

Divine King 321

Chapter 321: Another Wave Emerges

The roaring sound drew the attention of everyone around.

Everyone turned their gaze this way.

When they saw the aura emanating from Xu Nian's body, each of their faces revealed a trace of astonishment.

A One-star Body King?

So young?

And had he really just taken a Three-star Battle King's palm strike head-on and repelled the Three-star Battle King?

Who exactly is this youth?

The people from the Xu Family also showed surprised expressions.

Especially Xu Fenn and Xu Tong, who had mocked Xu Nian earlier; they looked at Xu Nian with disbelief.

Even Xu Long's brows furrowed.

Clearly, the strength that Xu Nian had shown had taken them by surprise.

Xu Xin did not feel surprised by the strength that Xu Nian had displayed.

But Xu Nian's sudden intervention did catch her off-guard.

Of course, the truly surprised ones were naturally the young man and woman from the Ye Family.

Especially the woman, who stared at Xu Nian intently with a particularly unfriendly gaze.

"Who are you? Why are you interfering in the affairs of the Xu and Ye Families?"

The woman asked coldly, her eyes revealing killing intent.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and said to the woman, "Xu Xin is my newly sworn elder sister; if you want to move against her, of course, I must intervene. Also, aren't you looking for the murderer who killed Ye Nantian? I can tell you for sure, Ye Nantian was killed by me."

"What?"

The crowd around them all showed astonished expressions upon hearing this.

Was this guy admitting he killed a member of the Ye Family right in front of them?

Wasn't that seeking death?

Sure enough, as soon as Xu Nian spoke those words,

not only did the woman start to look at Xu Nian with malice, but the gaze of the young man also became particularly sharp.

Even a middle-aged man standing not far from the young couple stared at Xu Nian with an equally piercing look.

Xu Xin was taken aback and quickly tugged at Xu Nian's arm.

She had not expected Xu Nian to admit to killing Ye Nantian.

She had the protection of the Xu Family; even if the Ye Family knew she was the killer of Ye Nantian, the Ye Family wouldn't dare to touch her.

But it was different for Xu Nian; he was alone.

In front of so many people, the Ye Family would not let him off easily.

Xu Nian felt Xu Xin's nervousness, turned around with a smile, and said to her, "Don't worry, it's okay. Since I dared to admit it, I'm not afraid of the Ye Family in the slightest."

Xu Xin heard this, paused for a moment,

but eventually nodded and did not speak further.

However, she had already decided in her heart that if the Ye Family were to make a move against Xu Nian,

she would ensure she responded first, and that would involve the Xu Family as well.

However, the crowd around them was shaken upon hearing Xu Nian's words.

"Who is this youth? To not even regard the Ye Family, isn't this courting death?" An Elder from the Artifact Refining Sect shook his head while looking at Xu Nian.

Yann Hong also scrutinized Xu Nian, and upon hearing the Elder next to her, she turned back and glared at the Elder.

"Are you saying the Sect Master is courting death?" Yann Hong said angrily.

"What? He is..." The Elder's eyes widened, showing an extremely horrified expression.

The other two Elders were also utterly shocked; Yann Hong's words were simply too startling.

Yann Hong, seeing the shocked expressions of the three Elders beside her, showed a trace of a seductive yet cold smile.

"Tell me, under the heavens, other than our Young Sect Master, who else do you think could reach the One-star Body King Realm before the age of eighteen? And moreover, to be able to compete with a Three-star Battle King without falling behind, how many could there be?" Yann Hong said with a smile.

The three Elders, upon hearing this, pondered for a moment before nodding deeply in agreement.

Indeed!

Apart from their Sect Master, that exceptional leader, who else could accomplish this?

After Yann Hong finished speaking, he looked back at Xu Nian, a playful smile appearing at the corner of his mouth, "Little Ancestor, it seems you indeed have quite a few beauties by your side! To be so boldly enraged for a beauty's sake, quite majestic!"

The young men and women of the Ye Family all stared at Xu Nian with extremely unfriendly eyes.

This guy actually said he doesn't fear our Ye Family in the slightest, isn't that a bit too arrogant?

"Kid, I don't care who you are, since you've killed someone from our Ye Family, you must pay with your life," the young man coldly snorted, and then a Five-Star Battle King's aura explosively released, pressing down on Xu Nian.

The woman also released an aura of a Three-Star Battle King Level, her eyes full of killing intent.

Xu Nian smiled slightly, his gaze showing no fear.

He planned to summon the Black Dog from the Demon Beast Ring and fight a battle to the death with these people from the Ye Family.

As long as he could protect his sister, he would spare no cost.

"Ye Chengyu, Ye Nantian attacked me by surprise, and he saved me. If you dare to lay a hand on him, I, Xu Xin, will fight you to the death," Xu Xin stepped forward and said coldly.

"Fine, since that's the case, I'll kill you too," Ye Chengyu coldly huffed.

Having said that, he was ready to make his move.

"Hmph, Ye Chengyu, do you really think our Xu Family has no one left? If you dare to touch Xu Xin, our Xu Family will definitely not let you go," simultaneously, the voice of Xu Long sounded.

Following that, three young members of the Xu Family approached, also emitting a strong aura.

As for Xu Tian, he was confronting an Elder from the Ye Family, both sides restraining each other.

Ye Chengyu and Ye Lan's brows furrowed.

With the addition of the three from the Xu Family, their situation had suddenly turned very unfavorable.

If a real fight were to happen, even with his Five-Star Battle King's cultivation, he definitely wouldn't have the slightest advantage.

Thereby, the atmosphere on the scene became extremely tense.

But it was no longer possible to erupt.

Since the Ye Family couldn't gain the slightest advantage and were instead at a disadvantage,

was there any point in continuing the fight?

Moreover, the Demon Emperor's Tomb hadn't even opened yet.

If they used their trump cards now, they wouldn't have any advantage in the subsequent struggle for treasures.

"Hmph, boy, don't give us a chance, or I will make sure you wish you were dead," Ye Chengyu coldly snorted and then angrily swept his sleeve and left.

The woman named Ye Lan also glared fiercely at Xu Nian,

then turned and walked away.

Xu Nian, seeing this scene, couldn't help but feel amused.

He had been ready to fight to the death, and yet it had amounted to nothing.

But then again, if the Emperor's Tomb hadn't opened yet,

nobody would want to reveal their true trump cards.

However, this incident was extremely disadvantageous for Xu Nian.

He, who had been standing in the shadows, had been pushed directly into the eye of the storm.

And now, the Fang Family would also start to doubt him.

But he didn't regret it in the slightest.

"Lin Long, thank you!" Xu Xin also understood Xu Nian's sacrifice and expressed her gratitude.

"You don't need to say thanks to me, everything I did was voluntary," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Xu Xin nodded and said no more.

"I really didn't expect you to hide your capabilities so well, it seems we've all been blind," Xu Tong and the others approached from a distance, the speaker being Xu Tong himself.

His eyes carried a mocking light.

As for Xu Long, his gaze was extremely cold.

Xu Nian, seeing this scene, knew that as one wave subsided, another rose.

Chapter 322: Overwhelming Aura

Xu Nian watched the three people from the Xu Family approaching from a distance.

For these three, he had pretty much figured them out.

It could be said that none of them were any good.

Among them, Xu Tong was the most cunning, being the instigator behind several incidents.

Whereas Xu Fenn was utterly subservient to Xu Tong and could be considered a complete lackey.

Even the only somewhat acceptable Xu Long, due to his great jealousy, harbored intense hostility toward Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, out of consideration for Xu Xin's feelings, hadn't taken their actions to heart.

But now, it seemed his constant forbearance had only encouraged them to push their luck further.

"It's not that I've been hiding my talents, but rather you've been looking down on me like some worthless dog right from the start," Xu Nian said, looking at Xu Tong and responding with a cold laugh.

Xu Tong's face immediately changed, a wave of anger flooding his features.

This guy just called him a dog?

How dare he! In all his life, no one had dared to insult him like this!

"You actually think you're invincible?" Xu Tong said disdainfully. "Don't assume that just because you've managed to fend off Ye Lan with a single punch, you could really defeat a Three-star Battle King. If it really came down to a fight, you would definitely not be her match."

Xu Nian just smiled at Xu Tong's words, as if he hadn't heard them at all.

If it really came down to it, he was sure he could kill Ye Lan in an instant.

Of course, dealing with Xu Tong would be the same.

Seeing that his words were completely disregarded, Xu Tong's heart instantly filled with even more rage.

Xu Fenn was also getting increasingly annoyed.

This Xu Nian actually didn't take them seriously.

"You know, our Brother Tong is a Peak Three-star Battle King," Xu Fenn pointed at Xu Nian and yelled angrily. "Killing you would be as easy as slaughtering a chicken. How dare you be so disrespectful to him? Are you seeking death?"

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian turned to look at Xu Fenn, his lips curling into a scornful smile.

Last time at the inn, Xu Fenn had put on a superior air right in front of him.

