

## **Divine King 351**

Chapter 351 Battle Ends

"It's time to end this!"

Xu Nian said coldly.

After speaking, a powerful force of the Power of Earth surged above his fist.

The Power of Earth roared, like three giant dragons coiling and converging around his arm.

Xia Zhenglei's eyes jumped wildly at this scene.

Because the aura emanating from Xu Nian's fist was too terrifying, even more so than any of his previous punches.

If this punch fell, he would undoubtedly die.

"You... just let me go, and I'll agree to anything," Xia Zhenglei truly began to panic.

He knew that the Xu Nian before him was definitely bold enough to really kill him.

The surrounding crowd was also taken aback.

The Seventh Prince is asking for mercy?

To have such a proud person as the Imperial Prince beg for mercy, how great must the fear be to compel this?

"It's too late to beg for mercy now," Xu Nian sneered.

Then he was about to swing his fist down.

Seeing this, the Seventh Prince's eyes instantly filled with rage.

"Stop!"

But at that moment, an elder who had broken free from the entanglement of the Black Gold Puppet attacked towards Xu Nian.

He held a strange metal sword in his hand.

Terrifying radiance flickered on the sword.

Trying to stop Xu Nian from killing Xia Zhenglei.

Xu Nian sensed the sharp aura emanating from behind him.

A cold smile immediately formed on his lips.

Then he turned around and swung a fierce punch.

"Boom!"

The sharp Sword Radiance collided with Xu Nian's fist and was forcibly blocked.

The once fearsome Sword Radiance stopped dead in its tracks, unable to advance even slightly.

The elder was greatly shocked and hurriedly tried to retract the sword.

"Hmph, courting death!"

But Xu Nian let out a cold snort.

Then his figure vanished from everyone's sight.

The next moment he reappeared right in front of the elder.

"What?"

The elder was horrified, not expecting Xu Nian's speed to be so fast.

"Die!"

Only to hear Xu Nian shout loudly.

Then he threw a punch.

His fist struck the elder's body.

"Bang!"

In an instant, the elder's body exploded, splattering blood and flesh in all directions.

The crowd was shocked beyond measure.

This was a master of the Half-Saint Level!

He was actually killed by a single punch from Xu Nian, what terrible secret technique had Xu Nian used?

Xia Zhenglei, who still harbored a sliver of hope,

became completely desperate upon witnessing this scene.

Xu Nian chuckled coldly, then leapt up.

His figure transformed into a meteorite, crashing down towards Xia Zhenglei below.

His foot stomped down.

And landed directly on Xia Zhenglei's face.

The terrifying power burst forth instantly.

The ground collapsed with a boom.

The entire hall also violently shook.

As for Xia Zhenglei's head, it had long been turned into a pulp under the massive force of Xu Nian's foot.

Everyone saw Xia Zhenglei's corpse within the huge crater.

Their expressions were stupefied!

This was an Imperial Prince!

A person of supremely noble status.

Yet now, someone had crushed his skull underfoot, dying a grisly death.

Such a manner of death was indeed enough to send chills down one's spine.

Looking at Xu Nian standing in the midst of the crater, their gazes became extremely complex.

This young man before them was not only powerful,

but also decisively ruthless in his killing.

Such a person would undoubtedly become a formidable figure of his generation, a chilling presence to hear of.

The youth from the Leng Family swallowed hard.

At this moment, he finally understood why his older brother, Leng Cangfeng, was unwilling to make an enemy of the teenager before him.

The teenager before him was simply like Yama himself.

Xu Tian and the others were also immensely shocked.

This youth carried the blood of their Xu Family in his veins.

Yet now, there appeared to be a complete rupture between him and the Xu Family.

Upon returning, he would definitely report the true situation of this youth to the Family Head.

If handled improperly, their Xu Family might also face a huge disaster.

It was truly uncertain whether having such a descendant was a fortune or a disaster for the Xu Family.

Xu Xin, however, did not overthink it.

Her thoughts were the same as Xu Nian's.

Since he was an enemy, then a ruthless hand must be laid down.

Otherwise, endless troubles would ensue.

At this moment, seeing that Xu Nian was safe and sound, she also heaved a sigh of relief.

Now, the only person left vying for the Spirit Talisman Key was Ye Lan.

And at this time, Ye Lan had not the slightest intention to resist.

Even the strong at the Half-Saint Level had perished at the hands of this youth; if she resisted, it would be seeking death.

"Swish!"

Without hesitation, Ye Lan darted toward a cave entrance.

Xu Nian did not pursue.

One Ye Lan was already insignificant.

Killing or not killing her, the affairs here would be known to the outside world.

After all, the Four Great Families and the Imperial Family had many means at their disposal.

Among these was a peculiar mark called Death Reflection.

The moment Xu Nian had killed them,

the scene of Xu Nian executing them had already been transmitted to the hands of people outside.

Thus, killing Ye Lan really wasn't necessary.

Of course, there was also another reason.

At this moment, his body had reached its limit.

The side effects of the Earth God Devouring Sky were starting to manifest.

He no longer had the strength to pursue.

The Power of Earth dissipated.

Xu Nian's whole body went limp on the ground.

"Brother!" Xu Xin anxiously ran over.

"Big sis, I'm fine, just some side effects from casting the secret technique, I'll recover after some rest," Xu Nian said with a forced smile.

At this point, his whole body was in extreme pain.

Even just smiling faintly would tug at his entire body.

Hearing this, Xu Xin nodded.

Xu Nian did not continue speaking and began to sit cross-legged on the ground.

He circulated the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique to heal the injuries on his body.

If one looked closely, they would certainly notice that there were cracks on every cell of Xu Nian's body.

These were scars left from being stretched to the limit by the Power of Earth earlier.

Such scars could only be nourished by Gang Qi bit by bit.

However, fortunately, Xu Nian's Divine Demon Refining Body Technique was very powerful.

It would only take a day or two to recover.

If it were any other Body Refining Technique, it would probably take at least ten days or half a month to heal.

Time ticked by.

Xu Nian sat cross-legged on the ground, continually running the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique.

Thunderous booming sounds reverberated constantly within his body.

And Xu Xin, along with the Black Gold Puppet, stood guard by Xu Nian's side the entire time.

Not allowing anyone to approach.

The surrounding crowd viewed the momentum caused by Xu Nian's cultivation with a look of surprise on their faces.

