saw this and simply smiled.

"Alright, I will go back now. After all, I don't want to continue anyway," Xu Nian said with a smile.

He took the Pill from Elder Xu Tian's hand.

"If you can think like this, that's great," Elder Xu Tian said with a smile.

Xu Tong and the others nearby heard this and the corners of their mouths smirked coldly.

They had finally driven this guy away.

They had long disliked Xu Nian.

Xu Long also breathed a sigh of relief.

As long as this guy stayed away from Xu Xin, he wouldn't make things difficult for him.

Otherwise, he would really find an opportunity to mercilessly kill him.

"Now that the matter is resolved, let's hit the road," Fang Hong said with a cold smirk.

They had looked down on Xu Nian and Chen Wudi from the beginning.

Now seeing the Xu Family abandon them only filled their hearts with more disdain.

They were ultimately not people of the same world.

"Lin Long, I'm sorry!" Xu Xin approached Xu Nian and apologized.

"It's okay, Sister Xu Xin, you don't have to say sorry to me. Everything I did was what I should do. Just focus on making it through the formation with them. Also, wear this," Xu Nian said with a smile.

After he spoke, a Strange Metal Armor appeared in his hand.

Yes, it was the Strange Metal Armor he had obtained from the Nine Princes.

Xu Xin was startled and quickly tried to refuse.

However, before she could speak,

Xu Nian had already grabbed her finger and made a cut on her hand.

He dripped her fresh blood onto the Strange Metal Armor.

Xu Xin was startled, not understanding why Xu Nian would give her such a precious gift.

"Sister Xin, it's time to leave," Xu Long said as he approached from behind.

Xu Xin quickly made a decision and absorbed the Strange Metal Armor into her Dantian.

"Go ahead!" Xu Nian said with a wave of his hand.

Xu Xin nodded and ultimately followed Xu Long into the Mystical Killing Maze Formation.

Just before entering the formation, Xu Long turned and glanced at Xu Nian.

His eyes conveyed a deep threat, as if warning Xu Nian not to follow.

Xu Nian just smiled, ignoring Xu Long's threat.

"Do you really plan to go back?"

It wasn't until the Xu Family and Fang Family had all entered the Mystical Killing Maze Formation that Chen Wudi finally voiced the question he had been holding back.

In his view, Xu Nian shouldn't easily give up the chance to travel with the Xu Family.

After all, the formation was extremely dangerous.

Of course, Chen Wudi wholly supported Xu Nian's decision.

And would Xu Nian really just watch Xu Xin face danger without doing anything?

"Of course not. Since we're already here, why would we go back? Don't you always want to kill the Fang Family? If we follow them, when would we get the chance?" Xu Nian said with a light chuckle.

"What do you mean?" Chen Wudi's eyes immediately lit up.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and said, "Haha, I've thoroughly familiarized myself with the Array Map of this Mystical Killing Maze, and I've mastered some of the formations inside. In here, they will only become prey, and I can become the master of this maze."

"Wow, that's awesome! What are we waiting for? Let's go!" Chen Wudi said excitedly.

The people of the Fang Family had ruined his family.

When he saw them just now, he was already harboring resentment in his heart.

Now hearing what Xu Nian said, he naturally embraced the idea of revenge.

Xu Nian looked at the excited Chen Wudi and smiled faintly, heading into the Mystical Killing Maze Formation with Black Wind and Chen Wudi.

If the Xu Family knew how well Xu Nian knew this kind of formation,

They would truly regret having driven Xu Nian away!

Chapter 317 Death List

Xu Nian and Chen Wudi disappeared inside the Mystical Killing Maze after they entered.

Under the leadership of Xu Nian,

the maze seemed almost like their natural habitat, where they maneuvered with ease.

All the Illusion Arrays and Killing Arrays were avoided effortlessly by them.

On the other hand, the members of the Fang Family and the Xu Family faced remarkable difficulties.

They had just entered the maze

and had already encountered three Illusion Arrays and one Killing Array.

Had it not been for their Marquis Level skills,

they might really have failed to escape from that Killing Array.

"Damn it, what kind of cursed maze is this? It's so dangerous? I almost lost my life just now," Fang Tong couldn't help but curse.

He was the weakest among the four from the Fang Family,

with only the strength of a One-star Battle King.

His strength was almost on par with that of Xu Fenn.

He had carelessly activated the Killing Array on the wall just now.