And now, standing by Xu Tong's side, he was nothing but a lackey.

To be honest, he genuinely felt pity for Xu Fenn.

"Xu Fenn, you secretly went to find Xu Nian last time and got a good thrashing for it. I didn't expect you to still be so brazen," Xu Nian said with a cold laugh.

Upon hearing this, Xu Fenn's face instantly stiffened.

He looked at Xu Nian in surprise and asked, "How do you know about that?"

As soon as he said it, he knew he had misspoken.

Indeed, Xu Xin gave Xu Fenn a cold, piercing stare.

Xu Tong also shot Xu Fenn a vicious glance.

Xu Nian, witnessing this scene, was almost certain

that Xu Fenn's visit to him had been at Xu Tong's instigation.

The goal was to get hold of the Black Jade he carried.

"What were you doing looking for Xu Nian?" Xu Xin asked Xu Fenn coldly.

"I..." Xu Fenn was suddenly at a loss for words, unsure how to respond.

"Sister Xin, it was like this— I had asked Xu Fenn to invite Xu Nian back here," Xu Tong said with a smile. "I didn't expect that not only would he be unwilling, but he also beat up Xu Fenn."

"Exactly! I went to invite Xu Nian to come with me, but he completely mistrusted me and struck out at me instead," Xu Fenn shamelessly added. "I was lenient with him, which is why I got hurt."

Xu Xin fell silent upon hearing this.

But Xu Nian simply sneered dismissively.

Xu Fenn was shameless to the extreme.

Lenient with him to the point of getting hurt?

He really had the nerve to say such a thing.

Chen Wudi, who had been silently observing the drama, also wore a mocking expression; he clearly held Xu Fenn's words in contempt.

"So, how come I heard that when you went looking for Xu Nian, it was to get something from him? And that you were also planning to check his storage ring and Dantian?" Xu Nian said coldly.

He felt it was necessary to bring this up, to caution his sister against these two.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, Xu Xin's gaze instantly turned icy cold.

"You're talking nonsense! When did I ever say such a thing?" Xu Fenn tried to argue.

But Xu Xin no longer believed him.

The look Xu Tong gave Xu Nian was now filled with Killing Intent.

He signalled Xu Fenn with a glance.

Immediately, Xu Fenn's expression turned malevolent as he shouted, "Boy! By slandering me this way, I have no choice but to kill you!"

After speaking, a cyan dragon-shaped mark appeared on his forehead.

And in that instant, a surge of dragon might emanated from Xu Fenn's body.

Following that, he formed his fingers into hooks and viciously clawed toward Xu Nian's heart.

A shadowy silhouette of a dragon's claw enveloped his hand, emitting a heartbeat-skipping aura.

"Ah, this is the Xu Family's Ancestor Vein Power? The power of the dragon?"

A hint of surprise flashed through Xu Nian's eyes.

However, it quickly turned cold.

Xu Fenn was determined to put Xu Nian to death by using the Ancestor Vein Power right from the start!

But even with the Ancestor Vein Power, Xu Fenn was still nothing more than a pushover in Xu Nian's eyes.

"Slap!"

A crisp slap rang out.

Xu Fenn, who had used the Ancestor Vein Power, was smacked in the face by Xu Nian's slap, sending him flying.

"What?"

The crowd around them all showed expressions of surprise.

Though Xu Fenn was only a One-star Battle King, after using the Ancestor Vein Power,

even Peak of Two-star Battle Kings were no match for him.

And yet, he was now sent flying with a single slap from this youth?

"Boom!"

Xu Fenn heavily crashed to the ground, thrown a hundred meters away.

Looking at him now, the left side of his face was grotesquely swollen, and all his teeth had come loose in his mouth.

His entire mouth was severely distorted.

Where was the previously handsome and suave appearance?

"This... How is this possible?" Xu Fenn said in shock.

His speech was severely slurred.

He couldn't believe that even after using the Ancestor Vein Power,

he wasn't even a match for a single move from this youth?

Xu Tong also had an extremely grim expression, clearly the strength of Xu Nian was beyond his expectations.

However, just then, Xu Nian actually walked towards Xu Fenn.

"You... what do you want to do?" Xu Fenn immediately turned pale with fright.

The crowd around them also showed expressions of surprise.

What was this youth trying to do?

Could it be that he intended to kill Xu Fenn right in front of all the members of the Xu Family?

That would be too insane!

"Stop!" Xu Tian couldn't stand by any longer, and quickly made a move to intercept.

However, it was as if Xu Nian hadn't heard Xu Tian's words at all, his figure flashed and he immediately appeared in front of Xu Fenn.

"I've already warned you not to bother me, if you didn't listen, then don't blame me."

Xu Nian's voice thundered in Xu Fenn's mind.

"You... you are..." Xu Fenn's eyes widened.

At that moment, he knew the true identity of the youth before him.

But before he could utter the name Xu Nian, his throat was already grasped by Xu Nian's hand.

"Let him go quickly!" Xu Tian roared, his figure already approaching Xu Nian.

And he was about to strike Xu Nian with a palm.

But Xu Nian just let out a cold laugh.

"The people I want to kill have never been able to escape death," Xu Nian snorted coldly, and a sharp glint flashed through his eyes.

At the same time, nine throwing knives burst from his body and slashed towards Xu Tian who had made a move.

Xu Tian was greatly shocked and hurriedly marshaled all his Battle Energy to defend.

He sensed a heavy threat from those nine throwing knives.

Indeed, the nine throwing knives fiercely struck his soul shield, sending him reeling back.

On the other side, Xu Nian's left hand gripped Xu Fenn, hoisting him up.

His right hand was covered with dragon scales, piercing directly through Xu Fenn's heart.

Xu Fenn's body shuddered, and his eyes quickly became lifeless.

The people around were stunned.

They couldn't believe that this youth had dared to slay Xu Fenn in front of everyone.

Chapter 323 The Powerful Wrist

Xu Xin was completely stunned as well.

She hadn't expected 'Lin Long' to actually dare to kill Xu Fenn.

Even she was bewildered in that instant.

Xu Tong and Xu Long were also dumbfounded.

This Xu Nian actually blocked Elder Xu Tian and really did kill Xu Fenn!

This guy was simply audacious to the extreme!

The various major powers in the distance, including people from the other three great families, all revealed extremely shocked expressions.

Killing a disciple of the Xu family in front of the Xu family's very eyes was a clear declaration of war against the Xu family!

That Xu Nian was courting death by hanging the corpse of a direct Fang Family descendant on the city walls.

And now there was this person.

Could it be that the youths of today were all so formidable?

Xu Nian tossed aside the lifeless body of Xu Fenn he held in his hand.

Looking at the shocked faces around him, the corners of his mouth revealed a slight smirk.

He knew that by doing this, he would definitely cause a great commotion.

He had also considered the consequences.

By killing Xu Fenn, the Xu family would surely be relentless in their pursuit of him.

But Xu Nian had no regrets.

Constantly yielding would only embolden Xu Fenn and Xu Tong even more.

Rather than that, better to give Xu Tong a harsh warning.

To tell him that offending Xu Nian came with a price.

As for how to handle the aftermath, Xu Nian had already thought it through clearly.

"Lin Long, I told you to stop, why did you still take action? Although Xu Fenn was wrong, his crimes did not merit death, yet you just killed him like that. Shouldn't you give an explanation?" Xu Tian stepped forward and coldly looked at Xu Nian.

The nine flying knives from just now had caught him somewhat off guard.

Now prepared, if he were to take action again, he believed he could easily break through this young man's throwing knives.

However, he hadn't expected that this youth would actually unleash his Spiritual Sense Power and moreover for it to be so strong.

"An explanation? Elder Tian, what kind of explanation do you think I should give? I kindly saved you at the Nine Heavens Dragon Locking Pass, yet Xu Fenn showed not a shred of gratitude. Not only was he disrespectful in his words, but he also attempted to kill my subordinates; is this the way of the Xu family?" Xu Nian asked coldly.

Elder Xu Tian paused, his brows furrowing.

He knew indeed they were in the wrong in this matter.

But Xu Nian had killed a disciple of the Xu family in front of so many people.

If they were to just let it go.

Where would the Xu family's face be put?

"Even if Xu Fenn is at fault, that's for the Xu family to deal with. You killed someone of our Xu family of your own accord. I won't kill you, but you can cripple your own cultivation," Xu Tian said with an icy voice.

Upon hearing this, disdainful cold laughter immediately appeared on Xu Nian's face.

The Xu family, huh?

For the sake of family honor, they were so utterly irrational.

It seemed he was not wrong at all in killing Xu Fenn.

Xu Tong stood to the side, laughing coldly as if he already foresaw Xu Nian's Dantian being crippled.

Regarding Xu Fenn's life or death, he naturally didn't care.

On Xu Xin's face, however, there was a surge of anxiety. She hadn't expected Elder Xu Tian to actually ask Lin Long to cripple his own Dantian.

Just as she was about to step forward to speak for Xu Nian.

A clear, cold voice came from a distance.