They could be sure that Xu Nian's Body Refining Technique was incredibly powerful.

In a blink of an eye, two days had passed.

Finally, on the third day, Xu Nian's eyes snapped open.

His eyes flickered with dazzling brilliance.

"Four-star Body King?"

The crowd around felt the change in Xu Nian's aura and all showed surprised expressions.

Xu Nian had actually made another breakthrough.

Xu Nian felt his body's changes, his face also displayed joy.

Unexpectedly, the impact of the Power of Earth had caused the strength of his cells to strengthen yet again.

Thus, his Body Cultivation had naturally advanced to the next level with ease!

"It's time to see this dragon vein," Xu Nian clenched his fist, his eyes shining bright.

## Chapter 352 Emperor Bai's Secret

"Be careful!"

Xu Xin said anxiously.

Xu Nian nodded and then walked towards the giant door.

The Spirit Talisman Key was the key to unlocking this door and also the voucher to enter the main hall.

Only the person holding the key could enter this great hall.

Thus, as Emperor Bai's phantom had said, only one person could enter this final main hall.

Xu Nian walked towards the giant door.

He spread out his hand, and the Spirit Talisman Key floated above his palm.

Xu Nian slowly moved the Spirit Talisman Key closer to the giant door.

"Buzz!"

The moment the Spirit Talisman Key touched the door, it emitted a strong beam of light.

The light shone on the door, instantly producing a humming sound.

Then, in front of everyone's eyes, the giant door slowly began to open.

However, the crowd could see nothing.

There was a sacred light shield on the door, blocking all lines of sight.

It was impossible to see clearly what was inside.

Looking at this holy light screen, Xu Nian knew it was a prohibition to block others.

Xu Nian waved to Xu Nian, then stepped through the light screen.

"Buzz!"

A ripple seemed to emanate, as if ripples danced upon the light screen.

Then Xu Nian passed through the light screen.

"We should leave this place too," Leng Cangfeng said. "Once Xu Nian truly obtains the dragon vein, this place will collapse."

Everyone nodded.

They followed the path they had taken earlier, heading towards the direction of the tomb's entrance.

Their current location was in the deepest part of the mountain belly.

Should it collapse, they would be buried alive.

They had to leave as quickly as possible.

The moment when the prohibitions broke was the best time for them to open the door and walk out of the tomb.

As the crowd left, Xu Nian also entered a huge space.

The deepest part of the tomb was completely different from what he had imagined.

This was no longer a grand palace, but rather a natural cave.

The cave was so vast that it seemed to hollow out the entire mountain peak.

And his standing spot was a cliff built of a huge rock.

Above was a hundred-zhang-tall mountain peak, and below was a chasm hundreds of zhang deep.

What should have been an utterly dark cave was now as bright as day.

And this light was coming from below the cliff's edge.

Xu Nian walked to the edge of the boulder, and when he looked down,

he was stunned by the sight before his eyes.

Below was a huge dragon nest, and on top of the nest lay a golden dragon.

The golden dragon was lifelike, its whole body emanating a strong golden light.

The golden scale armor seemed indestructible.

Furthermore, there emanated from it a strong dragon majesty.

This draconic might was so overwhelming that even Xu Nian felt a sense of oppression.

And this was when it was merely slumbering; who knew how terrifying it would be once awakened.

"Is this the Dragon Vein? It feels just like a True Dragon," Xu Nian exclaimed to himself in shock.

"Indeed, this is the Dragon Vein! Born from the Fortune of heaven and earth, it is the embodiment of a nation's destiny. He who obtains the Dragon Vein conquers the world; that's the principle," said an imposing voice that suddenly sounded.

Subsequently, Xu Nian saw a figure in white robes materialize in front of the void.

Yes, this was the apparition of Emperor Bai that Xu Nian had previously seen.

Xu Nian was startled and then his expression turned grave.

He always felt that Emperor Bai had his own purpose for setting up such a tomb.

Otherwise, why bother putting so much effort into placing so many prohibitions and mechanisms?

"Are you doubting my purpose?" Emperor Bai seemed to perceive Xu Nian's thoughts and spoke with a smile.

"Could it be that the senior doesn't have his own objectives?" Xu Nian asked with a cold laugh.

Upon hearing this, Emperor Bai smiled and said, "Indeed, I set up this game for a purpose. I seized the Dragon Vein for the same reason, only to regretfully fail in the end."

"What purpose?" Xu Nian pressed eagerly.

"Don't rush; in due time, you shall know," Emperor Bai responded with a smile.

"In fact, although I had obtained this Dragon Vein, I failed to take control of it. Otherwise, this continent would no longer belong to your human kind," Emperor Bai said with a smile.

Xu Nian remained silent.

However, the wariness in his eyes grew ever more intense.

It was clear that Emperor Bai coveted the Tianhen Continent.

"If you really think that I covet this world, then you are wrong. I do not care who rules over this realm, whether it is our Demon Clan or your humans; it is of no concern to me. What I truly wish to do is to kill Xia Tianhen and destroy the Tianhen Empire," Emperor Bai said, a sharp gleam flashing in his eyes.

"Xia Tianhen? The founding emperor of the Tianhen Empire?" Xu Nian was startled.

As he had suspected, Emperor Bai sought to oppose the founder of the Tianhen Empire, thus he had stolen the Tianhen Empire's Dragon Vein.

"Since the senior already obtained the Dragon Vein, why did you fail?" This was Xu Nian's biggest puzzle.

Emperor Bai clearly had control of the Dragon Vein but still lost in the end.

Hearing this, Emperor Bai's face revealed a bitter smile.

"The Dragon Vein chooses its master; not everyone can wield it. Only those with the Purple Star Life Chart can control the Dragon Vein, and I am not one," Emperor Bai explained.

"Purple Star Formation?" Xu Nian was taken aback.

The old servant who had followed Yann Xi had once mentioned that he was one with the Purple Star Life Chart.

"Xia Tianhen obtained the Dragon Vein and drew vast fortune from it, ultimately becoming the master of this continent. The Dragon Vein has since been suppressed under the Death Mountain Range to ensure the eternal prosperity of his Tianhen Empire."

"Hence I thought of this and came here to take the Dragon Vein. However, when I prepared to extract its vast fortune to confront Emperor Tianhen, I discovered that I couldn't control the power of the Dragon Vein at all," Emperor Bai revealed.