Terrifying Sword Qi burst forth from the wall.

Had it not been for the timely intervention of a middle-aged man from the Fang Family,

he would have been pierced through the chest by that fearsome Sword Qi.

Even thinking about it now caused shivers.

The others were also petrified.

The Sword Qi just now was indeed powerful, and they could have been seriously injured or even killed if they were not careful.

"Everyone, be more careful. There are many Formations in this Mystical Killing Maze Array, and one careless step could trap us, so we must stay fully alert," Fang Chong reminded everyone.

Everyone nodded.

They had seen the dangers of the maze and naturally dared not slack.

"Ah, I heard that Fang Ming from your Fang Family was killed, and his body was hung on the walls of Dong'an City. Is that true?", Xu Tong suddenly spoke up.

"Hmph, how dare you mention this now, isn't it the dirty work of that bastard Xu Nian from your Xu Family?" Fang Hong snorted.

The faces of the other Fang Family members also instantly turned cold.

Thinking of Fang Ming being killed and hung on the city walls

filled their hearts with rage.

When had the Fang Family ever suffered such humiliation?

The people from the Xu Family were taken aback, not expecting that Xu Nian was the one behind this.

Xu Xin's brows also furrowed.

She had heard of the incident but hadn't paid much attention to it at the time, not realizing it was Xu Nian's doing.

Killing a direct descendant of the Fang Family and hanging the body on the city wall was an outright provocation against the Fang Family.

In this way, it wouldn't be easy for the Xu Family to take Xu Nian in,

especially not with the obstacle of the Fang Family first and foremost.

Of course, the words "bastard" uttered by Fang Hong also filled her eyes with a cold frost.

"Humph, don't let me see that Xu Nian, or else I will make him beg for life and death but grant neither, daring to provoke our Fang Family, he really is courting death," Fang Tong also coldly snorted.

Upon hearing this, a surge of Killing Intent immediately rose in Xu Xin's heart, and she was ready to make a move.

But she was held back by Xu Long beside her, who shook his head at her.

Xu Xin violently shook off Xu Long's hand but did not make a move.

In fact, Xu Xin knew that the Xu Family had been covertly contending with the Ye Family for many years and would definitely not offend the Fang Family just for a mere Xu Nian.

If she were to make a move now, not only would she not have anyone's protection, but it would also put her in a highly disadvantageous position.

However, even without making a move, Fang Tong had already earned a spot on her death list in her heart.

The moment an opportunity arose, she was determined to kill him mercilessly.

Anyone who harbored hostility towards her younger brother had to die.

Xu Long looked at the determined Xu Xin.

He really didn't understand why Xu Xin cared so much about a half-brother she had never met,

especially since they shared the same mother but different fathers.

In his view, Xu Nian was nothing more than an illegitimate child of the Xu Family, unworthy of stepping through the Xu Family's door.

But he never voiced his true thoughts in front of Xu Xin.

The Xu Family and the Fang Family continued to grope their way deeper into the maze.

Yet, shortly after they had left, two figures emerged from the wall they had just passed by.

Who could it be if not Xu Nian and Chen Wudi?

They had heard everything the Xu Family and the Fang Family had discussed, crystal clear.

"These Fang Family people really are arrogantly cruel. That Fang Tong even tried to harass my sister; we absolutely can't let him go," Chen Wudi said, looking towards the direction where the Fang Family had disappeared.

"Of course we must kill them, starting with Fang Tong first," Xu Nian replied with a cold laugh.

Having angered his sister, Fang Tong had already been sentenced to death in Xu Nian's heart.

"But with so many of them gathered together, it seems a bit difficult to make a move," Chen Wudi said, frowning.

"Then let's separate them," Xu Nian said with a smile.

After speaking, he led Chen Wudi and Black Dog in pursuit.

In the maze, there were many hidden restrictions, and Xu Nian and his companions used these to move through walls.

They quickly reached the front of the Fang Family.

Fang Tong was walking in the middle of the group. Separating him from the others was not an easy task.

However, Xu Nian was patient; the moment an opportunity presented itself, he would strike without hesitation.

"Now!"

Xu Nian saw that Fang Tong was foolishly lagging behind the rest of the group.

Naturally, Xu Nian wouldn't miss this opportunity.

Using the restrictions, he silently pulled Fang Tong to another part of the maze.

"Huh? Where's Fang Tong? Why is he missing?"