"What an impartial Xu family we have here. Today, our Artifact Refining Sect has truly witnessed it."

Yann Hong, accompanied by three elders of the Artifact Refining Sect, was seen walking towards them.

"People from the Artifact Refining Sect? What are they doing coming out at this time?" The surrounding crowd was all confused.

Both the Wuji Sect and the Tianjian Sect looked toward Yann Hong and the others.

They couldn't understand why the Artifact Refining Sect would stand up at this moment.

Elder Xu Tian also hadn't expected the Artifact Refining Sect to intervene at this time.

"This is a matter of the Xu family and doesn't concern your Sect. I hope your Sect won't interfere," Elder Xu Tian said.

Although the Artifact Refining Sect was not as powerful as the Xu family.

But after all, it was the first sect of the Tianhen Empire.

If their Xu Family were to go to war with the Artifact Refining Sect, even if they were to win in the end, the Xu Family would inevitably pay a very heavy price.

Therefore, the Four Great Families always kept to themselves and didn't interfere with the Three Great Sects.

But today, the Artifact Refining Sect unexpectedly decided to muddy the waters.

"Haha, none of our Artifact Refining Sect's business? Your Xu Family has bullied all the way to our Artifact Refining Sect Master's head, and you still think it's none of our business?" laughed the Nine-star Battle King Peak Expert of the Artifact Refining Sect.

The crowd around was startled.

Elder Xu Tian was also startled.

Artifact Refining Sect Master?

Who?

There seemed to be no Artifact Refining Sect Master here, right?

Xu Xin and others were also confused.

Only Xu Nian and Chen Wudi exchanged a smile, their eyes full of amusement.

However, some people quickly caught on and speculated, "Could it be that this youngster is the Artifact Refining Sect Master?"

As soon as these words came out, the whole place burst into an uproar.

Everyone turned their gaze towards Xu Nian.

What kind of joke was that?

How could the Artifact Refining Sect Master be a green youth?

"Subordinates pay respects to the Sect Master!"

However, just when people could not believe it, Yann Hong and others arrived in front of Xu Nian and knelt on one knee.

At this, everyone was dumbfounded.

They felt that their brains couldn't quite make sense of it.

Xu Tong stood there, frozen.

Xu Long was also stunned.

Including Xu Xin, all of them had faces of disbelief.

She had once guessed that Xu Nian came from some overseas power, but he did not give an answer at the time.

She thought she was right, but she had not expected that 'Lin Long' was actually the Sect Master of the Artifact Refining Sect!

The Ye family members, who had had a conflict with Xu Nian earlier, were also surprised.

Since when had the Artifact Refining Sect Master become this young man?

Xu Nian looked at the surprised crowd and smiled at the corners of his mouth.

Yes, this was the solution he had come up with.

Creating momentum!

What the Xu Family cared about was face.

An unnamed junior killing one of their Xu Family disciples would naturally make them lose face.

But Xu Nian, as a Sect Master, that was different.

His status instantly rose to the same level as the Family Head Xu, making it justifiable for Xu Nian to kill Xu Fenn in a rightful situation.

Absolutely no one would dare to utter a word of idle talk.

After all, how could a Sect Master tolerate being casually humiliated by a junior?

"Elder Xu Tian, do you still wish to abolish my cultivation now?" Xu Nian looked at Xu Tian and asked.

Xu Tian felt embarrassed and did not know what to say for a moment.

He had lived nearly seventy years and this was the first time he had encountered such a thing.

"It is our Xu Family's failure in discipline. When I return to the family and report to the Family Head, we will definitely send someone to apologize at your doorstep," Xu Tian said.

Now, the Xu Family already had the Ye Family as an enemy.

If they were to make an enemy of the Artifact Refining Sect as well, it would definitely not be a wise move.

Moreover, this matter was originally the fault of their Xu Family.

"There's no need for a doorstep apology; let's consider this matter settled. But remember, I only let it go out of respect for Sister Xu Xin, otherwise, although my Artifact Refining Sect is not as powerful as the Xu Family, I would rather die fighting than let the Xu Family go unscathed!" Xu Nian's voice boomed with commanding authority, intimidating all around.

All were taken aback.

At this moment, no one doubted why this young man managed to become the Artifact Refining Sect Master.

Just by his spirit and methods alone, he commanded respect.

Xu Tian was shocked and did not speak.

From a distance, Xu Xin, with her pretty face in surprise, looked lost in thought.

Chapter 324 The Gate Opens

A storm had just been quelled.

However, everyone was still immersed in the events that had just occurred.

The impact on them was simply too great.

First, the young man had a conflict with the Ye Family, followed by the Xu family forcing the Ye Family to leave.

Then, right in front of the Xu family, he killed a disciple of the Xu family.

In the end, he managed to force the Xu family to swallow their anger by brandishing his identity as the Artifact Refining Sect Master.

Such tactics were truly unimaginable.

Especially his last statement, which sent chills down everyone's spine.

"Though my Artifact Refining Sect may not be as powerful as your Xu family, even if we all fall in battle, we will still make your Xu family lose an arm and a leg."

A sect led by such a sect master would undoubtedly be fierce and formidable.

But how old is he?

The Xu family members fell silent.

So did the Ye Family members.

Even the two people from the Fang Family standing alone were now silent as well.

Let alone they had no idea who the murderer of their family member was, even if they did, it would be of no help now.

Three of the Four Great Families had been crippled!

And by the same person, no less.

If the public were to learn the truth of the matter,

who knows what they would think.

In fact, not only the three great families, but Tianjian Sect had also been badly damaged by Xu Nian.

Of the young generation from Tianjian Sect, eight had come.

Now only two remained.

The losses could be described as tragic.

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In a corner of the square, a young man was standing at this moment.

Behind the young man was an old man following close behind.

The young man had seen everything that had just happened.

He was handsome with eyes like stars.

A faint, unconstrained smile always lingered on his lips.

He gave off an aura of untamed defiance.

As for the old man, he was somewhat hunched, with clouded eyes.

He looked as though he was almost stepping into a coffin.

"Seventh Prince, should this old servant send someone to investigate the background of this young man?" the old man asked.

"No need, a prey whose background is unknown is more interesting to chase," the young man replied with a light laugh, his eyes brimming with intense interest.

"But..." the old man seemed to have concerns.

However, the young man waved his hand and said, "Don't overthink it. It's just an Artifact Refining Sect. Are you really afraid I can't handle it? Now that Old Eight has gone to the Arctic Ice Field, it's a good opportunity for me to accumulate power. I have a premonition that if I can subdue this young man, even if Old Eight returns from the Arctic Ice Field, I can still challenge him, not to mention this dragon vein."

The old man nodded his head.

With the young master's identity and power, subduing an Artifact Refining Sect naturally would not be difficult.

"Have you found that Xu Nian yet?" the young man asked again.

"Not yet," the old man replied. "That Xu Nian seems to have vanished into thin air all of a sudden. As soon as he left Dong'an City, he just disappeared."

The young man snorted coldly, angrily saying, "Huh, what useless trash, can't even find one young man. If you do not inform me of Xu Nian's whereabouts before I leave this Demon Emperor's Tomb, I think you know the consequences."

The old man's body trembled and he immediately answered, "This old servant will definitely do everything possible to send people to search."

After speaking, he took out a Communication Spirit Talisman and began to issue orders.

The young man's eyes narrowed slightly, filled with killing intent.

The Ninth Prince, Xia Zhengfeng, was his biological younger brother, born of the same mother.

Now that Xia Zhengfeng had been killed, he could hardly be willing to let bygones be bygones.

"Xu Nian, don't let me see you, or I will flay you a thousand times over!" Xia Zhenglei clenched his fists tight, his eyes bristling with intent to kill.

However, what he did not know was that the Xu Nian he was looking for was standing not far in front of him.

Xu Nian was currently conversing with Yann Hong.

As for Xu Xin, she had returned to the Xu family's ranks.

With such events transpiring, if Xu Nian were to get close to Xu Xin now, it would only make her situation very awkward.

"Sister Hong, are the Great Elder and others currently guarding outside the Misty Forest?" Xu Nian asked.

"Reporting to the Sect Master, this time, both the Great Elder and the previous Sect Master have gathered outside the Misty Forest. They have been separated by a seal and are unable to enter," Yann Hong replied.

Xu Nian nodded.

Sure enough, it was exactly as Xu Xin had said.

Even the Saints were being blocked by the seals outside the Demon Emperor's Tomb.

"What's the deal with this Demon Emperor's Tomb?" Xu Nian pointed to the huge Stone Gate and asked.

Now that they were at the entrance to the Demon Emperor's Tomb.

Why hasn't anyone opened the gate and gone in?

This was the question that Xu Nian had been curious about ever since he arrived here.

"Sect Master, it's like this: The door to the Demon Emperor's Tomb cannot be opened with External Force. Covered with a powerful seal, if attacked forcefully, it will only trigger the seal, and the offender will be killed by the seal," Yann Hong explained.