"What happened afterward?" Xu Nian asked eagerly.

"Unwilling to accept this, I severed the connection between the Dragon Vein and the Tianhen Empire using all my cultivation, but I was also injured by the Dragon Vein and my life reached its limit," said Emperor Bai.

Xu Nian was astonished.

Could it be that this is how Emperor Bai died?

"It's been a thousand years; Emperor Tianhen has likely died, or perhaps has left this continent, right?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"Impossible, that man would never leave. His life chart is tied to the Dragon Vein. I severed his connection with the Dragon Vein, which is equivalent to damaging his foundation. He will never be able to improve his cultivation in this life, and with his cultivation at the Peak of Battle Emperor, he definitely has a lifespan of a thousand years," Emperor Bai said with a snort.

"What?" Xu Nian was surprised internally.

The Emperor Tianhen had already reached the Peak of Battle Emperor a thousand years ago?

"Humph, the prohibitions I set with all my life's cultivation are impenetrable even to him. He killed my wife and children, and even in death, I will not let him off easily," Emperor Bai said with a cold laugh.

In his heart, Xu Nian was filled with deep emotion.

He had not expected that there was such a deep grudge between Emperor Bai and Emperor Tianhen.

And this grudge had been at a stalemate for a full thousand years.

Chapter 353 Tian Di Zhi Hao

In those days, Xia Tianhen had relied on the power of the Dragon Vein to achieve the title of Supreme Battle Emperor.

But the Dragon Veins were suppressed by Emperor Bai, who also severed the connection between Xia Tianhen and the Dragon Veins.

As a result, Xia Tianhen's natural foundation was compromised, and he could no longer advance in cultivation.

Of course, all of this came at the cost of Emperor Bai's own life.

Xia Tianhen had killed Emperor Bai's wife and child, and in return, Emperor Bai cursed him with a thousand years without a breakthrough.

This shows how deep their enmity really was.

"Is your goal, then, to find someone to kill this Xia Tianhen?" Xu Nian asked.

Upon hearing this, Emperor Bai burst into laughter.

"That's right. Now that a thousand years have passed, my restrictions have begun to loosen. I believe that old fellow Xia Tianhen won't let things rest, so I need someone with the Purple Star Life Chart to take over this Dragon Vein and help me kill that old fellow, Xia Tianhen," Emperor Bai's voice sounded.

Xu Nian had guessed Emperor Bai's intention but was still immensely shocked.

Xia Tianhen was the emperor of the Tianhen Empire.

The current Emperor Tianhen didn't even know how many generations had descended from Xia Tianhen.

How easy could it be to kill Xia Tianhen?

Plus, the Tianhen Empire, without the Dragon Vein's fortune, hadn't changed rulers in a thousand years.

This shows just how powerful the Tianhen Empire really is.

And how did Emperor Bai know he possessed the Purple Star Life Chart, and why did he know that he would be the one to come here?

"Young man, you don't need to think too much. From the moment you entered the Misty Forest, I've been watching you. Eventually, I determined that you were the right candidate. You possess great talent, a decisive nature, and the Purple Star Life Chart. Even if you couldn't have reached here by your own strength, I would have helped you get here," Emperor Bai declared.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian was momentarily speechless.

If he had known that Emperor Bai would help him, why had he bothered exerting so much effort?

Besides, even if Xia Zhenglei had ultimately defeated him and entered this Dragon Nest Main Hall, Emperor Bai probably wouldn't have let him leave alive.

After all, he was a descendant of Xia Tianhen.

"Why do you think I would help you?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

Emperor Bai burst into loud laughter upon hearing this, "Haha, because you just killed that Xia Zhenglei. You and the Tianhen Empire are irreconcilable enemies. Since we share a common enemy, why would I worry that you won't help me?"

With those words, Xu Nian finally understood why Emperor Bai harbored such hatred towards the Xia family.

Yet, he had left him until the last.

Giving him the Spirit Talisman Key was also to intensify his conflict with Xia Zhenglei, ensuring he killed Xia Zhenglei with his own hands.

Indeed, old ginger is spicier!

It must be said, Emperor Bai truly was a cunning fox.

"Young man, I have said all I need to say. Just agree to help me kill Xia Tianhen, and I will help you subdue this Dragon Vein. You should know it would be difficult for you to tame it with your strength alone," Emperor Bai said with a cold laugh.

Xu Nian indeed smiled.

"Are you really so confident? That I can't subdue it?" Xu Nian smiled faintly.

He then took a step forward, and the might of the Nine Dragons Supreme Body was instantly unleashed.

The Golden Dragon of the Dragon Vein, which had been dormant, suddenly opened its eyes and let out a roar, its massive body soaring into the sky.

The massive body circled above Xu Nian's head.

"What, you have this kind of constitution? How is that possible?" Emperor Bai, seeing the aura emanating from Xu Nian, also showed a look of immense surprise on his face.

Xu Nian just laughed lightly.

It seemed that Emperor Bai had not witnessed his earlier encounter with the disciples of the Beast Taming Sect.

Emperor Bai's expression shifted, for his true form was that of a Bai Yü Jiaolong.

Although he was already dead, the soul mark he left behind still felt the oppressive aura emanating from Xu Nian.

So the moment Xu Nian released his aura, he knew that Xu Nian possessed that legendary physique.

A physique even they, the Dragon Clan, feared.

"Do you still think I can't subdue this dragon vein?" Xu Nian asked with a cold laugh.

Though not a true dragon, the dragon vein possessed dragon might and naturally felt oppressed by Xu Nian's formidable presence.

At that moment, the dragon vein looked at Xu Nian with eyes full of fear.

"I truly miscalculated," Emperor Bai sighed. "I never imagined you had such a legendary physique. Since you do, I have no right to command you."

Xu Nian's Nine Dragons Supreme Body represented the most supreme bloodline, an incredibly noble existence.

He was just a lesser dragon in the Dragon Clan.

How could he dare offend Xu Nian or ask Xu Nian to work for him?

They, the Demon Clan, held bloodlines in the highest regard.

Hearing this, Xu Nian indeed smiled and said, "Don't worry, even if you can't help me, if there's a chance, I will still try to kill Xia Tianhen for you. But I cannot make you a promise, I can only say I'll do my best."

"Really?" Emperor Bai's eyes suddenly brightened.

Xu Nian smiled and nodded.