Soon after Fang Tong's disappearance, the Fang Family members also noticed and began searching everywhere.

However, at that moment, Fang Tong had already been pulled by Xu Nian to another part of the maze.

The maze was equipped with teleportation restrictions; passing through the wall's restrictions allowed one to appear from one place in the maze to another.

The place where Xu Nian had sent Fang Tong was naturally far from his original position, ensuring that the Fang Family wouldn't find them quickly.

"Is it you guys? How did I end up here?"

Fang Tong, seeing Xu Nian and Chen Wudi appear before him, showed a bewildered and confused expression.

He looked around and realized he was no longer in the same place.

Just a moment ago, he had felt a great force pulling him, then everything went dark, and he found himself here.

"Fang Tong, do you recognize us?" Chen Wudi asked with a smile.

"Aren't you with those two young men from the Xu Family? Did you bring me here?" Fang Tong demanded, his eyes filled with rage.

He was completely unaware that he was standing on the edge of death.

Chen Wudi and Xu Nian exchanged smiles, then promptly deactivated their Disguise Technique.

"Take another look now, do you recognize us?" Chen Wudi asked with a sinister smile.

"Is it... you? You guys?" Fang Tong's eyes widened in surprise.

He had not expected that the people the Fang Family was searching for were right under their noses.

Chapter 318 Thunderclap Ancestor Vein

Fang Tong had seen Chen Wudi before, and he had seen Xu Nian's mirrored image.

So when Xu Nian and Chen Wudi revealed their true appearances, he recognized them instantly.

It's just that they had not realized, the person they from Fang Family were looking for was right under their noses.

"Ha ha, it really came without any effort. Our Fang Family has searched for you for so long without success, but we never expected you to show up by yourselves," Fang Tong laughed heartily.

"Oh? What do you mean?" Chen Wudi asked with a smile, his eyes twinkling with amusement.

"What do I mean, of course, is to kill you both. By then, my status in the Fang Family will naturally rise significantly. You might not know, but you are now on our Fang Family's must-kill list. Killing you will get us a huge reward," Fang Tong laughed loudly.

His eyes were filled with triumph.

He had never expected such good fortune to come his way.

"Kill us for a huge reward?"

Chen Wudi and Xu Nian both burst out laughing.

They now felt sad that Fang Tong had not yet realized the situation he was in.

"Fang Tong, I really admire your brains. Given your status, a direct descendant of the Fang Family, living is merely bringing shame to your family, we're practically doing a good deed for the Fang Family," Chen Wudi said with a smile.

"What do you mean?" Fang Tong asked, puzzled.

Chen Wudi and Xu Nian were at a loss for words.

This Fang Tong was truly as foolish as one could get.

Fang Tong was stunned for a good while before he finally caught on and his face immediately displayed a disdainful sneer.

"Humph, you think you can kill me? While I don't know how you managed to kill Fang Ming, I must tell you that Fang Ming was once defeated by me," Fang Tong said coldly.

"Enough talk, make your move. Use your Ancestor Vein Power or you won't have another chance," Xu Nian was no longer interested in wasting words with Fang Tong.

"Arrogant fool, see how I deal with you!"

Fang Tong, enraged, then a Marquis Level Battle King aura burst forth from him, and he threw a punch towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian shook his head helplessly and threw a punch in response.

"Crack!"

Fang Tong's arm broke instantly.

"Ah..."

Fang Tong let out a cry of agony, clutching his now completely deformed arm, and staggered back several steps.

"How... possible?"

Fang Tong's eyes widened, never having expected Xu Nian to be so powerful.

Xu Nian snorted coldly. The aura of Body King exploded from him and pressed down fiercely on Fang Tong.

"A... One-star Body King? Wasn't it said that you were a Seven-star War General on the intelligence reports?" Fang Tong's expression turned to disbelief.

"Your intelligence is terribly outdated," Xu Nian scoffed continuously, his eyes mocking.

A Seven-star War General was the power he had shown when he first arrived in Andong City.

It seemed that the people of Fang Family still thought he was a Seven-star War General.

But it was not surprising given how rapidly Xu Nian's abilities had improved.

"So what if you are a One-star Body King, in front of our Fang Family, you still deserve to die!" Fang Tong roared.

Then a burst of light exploded from Fang Tong's forehead.

Following that, a mark like thunder manifested from Fang Tong's forehead.