"What do we do then?" Xu Nian asked, amazed.

If the door to the Demon Emperor's Tomb couldn't be opened, then how could they enter the tomb to search for treasures?

Chen Wudi was also taken aback, clearly just as puzzled.

"Wait," Yann Hong answered.

"Wait?" Xu Nian was still utterly astonished.

"Yes, every time the full moon lights up the night, and when it appears directly above the valley, moonlight shines upon the gate, it will open automatically. This process lasts only as long as it takes an incense stick to burn," Yann Hong responded.

"Huh? There's such a thing?" A realization dawned in Xu Nian's mind.

He had never expected the key to the Demon Emperor's Tomb's gate to be the moonlight.

Emperor Bai must've possessed incredible ingenuity and wonder when he was building this tomb.

"Once inside, is it possible to come back out?" Xu Nian then asked another question.

Yann Hong shook her head and said, "Unless someone obtains the Dragon Vein and breaks the seal, everyone will be trapped inside until the next full moon night. However, the tomb is fraught with great danger, and nearly no one can survive until the next full moon night."

"Huh?" Xu Nian was stunned for a moment.

So the Demon Emperor's Tomb was that perilous.

In other words, once inside, one either obtained the Dragon Vein or died there.

This was not a treasure trove at all, it was a place of certain death!

Yet for the sake of the Dragon Vein, so many powers were still willing to risk everything.

Xu Nian shook his head in resignation.

Men die for wealth, as birds die for food; it's an unchanging truth throughout the ages.

"When is the next full moon night?" Xu Nian asked.

"It is tonight!" Yann Hong replied.

Xu Nian was taken aback; he hadn't expected the full moon night to be this very evening.

Didn't that mean they would have to enter the Demon Emperor's Tomb tonight?

Furthermore, it made sense—the major powers had come prepared, and naturally, they had calculated the timing with extreme precision.

"It seems entering the tomb will lead to a true battle to the death!" Xu Nian murmured to himself.

Yet his gaze was exceptionally firm.

Having come this far, he naturally also wanted to compete for the Dragon Vein.

Now that he had offended so many powers, if he didn't possess great strength in the future,

how would he protect the ones he cared about?

Time ticked by, and night swiftly fell.

A giant Silver Moon slowly climbed to the center of the valley.

Moonlight spilled from above, and sounds like music from ancient times began to fill the air.

All stood up and looked toward the towering Stone Gate.

Creak!

The massive Stone Gate gradually started to move.

And everyone's hearts suddenly hung in suspense.

Chapter 325 God King Tripod

Mysterious Moon hung in the sky.

The moonlight, like a pristine holy radiance, fell and illuminated the massive stone gate.

Suddenly, strong and peculiar patterns appeared on the ancient stone gate.

The stone gate slowly opened.

An ancient aura surged out from the pitch-dark tomb, hitting their faces.

A chilling dark wind blew from the depths of the tomb, sending shivers down their spines.

"It's open, it's open, hurry, go in!"

Someone in the crowd exclaimed.

The people around immediately woke up and rushed into the tomb.

"Let's go in as well," Xu Nian said to Yann Hong and the others beside him.

Yann Hong and the others nodded.

Since they had come for this tomb, and now that the doors of the tomb were open,

there was naturally no reason to hesitate.

Thus, they followed Xu Nian into the tomb.

Upon entering the tomb, Xu Nian and his companions were startled by the scene before them.

Because inside the entrance of the gate,

there were rows and rows of skeletons.

Clearly, these skeletons had been trapped inside the Demon Emperor's Tomb and had died here for some reason.

"How terrifying, there are at least a hundred of them, and they died many years ago. It must have been a long time ago that a large group of people entered this tomb to explore the Dragon Vein, and in the end, they all died inside," Chen Wudi said gravely looking at the grim white bones.

Xu Nian nodded.

The clothing on these skeletons was already decayed.

However, from the color and strength of these bones,

it was clear that these people were not weak in life, and the weakest were at the Battle General Level.

And these skeletons had traces of fractures.

Obviously, there had been fierce battles during their lives.

Looking further at the walls, they were covered with knife marks, sword slashes, and claw marks.

This further indicated that there was some unknown danger here.

"Everyone, be careful, there might be powerful creatures hiding here," Xu Nian spoke.

He was unsure whether the attackers were humans or Demon Beasts.

But he could be sure that the creatures that attacked them were very powerful.

Everyone nodded.

Clearly, they too realized the dangers here.

Thus, they cautiously made their way deeper into the tomb.

The entire tomb was located within the mountain, seemingly hollowing out the entire mountain range.

It was sprawling and manifold inside,

completely a subterranean maze.

The walls around were smooth and even, the rocks hard.

It could be said that constructing such a vast tomb within a mountain range

was truly a monumental effort.

Due to the many branching paths,

soon those who entered had dispersed.

Xu Nian and the people of the Xu Family had also spread out.

Although he was worried about Xu Xin, there was nothing he could do.

In this intricate maze, it was really difficult to avoid getting separated.

Moreover, in this place, Spiritual Sense was greatly restricted.

With Xu Nian's strength of Spiritual Sense, he could only cover a radius of ten meters.

Such a range could only ensure he dealt with imminent dangers, but not conduct a thorough search with Spiritual Sense.

What surprised Xu Nian the most was,

his Gray Dragon Eye was unexpectedly unable to see through the walls around.

The walls must have been bound with powerful prohibitions to be like this.

Soon, Xu Nian and his companions reached the end of this secret passage and entered an immensely grand hall.

However, once inside the grand hall, Xu Nian and his companions were surprised to find,

that the hall had one hundred and eight secret passage entrances.

These entrances were distributed around the four walls and led to various places.

"What a peculiar underground labyrinth. The construction of this Demon Emperor's Tomb must also follow some powerful formation, right? It's just unknown how many such halls there are and where the center of the tomb might be," Xu Nian couldn't help but exclaim.

People around him felt the same way.

No wonder those who entered the tomb rarely made it out.

Just this underground labyrinth was enough to confuse many.

"There are a total of one thousand eight hundred such halls; once inside, it's very difficult to find your way back."

However, just then, a cold voice again resonated in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian was startled.

One thousand eight hundred halls?

How immense was this tomb?

"How do you know so clearly? Did you come here in your past life?" Xu Nian asked telepathically.

Indeed, this voice belonged to Zhao Yanyun from the Star Tower.

"Yes, this place is actually not the tomb of Emperor Bai but the Dragon Vein's dragon lair, which was later forcibly occupied by that damned Emperor Bai. My ancestors and I were the guardians of this dragon lair, guarding the Dragon Vein generation after generation," Zhao Yanyun's voice echoed again.

Xu Nian was extremely surprised.

He had not expected Zhao Yanyun to be a guardian of the Dragon Vein.

No wonder she was so familiar with Death Valley.

"Then, as a guardian, you should know how to navigate these passages, right?" Xu Nian promptly asked.

"This tomb was arranged according to the Ten Thousand Star Heavenly Gang Array. There are one thousand eight hundred halls, but only one main hall, which is at the deepest part of the tomb. There's only one path leading to the main hall, but the array has been altered by Emperor Bai. Even I don't know the correct route now, so you'll have to rely on yourself," Zhao Yanyun replied.

Xu Nian felt a wave of disappointment.

One thousand eight hundred halls, each with one hundred and eight passages.

How hard would it be to find the correct passage among so many?

"However, in these one thousand eight hundred halls, there are certain opportunities, and naturally, there are also certain dangers. Whether you can seize these opportunities depends on your own destiny," Zhao Yanyun's voice arose once more.

Hearing this, Xu Nian began to scrutinize the grand hall.

The hall was very spacious.

Aside from a huge copper tripod in the center, there was nothing else.

But this copper tripod was anything but simple.

It bore unique, ancient patterns, exuding an ancient aura.

Though the origin of this copper tripod was unknown, one thing was certain.

The copper tripod had an extraordinary origin.

"Could this be ... the Divine King Tripod?" Yan Hong suddenly exclaimed in surprise.

"Divine King Tripod? What's that?" the others asked in confusion.

"The Divine King Tripod is a powerful Spiritual Artifact, said to possess supreme might. Its specific function is unknown; it disappeared from the continent thousands of years ago—I can't believe it's here," Yan Hong explained.

Surprise shone in her beautiful eyes.

Xu Nian too gazed at the large cauldron in the center of the grand hall.

The great cauldron was about two meters tall with a diameter of three meters.

Such a massive cauldron, its weight must be over a million pounds.

"You all stay here, I'll go take a closer look," Xu Nian told the others.

"Sect Master, be careful," Yan Hong and the others immediately cautioned.

Xu Nian nodded, then swiftly moved towards the cauldron.

However, there was no danger, and Xu Nian easily reached the front of the Giant Cauldron.

But the moment Xu Nian's hand touched the Giant Cauldron,

a terrifying force erupted from the cauldron, instantly blasting Xu Nian away.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's body struck the wall, directly cracking the hard wall.