"I am Emperor Bai, thank you, my lord!" Emperor Bai kneeled on one knee, his expression filled with excitement.

He believed Xu Nian would not lie.

And someone with such a bloodline, not to mention having the dragon vein,

Even without the dragon vein, given time to grow, he could never be compared to a mere Emperor Tianhen.

"Stand up, after all, you are still my elder. But I have a question, what exactly does this dragon vein do, and why does everyone fight over it?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

Although he knew that whoever obtained the dragon vein would rule the world,

Exactly how did it work?

"My lord may not know, the dragon vein is born from the fortune of heaven and earth. Once you obtain the dragon vein, your cultivation speed including your comprehension of the world will reach an incredibly terrifying level, and under this enhancement, your cultivation speed will absolutely skyrocket," Emperor Bai explained.

Xu Nian was stunned.

He remembered when he had given the fortune-containing Jade Seal to Yann Xi.

Her cultivation speed reached a terrifying level.

Though part of it was due to her own curse, it was undeniably also boosted by the fortune.

"Is there more? It can't just increase cultivation speed, right?" Xu Nian asked.

If that was all, Emperor Bai wouldn't have gone to great lengths to compete for it.

"Correct, my lord is indeed wise. Apart from accelerating cultivation, the dragon vein also has a huge function—to break through the Battle Emperor Shackle," Emperor Bai revealed.

"Break through the Battle Emperor Shackle?" Xu Nian was stunned.

He knew that there were realms above the Battle Emperor.

But he was not very clear on the specifics, despite having asked the Yetian God Emperor many times.

Yet the Yetian God Emperor never divulged this.

In this land, there had never been rumors of realms above the Battle Emperor.

What exactly the realm above Battle Emperor was remained a mystery.

Now Emperor Bai claiming that the dragon vein could help break through the Battle Emperor's shackle surprised Xu Nian.

"That's right. My lord may not be aware that, for some reason in this world, reaching the Battle Emperor is already the peak, as though a restriction has been placed, and no matter how one cultivates, it's impossible to break through to a realm above the Battle Emperor. This is also why I said Xia Tianhen could not possibly break through to a realm above the Battle Emperor. To break through the Battle Emperor realm, there are only two methods," Emperor Bai said.

"Which two?" Xu Nian asked, shocked.

Chapter 354 Prelude to the Great War

Emperor Bai's words left Xu Nian incredibly astonished.

This was the first time he had heard about the boundlessness of this heaven and earth.

He had originally thought that those who reached above the Battle Emperor Level had all ascended to another realm, but now it seemed it was not as simple as he had imagined.

"The first method is to leave the Tianhen Continent, which is a cursed land. Every Battle Emperor who leaves the Tianhen Continent ultimately makes a breakthrough," Emperor Bai said.

"Leave the Tianhen Continent, you mean to traverse the Forbidden Sea? To another continent?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

He had heard rumors of another continent beyond the Tianhen Continent.

But he had always thought it was a legend, never expecting it to be true.

"That's right, it is to traverse the Forbidden Sea, to another continent. But is the Forbidden Sea so easy to cross? Out of every hundred people who attempt it, only one succeeds, and all of these individuals are experts from the Battle Emperor Realm," Emperor Bai explained.

"What? Only one in a hundred succeeds?" Xu Nian was shocked beyond measure.

He had guessed that the Forbidden Sea was dangerous, but he had not imagined it to be to this extent.

One hundred Battle Emperors, only one successfully crossing.

One must know that it might take a thousand years for a hundred Battle Emperors to be born on the entire continent, right?

"Since so few succeed, how do you know there are no bounds on the other continent?" Xu Nian asked, voicing his doubts.

"Although few succeed, those who do have never returned. However, people from the other continent have come to ours, and they brought this information from there. Anyone born on this continent who wishes to leave must withstand the heavenly tribulations of thunder and lightning, or they cannot even dream of leaving," Emperor Bai answered.

Xu Nian was profoundly shaken.

It seemed that the Tianhen Continent was not as simple as he had thought.

This land clearly had something, which was why such a curse was laid upon it.

Having to face the thunderous tribulations upon departure, no wonder so many Battle Emperors had perished.

"Is the second method to rely on the power of the Dragon Veins?" Xu Nian inquired.

"Yes, the second is to be endowed with the Dragon Veins, to snatch the Fortune of heaven and earth, and to break through these bounds," said Emperor Bai.

Xu Nian nodded.

No wonder so many people were fighting over these Dragon Veins.

Perhaps there wasn't a single Battle Emperor Expert who didn't desire the Dragon Veins?

After all, they represented the opportunity to break through above the Battle Emperor.

Compared to crossing the perilous Forbidden Sea and braving the thunderous tribulations, contending for the Dragon Veins was obviously much safer.

And he who obtained the Dragon Veins dominated the world, perhaps for this very reason!

This was likely the greatest secret of the continent.

Xu Nian couldn't help but look up at the golden Dragon Vein.

The Dragon Vein turned its gaze toward Xu Nian, their eyes meeting.

A struggle was evident in the eyes of the Dragon Vein, clearly wanting to liberate itself from the oppressive aura emanating from Xu Nian.

"Roar!"

The Dragon Vein let out a roar as if it was rebelling against Xu Nian.

"Hmph, no matter how proud you are, before me, you must coil and come down to me!" Xu Nian bellowed with a voice filled with boundless authority.

The Dragon Vein suddenly seemed to be restrained by an invisible force.

With a reluctant roar, it finally moved toward Xu Nian.

"Boom!"

The golden giant dragon poured directly down from above Xu Nian's head and finally entered his body.

As the golden giant dragon flowed in, a layer of golden light covered Xu Nian.

Bathed in a golden radiance, Xu Nian looked like a living Buddha.

"Roar!"

The roar of the dragon echoed.

It was the unwilling roar of the golden giant dragon.

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"Ugh!"

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Yet, under Xu Nian's cold snort, that golden dragon was ultimately suppressed by Xu Nian's majesty.

In the end, the golden light receded, forming a golden dragon pattern on Xu Nian's back.

At this moment, Xu Nian experienced an indescribable sensation; he felt as though with the golden dragon entering his body,

his entire being had become incomparably transparent.

His perception of the surrounding heaven and earth also intensified significantly.

The mountains and rivers of the world seemed extraordinarily welcoming, as though he was on the verge of fusing with the world itself.