A powerful Thunderclap Power emitted from Fang Tong's forehead.

Fang Tong's body then seemed to be covered with a powerful Thunderclap Power.

This Thunderclap Power was different from ordinary thunderclap forces; it even contained a destructive aura.

"Interesting, the Ancestor Vein Power of the Fang Family is actually Thunderclap Power," Xu Nian observed with a hint of surprise.

Clearly, what Fang Tong was now exhibiting was the Thunderclap Power of the Fang Family.

"Hmph, let me show you the power of our Fang Family's Palm Thunder." Fang Tong snorted coldly, then a terrifying Thunderclap Power surged from the palm of his left hand.

The fluctuations emitted by this Thunderclap Power made one's heart tremble.

However, Xu Nian gave a cold laugh, staring at Fang Tong's fiercely approaching palm.

Not only did he not show the slightest intention to dodge, he even threw a punch himself.

"Boom!"

A loud noise.

Xu Nian's body stood unchanged.

While Fang Tong's figure was blasted away.

"What?"

Fang Tong was shocked, never expecting that his Palm Thunder would not only be blocked but also that he would be blasted away?

Xu Nian shook his numbing arm and praised, "That move was indeed not bad; even an average Two-star Battle King might not be able to catch it, but it was of no use against me."

Upon hearing this, Fang Tong looked at Xu Nian as if he was a monster.

He had never imagined that Xu Nian could be so formidable.

Now he finally understood why those two brought him here?

However, the next moment, his expression became even more fearful.

Because he realized Xu Nian was starting to walk towards him.

"What... what do you want to do? Our Fang Family is nearby; if you dare to kill me, they won't let you go," Fang Tong hurriedly threatened.

Xu Nian chuckled lightly and said, "Don't worry, they will soon accompany you, but you are just going first."

"You..." Fang Tong's eyes widened.

He hadn't expected Xu Nian to be so bold as to want to kill all the members of his Fang Family.

But before he could finish his sentence, Xu Nian's finger directly pierced through his brow.

Then he felt the Thunderclap Ancestor Vein Power in his body being slowly drawn out through Xu Nian's finger.

Fang Tong's eyes grew wider and wider, and finally, there was no life in them.

Ancestor Vein Power was his core, and once the Ancestor Vein Power was absorbed, he naturally lost his life.

"Only this little? Even less than Ye Nantian's?" Xu Nian said with a frown.

Fang Tong's Ancestor Vein Power was extremely scarce, pitifully so.

At this moment, a blue Thunder Ball hovered above Xu Nian's Dan Sea.

However, this Thunderclap was very small, only the size of a fist.

"It seems to make this Thunderclap Ball grow; I'll need to kill a few more people from the Fang Family," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

"It seems to be coming from over there."

Just then, a voice came from a distance.

Xu Nian and Chen Wudi exchanged glances, then directly entered the restriction in the wall and disappeared.

However, shortly after the two left, the people from the Xu Family and Fang Family appeared here.

When they saw Fang Tong lying on the ground, lifeless, all of them were startled.

"Fang Tong!" Fang Hong and Fang Toon called out.

But there was no response.

"He is already dead, likely killed by someone who forcibly absorbed the Ancestor Vein Power," Fang Chong said after examining Fang Tong's injuries.

Everyone was stunned, "Absorbing Ancestor Vein Power?"

However, what they didn't notice was the intense surprise in the eyes of Xu Xin, who stood at the very back of the crowd.

Absorbing Ancestor Vein?

Could it be him?

Chapter 319: Entrance to the Demon Emperor's Tomb

Xu Xin was immensely shocked.

She had once personally witnessed Xu Nian devour Ye Nantian's Ancestor Vein Power.

She had also asked Xu Nian how he did it.

The answer Xu Nian gave her was that it was due to his special Cultivation Technique.

Although she was puzzled at the time, she didn't think too much about it.

After all, the world is full of wonders.

But now, seeing Fang Tong killed and his Ancestor Vein Power absorbed, her first reaction was that Xu Nian did it.

Of course, she didn't know Xu Nian's true identity, so her thoughts turned to Lin Long.

Wasn't Lin Long not supposed to have entered this maze?

How could he have killed Fang Tong?

Even if Lin Long had entered this maze, how did he manage to silently bring Fang Tong to this remote place and kill him?

Xu Xin couldn't figure it out.