The entire grand hall shook!

Chapter 326 Power of Taiyin

"Sect Master, are you alright!"

Yann Hong and the others immediately rushed over in panic.

"I'm fine!"

Xu Nian climbed out from the deep pit in the wall, patting his head which felt groggy and heavy.

The power he had just experienced was truly terrifying.

He didn't even have time to react before he was sent flying.

If it hadn't been for his quick reflex to protect his body with Scale Armor,

that horrible impact would have been enough to injure his internal organs.

"Sect Master must still be careful; the Divine King Tripod is a legendary Spiritual Artifact that is extremely powerful, and one could easily be injured by it if not careful," stated the Nine-star Battle King Peak Expert.

Xu Nian nodded.

He had personally experienced the power of the Divine King Tripod.

Obviously, even he did not dare to touch the Divine King Tripod a second time.

The sensation from earlier was not easily endurable.

For a moment, everyone looked at the Divine King Tripod and could only helplessly shake their heads.

"Tch, a mere Spiritual Artifact daring to be named Divine King Tripod; you people from the Mortal World really don't know the immensity of heaven and earth."

However, just then, Xu Nian heard the voice of Emperor Ye Tian in his mind.

"Eh? Your Majesty, are you awake?" Xu Nian's face lit up with joy immediately.

Emperor Ye Tian had been sleeping this whole time, and he had called out to her several times without getting a response.

He almost thought Emperor Ye Tian would sleep for ten or eight years.

"Boy, can't you even subdue a measly broken tripod? You're really losing face for me," Emperor Ye Tian scolded.

Xu Nian felt embarrassed.

Emperor Ye Tian's grumpiness upon waking seemed to be getting worse.

To her, it might have been a broken tripod, but to them, it was a rare treasure.

The power emanating from the massive tripod alone was enough to show its immense strength.

"However, this tripod is indeed somewhat special. After years of absorbing Moon Power, it truly contains the robust Power of Taiyin," Emperor Ye Tian continued.

"Power of Taiyin? Was the force that attacked me just now this kind of power?" asked Xu Nian in surprise.

"That's right, all things are divided into Yin and Yang; the Spiritual Energy you usually absorb is the Power of the Sun, which the Sun gives to you. But Taiyin is the power of the Moon, and it is not easily mastered by cultivators. However, this massive tripod has absorbed a lot of Power of Taiyin, which is indeed rare to see in this humble Mortal World," Emperor Ye Tian said.

Xu Nian was stunned.

The Spiritual Energy they normally absorbed was actually just one type of Cosmic Power.

This was the first time he was hearing such an explanation.

"So what is the use of this Power of Taiyin?" Xu Nian hurriedly inquired.

"Use? The uses are naturally many. Other people's cultivation techniques cannot absorb Power of Taiyin, but your techniques are different. Both your Dan Sea Species Green Lotus and your Divine Demon Refining Body can absorb this power. Moreover, balancing Yin and Yang within you, the quality of your Spiritual Energy will definitely reach a new level," Emperor Ye Tian said with a cold smirk.

Indeed, the Combat Technique he cultivated was very special; it could absorb any kind of power, and surely the Power of Taiyin would be no exception.

Thinking of this, a look of joy appeared on Xu Nian's face.

"However, it seems impossible to touch this massive tripod at all, so I can't absorb its power, right?" Xu Nian asked hurriedly.

"Fool, of course you can't absorb the power of the massive tripod from the outside; you have to jump into the tripod itself to absorb its power from the inside," Emperor Ye Tian's voice rang out again.

Xu Nian was stunned.

Jump into the massive tripod?

Was this some kind of joke?

He was sent flying just by touching the tripod a moment ago.

And now she was suggesting he jump directly into the tripod—wasn't that like asking him to seek death?

"Are you going to do it or not? Why would I ever harm you?" Emperor Ye Tian snorted coldly, her voice tinged with some anger.

"I will, right away," Xu Nian immediately replied.

Yet inwardly, he felt a sense of helplessness.

This ancestor always had some lousy ideas for him.

Of course, each time, unexpected effects would arise.

Thus, even though Xu Nian knew it was very dangerous, he still chose to trust Emperor Ye Tian.

"Elder, let's just leave. The Divine King Tripod has been sitting here for so long without being taken away, which shows that we are no match for it. I think we should go look for other places instead," one of the Elders spoke up.

Yann Hong and the others nodded in agreement.

The power emanating from this massive cauldron was simply too terrifying.

It was utterly untouchable, let alone to claim as one's own.

"There's no rush. Let me try one last time; wait here for me," Xu Nian said to the crowd.

Yann Hong and the others were all taken aback, not expecting Xu Nian to try again.

Anxiety swiftly flooded their faces.

After all, he had almost been shaken to death by this huge cauldron just moments before.

However, they also knew that no one could oppose Xu Nian's decision, so they had no choice but to silently stand by and watch.

When they saw Xu Nian's next move, they nearly fell to pieces from shock.

Xu Nian actually leaped up and jumped into the massive cauldron, and then he completely vanished from sight.

"Sect Master!"

Yann Hong and the others immediately started calling out in panic.

"I'm fine; don't worry about me!"

Xu Nian's voice came from inside the cauldron.

Yann Hong and the others let out a sigh of relief.

They didn't understand what Xu Nian was really doing.

However, Xu Nian was astonished at that moment.

As soon as he jumped into the cauldron, he felt as if he were plummeting through clouds.

Falling straight down.

Was there actually a hidden space within this cauldron?

It wasn't until he had fallen a thousand zhang that Xu Nian reached the bottom of this cauldron space.

It was a circular world, with an immense round moon hanging in the night sky.

Beneath his feet was a continent spanning about a hundred acres.

The continent was devoid of any vegetation, featuring only hard rock.

If someone looked down from above the cauldron.

They would see a tiny figure standing within the cauldron; in fact, it was Xu Nian.

"This is called a Dimensional Realm. Whoever could craft such a Spiritual Artifact must be a cultivator of spacetime. Boy, this cauldron can also be considered a rare treasure for you," the voice of Emperor Ye Tian sounded in Xu Nian's mind.

"A Dimensional Realm?" Xu Nian was surprised.

He knew he was now inside the cauldron.

Yet, such a huge space existed inside.

Of course, some things were beyond his imagination.

"First, you should absorb the Power of Taiyin. Do you see that round moon in the sky? That is the origin of the Power of Taiyin. Just look at this round moon and circulate your Combat Technique," Emperor Ye Tian's voice rang out again.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian immediately sat down cross-legged on the ground.

He began circulating his Combat Technique while gazing at the round moon in the sky.

Very soon, he felt an extremely cold force flowing through his meridians and into his body.

This force was silver in color and very different from his Spiritual Energy.

Once it entered his Dan Sea, it clearly kept a respectful distance from his original Spiritual Energy.

However, as this power flowed in, Xu Nian's aura continually climbed.

There seemed to be signs of a breakthrough.

"How can it be so fast?" Xu Nian wondered in his heart.

He immediately increased the speed at which he circulated his Combat Technique!

Chapter 327 The Young Sect Master of Tianjian Sect

The power of Taiyin surged like a tide, all pouring into Xu Nian's body.

Within the God King Tripod, clouds churned, and thunder rumbled.

Xu Nian sat cross-legged inside the tripod, at this moment his robes violently fluttering.

"It feels amazing; why do I have such an exhilarating sensation?" Xu Nian mused to himself.

As this Taiyin power flooded in,

He discovered that his Dan Sea had unexpectedly formed a clear-cut Tai Chi diagram.

Except one half was cyan and the other half silver-white, it was very peculiar.

"Boom!"

With a roar,

Xu Nian's Spiritual Cultivation leaped directly to the Peak of Nine-star War General.

And the speed was still accelerating.

"Could it be that I'm about to break through to the Battle King Realm?" Xu Nian exclaimed in surprise.

His heart overflowed with boundless joy.

He found that the influx of Taiyin power sped up the improvement of his cultivation much more than Spiritual Energy.

"Boom!"

Another roar.

Xu Nian's black hair danced wildly, his robes rustling.

His entire aura transformed completely.

Yes, he had officially stepped into the Battle King Realm.

"Such abundant power, this Taiyin power seems to be stronger than ordinary Spiritual Energy in terms of attack strength," Xu Nian joyfully said to himself.

In just two hours, his Spiritual Cultivation had astonishingly escalated two levels.

It was truly a miracle.

"Enough, stop absorbing it. Now, the power of Taiyin and the power of the Sun within you have reached a balance. If you absorb more Taiyin power, it might be detrimental to your future Cultivation."

Just as Xu Nian prepared to continue absorbing Taiyin power, the voice of Emperor Ye Tian once again resonated in his mind.

"Why?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"All things are like this, Cultivation is no exception. Either pure Yin or pure Yang, once you have both powers, you must achieve Yin Yang balance, only then can you ensure your cultivation won't become disordered. In the future, every time you absorb a portion of Spiritual Energy, you will need to absorb a portion of Yin Energy to maintain balance," Emperor Ye Tian stated.