This reminded Xu Nian of a realm above power, Unity of Heaven and Man.

He felt as if he was about to reach the Heavenly Human Unity Realm.

He believed that in this state, he would definitely be able to swiftly comprehend the Heavenly Human Unity Realm.

"Could this be the enhancement of cultivation speed that Emperor Bai mentioned?" Xu Nian mused to himself.

Although the dragon vein did not bring a direct change in strength, the sensation of unity with heaven and earth was something others wouldn't even dare to imagine.

"Congratulations, my lord, for successfully subduing the dragon vein and receiving its augmentation!" Emperor Bai spoke up,

his eyes filled with envy.

He had once exerted all his effort trying to subdue a dragon vein without success.

But now, Xu Nian had effortlessly subdued the dragon vein.

The vast discrepancy made him feel a strong dissatisfaction, yet he couldn't muster a hint of jealousy.

Xu Nian was also delighted.

Although he had not yet felt the direct benefits the dragon vein had brought him,

he believed that the dragon vein would play a significant and crucial role in the future.

"My lord, now that you have obtained the dragon vein, my constraints will soon disappear. At that moment, those whom my constraints have kept at bay won't let you leave easily. Hence, I have specially prepared a Great Formation for you," Emperor Bai began.

"A Great Formation?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Indeed, a Great Formation. This formation is a powerful ancient Formation, acquired from a ruin. Although it may not be sufficient to kill the Saints, it is enough to help you withstand this crisis," Emperor Bai answered.

"Might there be a Battle Emperor taking action?" Xu Nian asked anxiously.

This was the issue that worried him the most.

Since the dragon vein was related to the secret of breaking through to Battle Emperor Level,

it was very likely that a Battle Emperor Expert might compete for it.

"Rest assured, my lord. Battle Emperors have their own constraints; they dare not act recklessly. If they were to strike against you, they would face severe punishments, penalties they cannot afford, so only Saints will make their move," Emperor Bai explained.

Xu Nian's expression turned to one of surprise.

Constraints on Battle Emperors?

What could those constraints be?

Having reached the Battle Emperor Realm, why would they still be constrained?

Xu Nian wanted to ask, but Emperor Bai seemed unwilling to elaborate.

Helpless, Xu Nian had to give up on further inquiry.

Yet in his heart, he breathed a sigh of relief.

Without any Battle Emperor Experts taking action,

no matter how many Saints there were, he would not fear them.

"This is the Array Map. My lord, you simply need to pour your power into it, and you will be able to activate this formation. Below the Battle Emperor, no one can stand against it. However, this formation can only be used once, so whether or not you can overcome this ordeal still depends on your own fortune," Emperor Bai said.

As he finished, a strange Array Map appeared in Xu Nian's palm.

And the power contained within the Array Map felt unprecedentedly formidable.

"Haha! With this formation, I'd like to see who dares to stop me!"

Xu Nian laughed heartily, his gaze filled with extraordinary determination.

And at that moment, the great hall began to shake violently.

Chapter 355 A Gathering of Saints

Outside the Demon Emperor's Tomb, the earth shook.

The mist in the deep forest gradually dissipated.

The prohibitive enchantments that originally shrouded the forest vanished completely at this moment.

"The enchantment is gone, someone has seized the Dragon Vein, we must not let him escape."

The saints from various forces, who had been hiding in the shadows, were attracted by this commotion.

They all approached Death Valley.

With no enchantments to obstruct them,

the checkpoints in Death Valley were practically non-existent for them.

They arrived at the plaza outside the great gates of the Demon Emperor's Tomb almost unimpeded.

The gates opened, and those who had entered the Demon Emperor's Tomb and survived

now poured out all at once.

Seeing these saints gathered together, they showed expressions of surprise.

Knowing that a great battle was about to erupt.

However, they didn't know who had seized the Dragon Vein,

nor whether the forces behind him could withstand the attacks of so many saints.

"Whoosh!"

Ye Lan's figure flew out from the gate.

Upon seeing two saints from the Ye Family, she immediately ran over to them.

"Two Elders..."

"We already know what happened inside, don't worry. Whoever dares to kill someone from our Ye Family will find it hard to escape, even if they grow wings."

Before Ye Lan could speak, the leading elder of the Ye Family coldly huffed.

Ye Lan's face also showed a trace of ferocity upon hearing this.

In her view, no matter how powerful Xu Nian was,

facing so many saints,

he would hardly escape death today.

Besides the Ye Family,

the expressions of the two saints from the Fang Family were extremely cold, filled with killing intent.

All their family members had perished.

And the chief culprit was none other than Xu Nian, whom they had been seeking!

They felt that the overall situation was critical and decided to wait until after the Dragon Vein conflict to pursue Xu Nian.

But they didn't anticipate that because of their negligence,

Xu Nian would wreck their Fang Family's major plans.

The Imperial Family also wore similarly grim expressions.

At the forefront stood a middle-aged man in brocaded robes.

This man had a cold face and his eyes brimmed with killing intent.

Though he was alone,

he prompted the surrounding saints to unconsciously stay away from him.

Their gazes towards the middle-aged man were filled with a measure of heaviness.

"Whoosh!"

At that moment, five figures walked out from the gate.

Indeed, these five were Xu Xin, Leng Cangfeng, and the others.

"Cangfeng, well done!" the leading saint of the Leng Family commended Leng Cangfeng who approached.

"Grandpa Feng, I really didn't do anything," Leng Cangfeng said with a wry smile.

"Ha ha, just coming out alive is already commendable. I've also received the information you sent back; if things are as you say, there might be a great spectacle to watch today," Leng Qingfeng said with a smile, stroking his beard.

Behind him, another elder also wore a smile.

They were the saints sent by the Leng Family this time.

Leng Cangfeng heard this and helplessly shook his head.

"Then what does Grandpa Feng plan to do?" Leng Cangfeng asked.

Leng Qingfeng and the elder beside him exchanged glances and smiled, "Like you, we're just here to watch the excitement and won't take action."

Leng Cangfeng heard this and immediately sighed in relief.

If the two family elders before him had planned to intervene, he would have had to spend some effort persuading them.

However, he hadn't expected the two family elders to voluntarily give up, which was somewhat surprising to him.

"However, even if we don't intervene, it won't be easy for that Xu Nian you mentioned to get through this ordeal!"

Leng Qingfeng said with a faint smile.