However, she was naturally pleased to see Fang Tong dead.

If Xu Xin couldn't figure it out, it was even more baffling for the others.

They naturally also wouldn't suspect Lin Long.

After all, to them, Lin Long's appearance was just a passerby in life, unlikely ever to be seen again after one encounter.

"Uncle Fang, can you tell who did it?" Fang Toon spoke up and asked.

Fang Chong shook his head.

A surge of ferocity immediately welled up in Fang Toon's eyes.

"If I catch him, I will grind his bones to dust," said Fang Toon, his fists clenched and eyes filled with killing intent.

Fang Hong also had a grim look in his eyes.

This time, out of the four direct descendants of the Fang Family who came, two died in an instant.

For the Fang Family, this was undoubtedly a huge loss.

"Uncle, the murderer must be nearby. Let's search around; we might be able to find him," Fang Hong spoke up and said.

Fang Chong nodded and said, "Let's search around, but it's best not to split up."

Fang Toon and Fang Hong both nodded and began searching the area.

The Xu Family members also observed the surrounding area, but they were not overly anxious.

After all, it wasn't one of their own who had died.

"Who's there?"

Just at that moment, Fang Toon shouted towards one side of the maze and then ran toward that side.

Upon hearing the shout, everyone immediately followed.

However, after they turned the corner, they found that Fang Toon's figure had disappeared.

This scene made everyone's pupils shrink.

It was the same way Fang Tong had disappeared before.

Now Fang Toon had also vanished mysteriously.

This gave everyone a bad premonition.

"Ah..."

Indeed, not long after, a miserable scream came from afar.

Fang Chong and the others immediately ran toward the direction of the sound.

After spending a long time circling the maze, they finally arrived at the source of the noise.

The scene in front of them stunned them.

Fang Toon was also dead.

This time, not only were both of his arms broken, but both of his legs were fractured as well.

Clearly, he had suffered crazy torture before his death.

Of course, the real cause of death was still the hollow in his brow.

Fang Toon's Ancestor Vein Power had also been completely drained.

Fang Chong and Fang Hong looked at this scene, both of them stunned.

In less than the time of one "15-minute incense" stick, another direct descendant of the Fang Family had died.

And both had their Ancestor Vein Power absorbed.

The Xu Family members were also faces of shock.

Especially Xu Xin, who by now was almost certain that the person behind the attack was Lin Long.

Otherwise, how could it be that two people in succession who died were both from the Fang Family, while all his family members from the Xu Family were unscathed?

"Who is it? Come out! Skulking around is no skill. If you dare, show yourself," Fang Hong bellowed.

His expression was fierce, and his eyes filled with endless rage.

Fang Chong's gaze was also incomparably sinister.

Under his very nose, two direct descendants of the Fang Family had been killed.

How could he explain this to the Fang Family Patriarch when he returned?

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Just as the Fang Family was in the throes of their fury,

Xu Nian and Chen Wudi were sitting on the other side of this labyrinth.

"Haha, what a thrill! The Fang Family was so arrogant when they massacred my entire Chen Family back then, and now they also get to taste the pain of losing their loved ones," Chen Wudi laughed heartily.

His heart felt exceptionally gratified.

The direct descendants of the Fang Family who were present had participated in the massacre of the Chen Family.

Every one of them had the blood of the Chen Family on their hands.

Now, seeing members of the Fang Family being killed one after the other, Chen Wudi naturally felt an immense delight.

"Your strength isn't enough. If you were stronger, you would find taking action personally even more exhilarating," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Chen Wudi, upon hearing Xu Nian's words, nodded and looked at Xu Nian with gratitude, "Thank you, brother!"

Xu Nian shook his head nonchalantly.

His grudge against the Fang Family, though it started because of the Chen Family,

was also largely about avenging Chen Wudi.

But as things had developed, it had become impossible to clearly articulate.

After all, it had always been him that the Fang Family were relentlessly pursuing, and he could never stand idly by.

"However, the remaining two from the Fang Family won't be easy to kill. Fang Hong is a Four-star Battle King, and to silently shift him seems very difficult, as for Fang Chong, it's nearly impossible," Xu Nian said with a grave expression.

Chen Wudi also fell silent, nodding in agreement.

Indeed, Fang Hong and Fang Chong would be difficult to deal with.

And with the previous two cases as a reference, the Fang Family would be extremely cautious.