"Sounds troublesome. Does that mean my future Cultivation will have to rely on this God King Tripod?" Xu Nian frowned.

"Hmph, reaping a benefit and still playing coy. You'll realize the advantages of having both Yin and Yang powers later. I will also teach you some methods to absorb Taiyin power. But keep this broken tripod, the Taiyin power inside is enough for you to cultivate up to the Saint Realm," Emperor Ye Tian snorted.

Although Xu Nian was unaware of the benefits of possessing both Yin and Yang powers, he believed that Emperor Ye Tian wouldn't harm him.

"But how can I bond with this God King Tripod?" asked Xu Nian, still puzzled.

"Can't even handle a broken tripod. It previously attacked on its own because it had begun to birth an Artifact Spirit, though it's still the most elementary one. What you need to do is to first conquer it. Only then you can bond with it," Emperor Ye Tian replied.

"Conquer? How do I conquer it?" Xu Nian asked, still not understanding.

How do you conquer an Artifact Spirit that lacked spiritual wisdom?

"That's simple. With the blood of your Nine Dragons Supreme Body, are you afraid you won't be able to conquer a little Artifact Spirit?" Emperor Ye Tian said impatiently.

Xu Nian suddenly understood.

Not wanting to waste more words, he quickly sliced his finger, dripping blood onto the ground.

"Hum!"

The blood dripped onto the ground, and at first the God King Tripod refused to absorb it.

Finally, it blended in.

And in Xu Nian's mind, he suddenly felt an additional connection with the God King Tripod.

"Master... Master!"

A juvenile voice came into Xu Nian's mind.

Upon hearing this voice, Xu Nian immediately realized it belonged to the Artifact Spirit of the God King Tripod.

"Interesting!" A smile appeared on Xu Nian's face.

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As Xu Nian subdued the God King Cauldron.

Chen Wudi and the others were becoming a bit impatient.

"What's going on, almost four hours have passed, why hasn't Xu Nian come out yet?" Chen Wudi said anxiously.

Yann Hong and the others were also frowning, clearly also worried about Xu Nian's safety.

"Shall we go up and take a look?" an Elder suggested.

"Good!" Yann Hong pondered for a moment and nodded.

However, before they could act, three figures burst out from the distant passageway.

"The God King Cauldron?"

Upon their arrival, their gaze immediately locked onto the God King Cauldron.

Yann Hong and the others were all taken aback, then their expressions grew serious.

Because the newcomers were none other than members of the Tianjian Sect.

Leading them was a young man.

He had the strength of a Four Star Battle King.

Behind him followed an Eight-star Battle King and a Nine-star Battle King.

Such strength could be considered quite formidable.

"Oh, isn't this the Artifact Refining Sect's people? What a coincidence, it seems we really are fated," the leading young man sneered, his eyes landing on Yann Hong and filled with a thick lewdness.

He had noticed Yann Hong before they even entered the Demon Emperor's Tomb.

Yann Hong's beauty and seductive aura deeply attracted him, and he had secretly decided then.

He would definitely find an opportunity to get his hands on this woman and taste her coquettish charm.

Yann Hong's delicate brows immediately furrowed.

The gaze of this young man in front was making her very uncomfortable.

But she also knew the identity of this young man was extremely extraordinary.

It was Lei Li, the Young Sect Master of Tianjian Sect, and also the sect's number one talent.

"Young Sect Master Lei, the God King Cauldron was first discovered by our Artifact Refining Sect. If you wish to compete for treasures, please look elsewhere in the palace!" Yann Hong spoke coldly.

Lei Li, hearing this, let out a cold laugh.

"Treasures always belong to those who are capable. Where is the rule that the first to find it owns it? So, this God King Cauldron, our Tianjian Sect will claim," Lei Li sneered.

The people from Yann Hong's group all furrowed their brows.

Although there were only three from the opposing side, their strength was definitely greater.

Aside from a Nine-star War General on their side, the other two Elders were both at the Six-star Battle General level.

As for her, she was only a Four-star Battle General.

Besides Lei Li,

There was an Eight-star Battle King and a Nine-star Battle King.

If it really came to a battle, the situation would be extremely disadvantageous for them.

Lei Li had naturally noticed this too.

He had investigated the strength of the Artifact Refining Sect's members, which was why he was so unrestrained.

"Ha ha, what's wrong? Are you afraid? Hmph, not only will I claim this God King Cauldron today, but I will also take you. I have long heard that the sisters of the Yann Family from the Artifact Refining Sect are incomparable in beauty, and seeing you today, it really is extraordinary. Just not sure if your skills in bed are also great," Lei Li laughed uproariously, his gaze becoming even more brazen.

"You..." Yann Hong suddenly became angry.

She hadn't expected the Young Sect Master of Tianjian Sect to be so arrogant to this extent.

The expressions of the other three Great Elders also showed rage.

This Young Sect Master of Tianjian Sect was simply disregarding their Artifact Refining Sect completely.

Lei Li continued to sneer.

It was said that their Tianjian Sect was inferior to the Artifact Refining Sect.

Now, he wanted the world to know that the Artifact Refining Sect was nothing in front of their Tianjian Sect.

"It seems that the Tianjian Sect hasn't learned its lesson even after losing so many disciples; it appears this sect really should be erased from this continent."

Just then, a cold and dignified voice rang out.

Then everyone saw, standing on the God King Cauldron, was a young man.

Chapter 328 The Arrogant Lei Li

"Sect Master!"

Yann Hong and the others looked at the young man's figure, their faces immediately showing an expression of joy.

They hadn't seen Xu Nian for such a long time.

They thought something unexpected might have happened to Xu Nian.

Now seeing that Xu Nian was alright, they were relieved.

Lei Li watched Xu Nian standing atop the God King Tripod, a hint of disdainful sneer on his lips.

"So you are the Artifact Refining Sect Master?" Lei Li sneered and asked.

"That's right, I am! And you are the Young Sect Master of the Tianjian Sect?" Xu Nian replied with a cold sneer.

Hearing this, the sneer on Lei Li's face grew even thicker.

"Haha, I thought your Artifact Refining Sect really had no one left, choosing such a youth as a Sect Master. It's simply laughable. Kid, I saw how you performed at the entrance of the tomb, how you intimidated the Xu Family. But my Tianjian Sect is not frightened. Young Sect Master will give you one opportunity to hand over the God King Tripod and that Yann Hong, and I might spare your lives," Lei Li said with a snort of laughter, his eyes filled with disdain.

"Spare my life?" Xu Nian laughed angrily in response.

He originally thought that the disciples of Tianjian Sect were arrogant enough, but this Young Sect Master of Tianjian Sect was even more so.

"Sect Master, let's join forces and fight them," an Elder spoke up, brimming with anger.

Xu Nian smiled and waved his hand to the people behind him, "There's no need for you to intervene, just watch."

Upon hearing this, Yann Hong and the others were stunned.

They don't need to step in?

Does the Sect Master intend to face them all alone?

They knew Xu Nian was extraordinary in battle, but he was about to face high-level masters, including an Eight-star War King and a Nine-star War King.

How could Xu Nian possibly take them on alone?

However, while they were puzzled, Xu Nian had already jumped down from the God King Tripod.

And faced Lei Li head-on.

"Kid, do you really think you can take on the three of us by yourself?" Lei Li scoffed.

"Why not?" Xu Nian said with a faint smile.

"Haha, what a joke, it's simply a joke. You, a One-star Body King, want to take on the three of us? Aren't you being a bit too arrogant?" Lei Li burst out laughing.

The two Elders behind him also had faces full of mockery, their eyes scornful.

Xu Nian, seeing the three people laughing, did not get angry but simply said, "All six of the Tianjian Sect disciples who died were killed by me alone, so you won't be an exception."

"What?" Lei Li was taken aback, his face showing surprise.

The two Elders behind him exchanged glances, their hearts filled with confusion.

"I'm afraid you still don't know my true identity. Since that's the case, then let me show you my real face," Xu Nian said with a slight smile, and then he promptly removed the Disguise Technique.

"It's... you!" Lei Li's eyes widened instantly.

He had seen Xu Nian's likeness before, so the moment Xu Nian revealed his true face, Lei Li recognized him.

The two Elders of Tianjian Sect were also shocked, clearly not expecting that the Xu Nian they had been looking for was right in front of them.

"You actually dare to show your face, Xu Nian. Don't you know that our Tianjian Sect has been looking for you?" Lei Li said through gritted teeth.

Xu Nian had killed six Core Disciples of their Tianjian Sect.

This was the backbone of their sect's future, crucial support for his ascendancy to the position of Sect Master.

But all of them had been killed by Xu Nian.

How could Lei Li not be furious?

So he had been seeking out Xu Nian's whereabouts, wanting to kill him to vent his anger.

But he never expected that this Xu Nian would be the Sect Master of the Artifact Refining Sect.

"Why should I be afraid to show myself when soon, you will all become dead men?" said Xu Nian, smiling lightly, the corner of his mouth curling into an arc.