Leng Cangfeng nodded, his expression solemn.

The Saints from all major powers had gathered here.

Even with the backing of the Artifact Refining Sect, how could Xu Nian withstand such numerous forces.

Xu Nian had killed so many, the forces behind these individuals would definitely not let matters rest.

At the same time, the Xu Family was having a discussion.

"Xu Tian, are you telling the truth, is the Artifact Refining Sect Master really Xu Nian?" Xu He asked, his expression grave.

"Reporting to the Elder, every word is true," Xu Tian replied.

Xu He's brows furrowed instantly.

No wonder the looks from the people of the Fang and Ye Families had been so hostile from the moment they arrived.

It turned out to be because of Xu Nian.

Xu Nian had offended the Fang Family, Ye Family, the Imperial Family, and Tianjian Sect—all four great forces at once.

And this debt might very likely be attributed to them.

"Elder, what should we do?" Xu Tian asked.

Xu He, upon hearing this, fell into deep thought.

Xu Xin, seeing this, became immediately anxious.

Of course, seeing so many Saints guarding outside the tomb.

She knew her brother was facing a great peril.

Now, all she could do was to convince the Xu Family's Saints to save Xu Nian.

"Elder Xu He, Xu Nian is one of our Xu Family, you can't ignore this!" Xu Xin said.

Hearing this, Xu He looked at Xu Xin.

Seeing Xu Xin's anxious expression.

He realized the relationship between Xu Xin and Xu Nian.

To be honest, he too was shocked when he heard of Xu Nian's actions.

A youth not yet eighteen, was actually the Artifact Refining Sect Master.

And had also killed so many from great powers.

Such a thing was absolutely unprecedented on this continent.

Originally, having such a genius in their Xu Family was supposed to be a great joyous occasion.

But now, if they were to acknowledge Xu Nian, it would mean standing against the Four Great Forces.

That was definitely not something their Xu Family could bear!

Thinking of this, Xu He shook his head.

This Xu Nian, could not be protected!

"Elder, Xu Nian must have already seized the Dragon Veins, if we protect him, then the Dragon Veins will belong to our Xu Family."

Seeing Xu He shake his head, Xu Xin immediately argued with reason.

However, Xu He still shook his head.

This was no longer just about the Dragon Veins.

If Xu Nian had not killed so many,

Just because of the Dragon Veins, he would have protected him at all costs.

Other forces, even if pressing, would not press too hard.

But Xu Nian had killed so many, including an Imperial Prince.

This was definitely a fight to the death.

His Xu Family would not make themselves mortal enemies to the Four Great Forces over the Dragon Veins.

Seeing this, Xu Xin's heart instantly grew cold.

A bitter smile appeared on her lips.

This was her so-called family?

But soon, Xu Xin's gaze hardened again.

Today, even if it meant death, she would die along with her brother.

Xu He, seeing Xu Xin's expression, sighed helplessly.

His decision might mean losing not one, but two talents!

"Look, someone else is coming out!"

Just then, a shout came from the crowd.

Everyone turned their eyes toward the grand entrance of the Demon Emperor's Tomb.

At this point, nearly everyone who could come out had already done so.

Now, if someone else was coming out, it could only be one person!

Sure enough, under everyone's watchful eyes, a youth slowly walked out from the grand entrance.

"It's really him!"

In that moment, everyone's eyes shone with light.

There was worry, there was curiosity.

But most of all, there was killing intent!

Chapter 356 They're All Crazy

Xu Nian's appearance immediately caused a stir on the scene.

It was obvious that many people had recognized Xu Nian.

"It's him, how could it be him!"

Inside the Wuji Sect, Zhao Qingqing widened her eyes in surprise.

A strong sense of surprise also appeared in Chu Lin's eyes.

However, his gaze also carried a thick sense of jealousy.

Last time, Xu Nian had displayed his formidable strength in front of so many people.

He had completely lost face because of that.

This frustration had been pent up in his heart with nowhere to vent.

Now, seeing Xu Nian step forward, that resentment welled up from the bottom of his heart.

"Sect Master, he is the genius I told you about. What do you think, Sect Master?"

Zhao Qingqing's Master addressed the middle-aged man in front of him.

Upon hearing this, the middle-aged man glanced at Xu Nian and then shook his head.

"Eh, does the Sect Master think his strength is insufficient? This young man is not yet eighteen, but he's already an Eight-star Battle General. Even our Wuji Sect can't find such a genius. Although he has offended the Fang Family, it's not something that can't be resolved. Are you truly not considering it at all, Sect Master?"

The Elder, seeing the Sect Master shake his head, thought he was dissatisfied with Xu Nian and hurriedly spoke up.

Beside him, Zhao Qingqing also furrowed her brows tightly.

The Sect Master, who was always desperate for talent,

why would he disregard such a genius today?

Is it really because he is afraid of the Fang Family's retaliation?

Lu Tianyuan of the Wuji Sect saw the expressions of the Elder and Zhao Qingqing and couldn't help but give a wry smile.

Dissatisfied?

If such a genius were willing to take the position of Wuji Sect Master from him, he would be more than willing!

But their Wuji Sect couldn't afford to have him, nor did they dare to take him in!

"You'll understand if you just keep watching," Lu Tianyuan said with a wry smile.

Zhao Qingqing and the Elder looked baffled.

They turned their heads to look at Xu Nian, their eyes filled with confusion.

Xu Nian had anticipated that it would be very lively outside the Demon Emperor's Tomb.

But he hadn't expected it to be this vibrant.

In front of him, there were at least ten Saints waiting for him.

This was probably an unprecedented reception!

Xu Nian also saw Xu Xin among the crowd.

The latter had a worried expression on his face.

Xu Nian sent him a reassuring look.

Xu Xin was slightly stunned.

His younger brother was actually not afraid.

Could it be that there was a turn of events?

Just as Xu Xin was puzzled,

Xu Nian had already turned his gaze to the Fang Family, Ye Family, Tianjian Sect, and the Imperial Family among others.

Clearly, these Four Great Forces were his real opponents today.

Everyone else basically had a wait-and-see attitude.

If that was the case, then there was no need to bother with them for now.

Surely, once they saw the outcome, they would naturally know whether to take action or not.

"Xu Nian, do you admit your guilt?"

An Elder from the Fang Family stepped forward, his voice cold as he spoke.

His tone was thick with killing intent.