It would be very difficult for them to succeed again, very difficult.

As expected, over the next two days,

Xu Nian found no opportunity to deal with Fang Hong.

Fang Chong was practically inseparable from Fang Hong,

so he could only watch helplessly as they walked out of the labyrinth.

As for the members of the Xu Family, Xu Nian hadn't yet planned to take action against them.

After all, with Xu Xin caught in the middle, any action taken by Xu Nian would make Xu Xin's situation very difficult.

Of course, if someone targeted him, or Xu Xin,

then no matter who it was, Xu Nian wouldn't hesitate to act.

Shortly after Xu Xin and the others left the labyrinth, Xu Nian also exited.

What greeted their eyes was a huge square.

The square was hundreds of acres in size,

completely covered with an extremely hard black stone floor.

And on this square, quite a few people were already standing. Clearly, they were people from various major powers who had arrived here early.

But what really surprised Xu Nian and the others was,

in front of the square, there was an enormous stone gate.

This stone gate was a hundred meters tall, and its width reached nearly twenty meters.

And flanking the stone gate, there sat two colossal stone statues.

One stone statue held a giant axe, and the other wielded a long spear.

The stone statues were lifelike, and they emitted an incredibly terrifying aura.

It was as if these two stone statues could come to life at any moment.

"Could this be the entrance to the Demon Emperor's Tomb?" Xu Nian and Chen Wudi were looking at this gigantic stone gate, their eyes filled with awe.

For some reason, at the sight of the stone gate, they felt a strong oppressive atmosphere,

as if a massive stone were pressing down on their hearts.

Chapter 320: Waves Resurge

The Great Gate of the Demon Emperor's Tomb?

Xu Nian gazed at the towering and majestic stone gate.

The mere sight of this massive gate exuded an ancient and oppressive aura; one could hardly imagine what kind of scene lay beyond it.

Xu Nian withdrew his gaze and shifted it to the plaza.

At this moment, there were quite a few people standing on the plaza.

Mostly in small groups, they were probably from various factions.

The fact that these people had managed to reach here indicated that they all possessed considerable strength and means.

Otherwise, the trials of Death Valley and the Foggy Forest would have kept them well beyond the gate.

Among these people, Xu Nian could discern a few factions.

They included the Four Great Families, the Imperial Family, and the Three Great Sects, plus some factions Xu Nian was unfamiliar with.

What puzzled Xu Nian was the absence of any Saint-level masters among them.

The highest was only at the Half-Saint level, like Xu Tian.

This struck Xu Nian as odd.

Surely, behind these factions, there followed Saint-level powerhouses.

How could they all have disappeared?

Unable to fathom it, Xu Nian stopped pondering over it.

He then focused his attention on the representatives from the Artifact Refining Sect.

Unexpectedly, apart from three Elders.

Yann Hong had also come.

At this moment, Yann Hong had just advanced to the Four-star Marquis Level Battle King.

As for the other three Elders, they were all at Marquis Level.

The highest among them had even reached Nine-star Marquis Level.

Previously, Xu Nian had instructed.

This operation was extremely dangerous; they should not bring disciples along.

It seemed the Great Elder had acted exactly as he had said.

Since Xu Nian and his group were disguised, the Elders of the Artifact Refining Sect did not recognize him.

If the people from the Artifact Refining Sect could not recognize Xu Nian, other factions would be even less likely to.

Of course, the members of Xu Family who had seen Xu Nian after his disguise expressed a look of surprise.

"Lin Long?" Xu Xin approached Xu Nian in astonishment.

The gazes of the three young members of the Xu Family also turned unfriendly the moment they saw Xu Nian.

It seemed they had not expected Xu Nian and Chen Wudi to have followed them here.

"Sister Xu Xin, I didn't expect we'd meet so soon," Xu Nian responded with a smile.

Xu Xin then stared at Xu Nian for a full three seconds.

She had by now almost confirmed that the Fang Family members had been killed by the Xu Nian in front of her.

Of course, she naturally wouldn't disclose this.

After all, she very much wanted to kill those two from the Fang Family herself.

As for Fang Hong from the Fang Family, he only spared Xu Nian a glance before outright ignoring him.

He was in no mood to pay attention to these insignificant rookies.

He hadn't connected the murderer of his family members with the two young men before him.

And while Fang Chong took an extra look at Xu Nian and Chen Wudi, he too didn't think much of it.