Those familiar with him knew that such a smile meant he was ready to kill.

"Such arrogant words. Today, this Young Sect Master will personally end you. I want to see how you can still be arrogant. Prepare to die!" Lei Li shouted, and then the might of a Four-star War King completely erupted from him.

The entire person turned into a shadowy figure darting forward, carrying a furious and domineering aura.

He clenched his fist and directly hammered at Xu Nian.

Yann Hong and the others showed worried expressions when they saw this.

This Lei Li was a Four-star Battle King.

Although Xu Nian managed to repel Ye Lan with a punch before, Lei Li was much stronger than Ye Lan.

The two elders of the Tianjian Sect felt the same way, so they had no intention of intervening.

However, as Xu Nian watched Lei Li's punch coming, a disdainful cold smile appeared on his face.

If it were before his breakthrough in spiritual cultivation, facing Lei Li would have required some effort.

But now...

Xu Nian's gaze turned fierce, and he immediately clenched his fist.

"Boom!"

He struck after the opponent!

Xu Nian's punch instantly hit Lei Li in the chest.

Before Lei Li's fist even touched Xu Nian's body, he was sent flying by Xu Nian's punch.

"Pfft!"

Lei Li was sent tumbling backward, landing heavily in the distance.

"What?"

Lei Li hastily climbed up from the ground, holding his chest with a shocked expression.

Yann Hong and the others in the distance were also startled.

They hadn't expected Xu Nian to be so strong, even faster than Lei Li.

"How about it? Do you still think I can't kill you now?" Xu Nian returned a cold smile, his tone icy.

Lei Li's gaze darkened, his eyes filled with intense murderous intent.

"Young Sect Master, should the elder come forward?" the Eight-star Battle King elder asked.

"Hmph, no need. I was just a bit careless earlier and underestimating the enemy. Next, I will show him my true capabilities," Lei Li said with a cold snort.

Hearing this, the elder stepped back.

However, he was prepared to act instantly should an emergency arise.

"Kid, your speed is somewhat unexpected, but comparing speed with me, I think you've found the wrong person," Lei Li mocked coldly.

Immediately, a surge of thunderclap energy enveloped him.

Then, his figure shot out, turning into a bolt of lightning, rushing towards Xu Nian at extreme speed.

"So fast!"

Yann Hong and the others exclaimed.

Lei Li's speed was so fast that even she couldn't capture it.

For a moment, her gaze towards Xu Nian became worried again.

"A Thunderclap Cultivator, who has also mastered the Thunderclap Body Technique? Interesting!" A slight smile appeared at the corner of Xu Nian's mouth.

Then, a powerful Gang Qi surged on his fist.

"Dragon King Fist!"

Xu Nian bellowed, directly smashing his fist to his left side.

"How... How is this possible?"

Lei Li was shocked, as he had not expected Xu Nian to be able to predict his movements and attack him preemptively.

Xu Nian merely sneered repeatedly.

No matter how fast Lei Li was, how could he escape the detection of his spiritual sense?

As soon as Lei Li moved, Xu Nian had already predicted his trajectory.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's Dragon King Fist, with a roaring sound, fiercely struck Lei Li in the chest.

In an instant, Lei Li's body flew backward like a huge rock, crashing into the distant wall and making an earth-shattering sound.

Chapter 329 Ruthless Zhen Kill

Lei Li lay in the deep pit against the wall, the pain in his abdomen made him feel excruciating anguish.

At this moment, at least several of his ribs had broken.

His eyes were fixed on the distant Xu Nian, filled with intense killing intent.

He had never suffered such serious injuries in his life.

Xu Nian, on the other hand, looked at Lei Li with disdain, his gaze cold and mocking.

"You said you wanted to snatch the God King Tripod? You said you wanted to take Sister Yann Hong? Come on, then. Show me what else you've got," Xu Nian said as he started walking step by step toward Lei Li.

Upon hearing this, the fury in Lei Li's eyes suddenly surged like flames.

"You forced my hand; since you're courting death, then I'll grant it to you," Lei Li's eyes became even more ferociously twisted.

Then, a terrifying current of thunderclap arcs surged over his body.

And with the emergence of this thunderclap arc,

The atmosphere of the entire hall instantaneously became incredibly violent.

Not only that, Lei Li's appearance began to change; the veins on his face and arms all became prominently bulging at this moment.

His black hair disheveled, moving in the thunderclap.

His aura terrifyingly brutal.

"Eh, could this be... the Thunderclap Secret Sword Technique of the Tianjian Sect?" Yann Hong suddenly widened her eyes.

"Not good, the Sect Master is in danger!" The Elders revealed expressions of shock and prepared to intervene.

"Don't come over!" Xu Nian shouted.

The Elders were startled and stopped in their tracks.

Xu Nian, at this moment, was looking at Lei Li surrounded by the thunderclap arcs, a slight smile curling up at his mouth, "Is this your strongest move?"

Seeing Xu Nian's expression, Lei Li's eyes grew even more furious.

"Hmph, you're oblivious to your imminent death. Since that's the case, I'll let you experience true despair," Lei Li bellowed.

Then, he extended both hands, palms facing each other.

A surge of thunderclap gathered at the center of his palms.

And with the gathering of the thunderclap, a sword completely formed from the thunderclap materialized in the center of his palms.

"Eh? A sword condensed from thunderclap?" Xu Nian showed a hint of surprise.

He hadn't expected Lei Li to have such a move.

At this moment, the aura emitting from the thunderclap sword was especially volatile and terrifying.

"Meet your end! Thunderclap Heavenly Slash Sword!"

Lei Li roared, wielding the sword and thrusting violently toward Xu Nian.

The speed was incredibly fast.

In the blink of an eye, he was already in front of Xu Nian.

If Xu Nian were to be stabbed by this sword, he would surely die.

For the raging Thunderclap Power contained within the thunderclap sword would invade Xu Nian's body in an instant.

However, facing this sword, not a trace of fear appeared on Xu Nian's face.

On the contrary, he wore a cold smile tinged with disappointment.

"I'm so disappointed. I thought it would be some impressive swordsmanship," Xu Nian shook his head in disdain.

Then, he stepped forward, and the phantom of a huge sword instantly appeared behind him.

An ancient aura approached.

Xu Nian didn't use his sword but instead pointed his finger like a blade, colliding head-on with the formidable Thunderclap Sword.

"Boom!"

The Thunderclap Sword was actually blocked by Xu Nian's Finger Sword.

"What?"

Lei Li's eyes were filled with incredible shock.

This was the Thunderclap Secret Sword Technique of the Tianjian Sect!

Its power was immense.

Even an ordinary Five-star Battle King would not dare to directly parry his sword.

Yet Xu Nian managed to block his attack with a finger as a sword?

"You lost!"

Xu Nian let out a cold laugh, and then the light from his Finger Sword burst forth.

The sword formed by the Thunderclap Power exploded instantaneously, turning into a Thunderclap Storm.

And Xu Nian's Sword Point was unstoppable, piercing directly through Lei Li's chest.

"Eh!"

Lei Li's pupils shrunk, and his eyes instantly filled with horror.

However, everything was far from over.

Xu Nian flicked out a Sword Radiance with his finger, which instantly entered Lei Li's groin.

"Ah..."

Lei Li let out an incredibly pitiful scream, followed by the sight of blood streaming down his trousers.

Those around were all taken aback.

Chen Wudi felt a chill in his own loins.

Lei Li's thing had actually been severed directly by Xu Nian's Sword Qi.

"You like women, don't you? You enjoy harassing Sister Yann Hong, don't you? I'll make sure you descend to hell as a eunuch," Xu Nian said with a cold laugh.

"You..." Lei Li's eyes blazed with extreme fury, a strong sense of humiliation surging from the depths of his heart.

"That last sword was for Sister Yann Hong; this one is for the Artifact Refining Sect. Die!" Xu Nian once again readied his Finger Sword, preparing to kill Lei Li once and for all.

"How dare you, stop!" An elder of the Tianjian Sect couldn't bear it any longer and charged directly at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, seeing this scene, not only ignored it but continued to channel his Sword Qi.

"Seeking death!"

The Tianjian Sect elder, seeing Xu Nian completely disregard him, immediately had his Spiritual Energy surge wildly, planning to utterly destroy Xu Nian.

Yann Hong and the others, watching this scene from afar, wore expressions of utmost anxiety.

Several elders were ready to take action.

"There's no need for concern!"

However, Xu Nian's Spiritual Sense transmission rang out in their minds.

The group was shocked, uncertain of what Xu Nian's intentions were.

These two were Eight-star and Nine-star War Kings.

Both were clearly intent on killing; even an ordinary Nine-star War King couldn't ignore such an attack?

But they dared not disobey Xu Nian's orders and could only anxiously worry for him in their hearts.

"Haha, even if you kill me, you'll have to join me in death!" Lei Li laughed viciously.

"That's not a given!"