Hearing this, Xu Nian looked in the direction of the Fang Family, a smile appearing at the corner of his mouth.

As expected, the Fang Family was the first to lose patience.

He knew the identity of the Elder before him.

The Two-star Saint of the Fang Family!

The Demon Beast Saint who had killed Chen Xuanlong, the Emperor Scorpion.

"Admit guilt? For what crime am I guilty?" Xu Nian looked at the Emperor Scorpion with a sneer.

Chen Xuanlong was after all a senior relative of Xu Nian, yet he had died at the hands of this Emperor Scorpion.

And Chen Tiansheng had been poisoned by the Emperor Scorpion, almost losing his life to the yellow springs.

So when Xu Nian saw the Emperor Scorpion, his heart had already harbored killing intent.

"Hmph, still not repenting even when death is near, youngster, do you really not fear death?" the Emperor Scorpion coldly huffed.

Xu Nian, upon hearing this, immediately laughed and looked at the Emperor Scorpion teasingly, "I do fear death, but do you think you guys can kill me?"

No sooner had these words left his mouth than a stir went through the crowd.

Was this young man's tone too big?

This is a Saint!

Did this young man just say that these Saints couldn't kill him?

Isn't this courting death?

"Hmph, I've long heard of your arrogance, but I never thought it would be to this extent. Boy, the people of the Fang Family are not the only ones you've killed in terror, right? Now there are people from the Ye Family, Tianjian Sect, and the Imperial Family here. Why don't you ask them if they will let you off?" the Emperor Scorpion said with furious eyes.

"Hmph, boy, you killed two direct descendants and one Elder of our Ye Family. Today you must pay with your blood for this blood debt!" a Saint leading the Ye Family coldly huffed.

"I, Tianjian Sect, have lost seven core disciples, including my own son, and two Elders, all to your hands. If I don't kill you today, I, Lei Batian, swear not to call myself human!" the Tianjian Sect Master stepped forward and roared angrily.

The people around were dumbfounded.

Xu Nian had killed so many people?

And each one had such significant status.

Was this kid crazy?

However, in the midst of their shock,

the middle-aged man dressed in brocade also spoke at this moment, authoritatively, "Xu Nian, you killed two Imperial Princes of our empire, a crime that must be punished. Today I shall take your head back to face our Emperor."

"What?"

The people around were completely petrified on the spot.

Heavens!

Xu Nian dared to kill Imperial Princes?

And two of them?

He's mad!

This kid is mad!

Zhao Qingqing and the old man were also dumbfounded, their mouths gaping wide, unable to speak.

Now they finally understood why their Sect Master did not take Xu Nian as a disciple.

Damn, if they accepted him, they feared the Wuji Sect would be annihilated the next day!

The Xu Family Saint and Ye Family Saint also felt a surge of emotions.

Although they had known for some time that Xu Nian had killed so many,

the pronouncement of these Four Great Forces still filled their hearts with deep feelings.

Was this something a youth had done?

Yet facing the condemnation of the Saints of the Four Great Forces, Xu Nian was as calm as a gentle breeze and light clouds, without a trace of fear.

"Boy, do you still think you can escape from our hands? Aren't you the Artifact Refining Sect Master? Where are your Artifact Refining Sect people? They have probably abandoned you by now!" the Emperor Scorpion sneered with eyes full of killing intent.

In their view, the absence of the Artifact Refining Sect Saints meant that Xu Nian had certainly been abandoned.

Facing the pressure from all sides, how could the Artifact Refining Sect still come out to protect Xu Nian?

"Artifact Refining Sect Master?"

Those who didn't know Xu Nian's true identity were suddenly stunned on hearing this.

Xu Nian was the Artifact Refining Sect Master?

Was the youth who had caused such an uproar at the entrance to the tomb none other than Xu Nian?

Zhao Qingqing and the older man were also stunned.

If Xu Nian was the Artifact Refining Sect Master, didn't that make him on equal footing with their own Sect Master?

Lu Tianyuan shook his head with a wry smile.

He too had only recently received the news, and he had been astonished for a long time when he learned of it.

However, he shared the same thoughts as the Emperor Scorpion and the others.

Xu Nian had probably been abandoned by the Artifact Refining Sect by now.

After all, with enemies on all four sides,

how could the Artifact Refining Sect dare to acknowledge their Sect Master?

The same thought was in the minds of those around them.

Even if Xu Nian truly was the Artifact Refining Sect Master, he probably wasn't by now.

"Ha ha, who says my Artifact Refining Sect people are afraid? Even if my Artifact Refining Sect perishes, we will stand or fall together with the Sect Master!"

However, just when everyone thought Xu Nian had been abandoned, a thunderous voice rang out in the sky.

Then, two figures descended from the sky and knelt on one knee in front of Xu Nian, loudly declaring, "Your subordinates are late, greetings, Sect Master!"

The crowd, seeing this scene, all showed expressions of astonishment.

Has the Artifact Refining Sect also gone mad?

Chapter 357 The Power of Formation

The surrounding crowd gasped in surprise.

The Artifact Refining Sect had actually dared to stand out at this time, fully supporting Xu Nian.

This was clearly a declaration of war against the Four Great Forces!

Could it be that they were not afraid of angering the Four Great Forces, resulting in the destruction of the Artifact Refining Sect?

The Emperor Scorpion also paused, surprised that the Artifact Refining Sect was so bold.

The other Saints around them all looked unfriendly.

"Get up!" Xu Nian said with a smile.

The joy was evident on his face as he looked at the two people in front of him.

These two were precisely the two Elders of the Artifact Refining Sect, both of whom were experts at the Four-star Saint Level.

The appearance of the two Great Elders at this time could be said to have touched Xu Nian greatly.

This showed that the two Great Elders truly regarded him as the Master of the Artifact Refining Sect.

"Hmph, Emperor Scorpion, we of the Artifact Refining Sect are not so craven or fearful of death. If you wish to kill our Sect Master, you must first get through us," the Great Elder stood up and snorted coldly.

After speaking, they both took a step forward, along with the Law Enforcement Elder.

The might of the Four-star Peak Saints burst forth instantly.

"Four-star Saints?"

The crowd around them immediately showed their astonishment.

The Artifact Refining Sect was indeed formidable.

To have two such Saint experts, and both at the Four-star Peak Level.

The Emperor Scorpion's face darkened.

However, he soon sneered.

They had a total of six Saints on their side.