Thus, 'Lin Long' was directly cleared of any suspicion.

Naturally, Xu Nian was greatly pleased by this.

Sometimes, being young really was an advantage.

"Lin Long, do you realize that what you are doing is very dangerous?" Xu Xin asked Xu Nian, her tone unexpectedly tinged with reprimand.

Xu Nian merely smiled softly, feeling warmth in his heart.

Xu Xin was expressing concern for him, which made him feel very happy.

"Sister Xu Xin, actually, the moment I saw you, I felt you were just like my real sister. Can I call you sister directly?" Xu Nian tentatively asked.

Xu Xin's expression froze, and her eyes dimmed.

"Eh, did I say something wrong?" Xu Nian quickly asked.

Xu Xin shook her head, her voice tinged with sadness, "No, actually, I do have a younger brother about your age, but I've never met him. Your words just reminded me of him, and I don't know if he would recognize me as his sister when he sees me."

Xu Nian suddenly felt his eyes almost moistening.

He hadn't expected that his sister would share the same worries as himself.

At that moment, he couldn't wait to reveal his identity and acknowledge Xu Xin.

But he still held back.

Now, all the major forces were here.

If Xu Nian revealed his identity, even if he disguised it well,

Xu Xin would attract others' attention and suspicion due to her excitement, and then his identity would be hard to keep hidden.

Therefore, Xu Nian could only continue to wait.

"Don't worry, sis, you're so kind, and you've done so much for him, how could he possibly not acknowledge you?" Xu Nian said with a forced smile.

Hearing this, Xu Xin also showed a smile on her face, a particularly radiant one.

This was the happiest thing she had heard in years.

Toward the youth before her, she also felt a genuine affection.

As if he really was her own younger brother.

"Although I don't know how you've managed it, it's best to avoid provoking the Fang Family. After all, if the Fang Family discovers you, you will be in great danger," Xu Xin whispered to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian obediently nodded.

"By the way, sis, why is it that even though all the major powers brought Saints with them, none have shown themselves?" Xu Nian voiced his confusion.

"That's because of the valley's conditions. As you know, this valley has powerful restrictions in place, and all Saint-level experts are blocked by the restrictions outside and cannot enter. However, they should all be guarding at the outer boundary of this misty forest, and as soon as the restrictions of the Emperor's Tomb are broken, they will not hesitate to make a move," Xu Xin explained.

Xu Nian suddenly understood and nodded.

It turned out to be due to the restrictions of the misty forest and Death Valley.

However, this was in line with Xu Nian's wishes.

With no Saints present, no one could recognize his identity, making him much safer.

The only worry was the poison from Chen Tiansheng, which could only be temporarily set aside for now.

But fortunately, he had over two months before the onset of the poison, so there was plenty of time.

"Xu Xin, did you kill Ye Nantian?"

Just then, a cold snort sounded.

Xu Nian's brow furrowed instantly as he looked in the direction of the voice.

He saw a young man and woman approaching from a distance.

The man was handsome and extraordinary.

His strength was also quite formidable.

He had reached the Five-star Marquis Level.

The woman was also very beautiful and attractive.

Her strength had reached the Three-star Battle King Level.

But her gaze towards Xu Xin was particularly icy, as if harboring deep hatred.

It was clear without guessing that these two were from the Ye Family.

As Xu Xin saw the two approaching, her expression immediately turned cold.

"Ye Nantian attacked me by surprise, entirely bringing it upon himself," Xu Xin responded coldly.

The Xu and Ye families were always at odds.

Thus, Xu Xin didn't hide anything.

"So you admit that Ye Nantian was killed by you?" Ye Chengyu coldly snorted, his eyes filled with killing intent.

"What if I did?" Xu Xin responded coldly.

She was not at all intimidated by Ye Chengyu's killing intent.

"You're seeking death!"

The woman's eyes suddenly flared with anger, and she attempted to strike Xu Xin with a palm.

Xu Xin's eyes also became sharp, ready to counterattack.

However, she found that a figure had stepped forward, blocking her.

"Dare to touch my sister, seek death!"

Xu Nian coldly snorted and directly launched a fierce punch at the incoming woman.

"Boom!"

A loud noise.

The woman was directly sent reeling back by Xu Nian's punch.

But Xu Nian's form remained motionless.

"What?"

The woman took several steps back to dissipate the force and looked at Xu Nian with a surprised expression.