Xu Nian let out a light laugh, extending his finger, and his Sword Qi pierced directly through Lei Li's throat.

The reason for choosing the throat instead of the forehead was to let Lei Li see for himself what true despair was.

"Die!"

As expected, at that moment, the two elders had reached Xu Nian from behind.

In the next instant, their attacks were about to obliterate Xu Nian.

But just then, a giant tripod had appeared above their heads without notice.

The massive tripod thundered down, instantly smashing the two Battle King-level fighters hard against the ground.

The two Tianjian Sect elders spewed blood from their mouths, pinned mercilessly by the tripod.

All their internal organs were shattered!

They could never have expected a giant tripod to appear out of nowhere.

Nor could they have imagined its terrible power.

Lei Li, clutching at his throat, watched this scene, his expression one of utter horror.

His gaze shifted from shock to despair.

"Boom!"

Lei Li fell, his eyes wide open in death.

The members of the Artifact Refining Sect were dumbstruck.

Dead?

All of them were dead!

Including the two great Tianjian Sect elders, all were slain!

Xu Nian looked at the two Tianjian Sect elders crushed to death by the tripod, his eyes hanging with a heavy smirk.

His gaze was full of contemplation.

This God King Tripod was truly extraordinary.

An Eight-star War King and a Nine-star War King were just ruthlessly annihilated.

Yann Hong and the others finally understood why Xu Nian had told them not to intervene.

It turned out that Xu Nian had completely mastered the power of the God King Tripod.

But as they looked at the three corpses, they still felt an immense shock in their hearts.

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Xu Nian packed away the God King Tripod and then led the people of the Artifact Refining Sect deeper into the tomb.

He did not regret killing the three from the Tianjian Sect in the slightest.

All three deserved to die, especially the Young Sect Master of the Tianjian Sect, who was simply too arrogant.

It must be said that the power of the God King Tripod was incredibly domineering.

Below the level of a Saint, few could withstand its attack.

This undoubtedly added another ace to Xu Nian's hand.

Xu Nian continued to press forward.

Chen Wudi, however, returned to the inside of the Star Tower.

He was of no help outside.

Better to enter into cultivation.

Xu Nian agreed, given the multitude of dangers within the Demon Emperor's Tomb.

If they encountered any danger,

Xu Nian might not be able to ensure his safety on time.

So, only Xu Nian and his party of five continued onward.

Soon, Xu Nian and his group once again came upon a grand hall.

The layout inside this hall was exactly the same as the previous one they had constructed.

The only difference was that there was a huge stele in the center of this hall.

The stele was covered with dense, varying sword marks crisscrossing all over it.

In front of the stele, there were quite a few people standing.

Probably a dozen or so.

These were all Loose Cultivators who had gathered.

Most of them were at Battle General Level.

However, there were also three who were Marquis Level powerhouses.

The leader was a young man.

Twenty-eight or twenty-nine, handsome and imposing.

His strength was also rather extraordinary.

He had already reached the Four-star Battle King level.

A Loose Cultivator reaching Four-star Battle King before the age of thirty,

demonstrated that his talent was truly exceptional.

The other two Battle Kings were also a One-star Battle King and a Two-star Body King.

These people stood in front of the stele.

Each one frowning, as if they were contemplating something.

Seeing Xu Nian and his group approach, they stepped aside.

The young man also turned his head to look at Xu Nian and the others.

When his gaze fell on Yann Hong, his eyes suddenly brightened.

Ever since outside the tomb, he had been captivated by Yann Hong's beauty and temperament.

Now, unexpectedly seeing Yann Hong again made his heart leap with joy.

Thus, Xie Tiancheng shifted his gaze, stepped forward, and said, "I am Xie Tiancheng, and I have seen the Artifact Refining Sect Master and the Elders."

Xu Nian had indeed made a scene at the entrance of the tomb, which he had seen.

Thus, he was aware of Xu Nian's identity.

The reason he showed such respect to Xu Nian and his group

was not truly out of reverence for Xu Nian, but rather to get closer to Yann Hong.

"What do you want?" Xu Nian asked coldly.

How could he not see through Xie Tiancheng's intentions?

Xie Tiancheng obviously had ulterior motives.

For such people, Xu Nian was not inclined to bother.

"It's like this, I have always admired the strength of the Artifact Refining Sect and have wished to join, but have never been able to. May I ask if the Sect Master could give me an opportunity?" Xie Tiancheng said with a light smile on his lips.

In his view, being such a talented individual proposing to join the Artifact Refining Sect,

the Sect Master would undoubtedly be very supportive.

This way, he could naturally stay by Yann Hong's side and then gradually capture Yann Hong's heart.

He was not one of those men who lacked tact.

He understood that women needed to be coaxed bit by bit.

As long as he desired a woman, he had never failed to obtain her.

Those women he had toyed with, even after being discarded by him, still held their heavy hearts and eagerly waited for his return.

There were dozens of these women, if not hundreds, and each belonged to various factions.

This was the second thing Xie Tiancheng was proud of, besides his swordsmanship.

Yann Hong was his next target to conquer.

"Eh, Xie Tiancheng actually wants to join the Artifact Refining Sect?"

"Yes, it's really unexpected. Previously, the Tianjian Sect had actively invited him to join as an Elder, but he didn't accept. Now, he is actually asking to join the Artifact Refining Sect—this will make the sect even richer with talented individuals!"

"Indeed, Xie Tiancheng, known as the 'Little Sword Saint,' is a real boon for the Artifact Refining Sect."

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Those Loose Cultivators around were buzzing with discussions.

Even the three Elders of the Artifact Refining Sect showed admiration in their expressions.

Xie Tiancheng, hearing everyone's discussions, felt even more proud in his heart.

"Artifact Refining Sect does not just accept anyone; you may leave!"

However, at that moment, Xu Nian's cold voice suddenly rang out.

Xie Tiancheng's smile immediately froze.

The surrounding Loose Cultivators were also stunned.

What happened?

The Sect Master of the Artifact Refining Sect actually rejected him.

Doesn't he know that Xie Tiancheng is a Sword Dao talent?

The Artifact Refining Sect Elders were also surprised but said nothing.

Yann Hong's face showed no emotion, as she didn't have much fondness for Xie Tiancheng either.

Xie Tiancheng's face turned cold—he had not expected Xu Nian to reject him.

Yet, he suppressed the rage in his heart and once again adopted a humble demeanor, "Perhaps the Sect Master does not know, I am twenty-eight this year, a Four-star Battle King, and have achieved some success in understanding the Sword Dao, having reached the Second Level of Sword Force."

Though Xie Tiancheng appeared humble, his heart was filled with arrogance.

He waited for Xu Nian to show a surprised look.

However, after his words had dropped, the anticipated surprised expression from Xu Nian did not appear.

"Eh?"

Xie Tiancheng was stunned.

Why wasn't Xu Nian surprised?

The Second Level of Sword Force was a realm that many of the older generation of strong practitioners had not reached.

Everyone around showed surprised expressions, yet the Artifact Refining Sect Master remained expressionless.

Was he deliberately pretending to be profound?

Xie Tiancheng thought so and immediately concluded that Xu Nian was feigning depth in front of him.

His heart instantly filled with disdain for Xu Nian.

However, Xu Nian's next words made him completely unable to contain his anger.

"Is the Second Level of Sword Force so great?" Xu Nian said with a light laugh.

Everyone around was stunned at this.

Anger flashed across Xie Tiancheng's eyes as he coldly snorted, "If the Sect Master looks down on me, he could have just refused directly; why the need to humiliate me like this? I, Xie Tiancheng, may not belong to any great faction, but it's not anyone's place to bully me."

The people around nodded in agreement.

They felt that Xu Nian was being a bit too extreme.

Xu Nian smirked, finding Xie Tiancheng quite hypocritical.

Despite his hypocritical facade, he portrayed himself as being very wronged.

Even the three Great Elders felt that Xu Nian might have overdone it.

"Do you think I can't see your intent? Did you wish to join my Artifact Refining Sect genuinely wanting to be a disciple, or did you have an ulterior motive? Did you really think my Artifact Refining Sect was a place for you to flirt and pursue women?" Xu Nian's voice was forceful and angry.

Xie Tiancheng was stunned, not expecting Xu Nian to see through his intentions.

At that moment, everyone began to cast suspicious looks at him.

Was Xie Tiancheng joining the Artifact Refining Sect for a woman?

Considering Xie Tiancheng's past actions, it was quite possible.

Seeing the doubts among the crowd, Xie Tiancheng angrily pointed at Xu Nian and said, "You slander me! I originally admired the Artifact Refining Sect and wanted to join, but I never expected the Sect Master of the Artifact Refining Sect to be such a shortsighted person, envious of my talents. It seems better not to join after all!"

Xu Nian heard this and showed a smile.

"Shortsighted? You really think of yourself as a prized piece, don't you?"

Xu Nian mocked coldly, took a step forward, and a powerful Sword Force emerged from him.

And this Sword Force, astonishingly, was at the Third Level of Sword Force.