Indeed, at that moment,

Another elder from the Fang Family stepped out.

His aura erupted, revealing that he was at the Six-star Peak Saint Realm.

His presence instantly suppressed the Great Elder and the Second Elder.

The surrounding crowd was astonished by this scene.

A Six-star Saint!

Perhaps, with just this one person, the Artifact Refining Sect's two Elders could be subdued.

Not to mention that this was only the Fang Family; there were also the Ye Family and the Tianjian Sect nearby.

Even more foreboding was the presence of that brocade-clad man from the Imperial Family.

From the very beginning, this person gave off an unfathomable vibe.

The crowd around sighed and shook their heads.

The Artifact Refining Sect was just one of the powers.

How could they possibly contend with the Four Great Forces?

Standing out now was merely adding a few more lives to the toll.

The Emperor Scorpion's sneer was unyielding.

The two Great Elders had serious looks on their brows.

"Xu Nian, what more can you say now? Do you think that with the support of the Artifact Refining Sect, you can be safe? Let alone these Four Great Forces, even my Fang Family alone is more than you can contend with," the Emperor Scorpion said with a sneer.

"Brat, where is the dragon vein? Hand it over, and I will leave you a whole corpse!" An elder from the Ye Family said with a cold huff, his eyes filled with killing intent.

Ye Chengyu was his own grandson, and at this moment, he wished he could flay Xu Nian alive.

Had it not been for the whereabouts of the dragon vein, he would have acted long ago.

As this statement was made, the other Saints also began to show sharp looks in their eyes.

The reason they hadn't moved yet was to find out the whereabouts of the dragon vein.

Otherwise, why would they have tolerated Xu Nian's survival until now?

"So, this is probably your true purpose, isn't it? You want to know about the dragon vein? Come and take it! The dragon vein is on my body," Xu Nian said with a slight smile.

Following his words, a roar of a dragon resounded from his body.

A golden dragon emerged, coiling in the void behind him, baring its fangs and brandishing its claws.

"This is the dragon vein, he actually drew the dragon vein into his body? Could it be that he is?"

The crowd around them showed their astonishment again.

Unbelievably, Xu Nian had truly seized the dragon vein.

The eyes of the Saints from the Four Great Forces also shone brightly, their gazes turning sharp.

"Hmph, if that's the case, then go to die!" the Ye Family Saint roared furiously and instantly, a giant palm formed in the void, its mighty power overwhelming as it slammed toward Xu Nian.

"Another Six-star Saint?"

The surrounding crowd was immediately startled again.

It seems that the Saint sent out by the Ye Family this time is no simple matter.

A palm strike from a Six-star Saint.

Xu Nian might be in for a disaster.

Seeing this, the two Elders from the Artifact Refining Sect immediately took action, attempting to fend off the strike.

"Humph, overestimating yourselves!"

The Ye Family elder coldly snorted, his palm shining brightly.

He directly sent the two Artifact Refining Sect Elders flying.

Both the Great Elder and the Law Enforcement Elder spat out blood, their expressions grave.

The gap between a Six-star Saint and a Four-star Saint Realm was too vast, utterly beyond their ability to contend with.

"Die!"

Simultaneously, the Emperor Scorpion from the Fang Family also made a sudden move.

His palm curled like a hook, viciously clawing towards Xu Nian.

With overwhelming suppression, the claw completely bound Xu Nian, making it impossible for him to escape.

"Sect Master, be careful!"

The two Great Elders were instantly alarmed, but it was too late.

The Emperor Scorpion had already reached Xu Nian's face.

Onlookers all felt regretful.

They knew it was over, for the Emperor Scorpion was a Saint-level expert.

Even if Xu Nian was strong, he could not possibly withstand the attack of the Emperor Scorpion.

"Boom!"

However, just as they thought Xu Nian's body would be pierced through by the Emperor Scorpion's claws,

a bolt of thunder suddenly erupted from his body.

It instantly blasted towards the Emperor Scorpion.

The thunder conveyed a terrifyingly mighty power.

The Emperor Scorpion's face turned to shock, frantically trying to block the lightning.

But the thunder came too fast for him to react in time.

It struck him squarely in the chest.

The Emperor Scorpion's body immediately flew backward, hurtling a thousand meters before finally managing to halt his momentum.

"Spurt!"

The Emperor Scorpion spat out a mouthful of blood, his face filled with disbelief as he looked at Xu Nian.

Everyone around was also stunned.

What happened?

Wasn't the Emperor Scorpion a Two-star Peak Saint?

How did he end up severely injured after making a move against Xu Nian?

And what was that terrifying bolt of thunder just now?

Xu Xin's heart had leapt to her throat just moments before.

Now, seeing this scene unfold, her pretty face was also full of surprise.

She couldn't help looking at Xu Nian.

She didn't understand how her brother had managed to do that.

The crowd around also turned their eyes toward Xu Nian.

Xu Nian simply smiled, his mind stirring.

Twelve Spirit Stones then appeared above his head.

Yes, what Xu Nian had just displayed was the Nine Gang Heavenly Thunder Array he had cultivated back in Bingluo City.

That last strike was emitted using the power of the Thunderclap Array.

"Is this the Thunderclap Array?"

The crowd witnessing this scene,

immediately understood why such a powerful thunder had suddenly erupted from Xu Nian.

It turned out he had harnessed the power of a Formation using Spirit Stones.

At this moment, the Emperor Scorpion's gaze turned dark and gloomy.

His chest garment was torn apart, and the Scale Armor on the surface of his body was now visible.

But on the armor, there was a jet-black void surrounded by charred edges.

That was the damage caused by the thunder from Xu Nian's Thunderclap Array.

If not for his tough Scale Armor protection,

that bolt of thunder would have already pierced his chest and taken his life.

Seeing the wound on his own chest, the Emperor Scorpion's eyes sunk into complete darkness.

He had been wounded by a young Battle King.

This was beyond humiliation!

Chapter 358 The Next One

Xu Nian watched the furious Emperor Scorpion.

A slight smile appeared on his lips.

In fact, he had secretly set up a formation long ago, just to wait for this moment.

Unfortunately, the Spirit Stone he used just now was left over from his last confrontation with the Ninth Prince.

It could not unleash the true power of the Nine Gang Heavenly Thunder Array.

Otherwise, that strike just now would have been enough to annihilate the Emperor Scorpion.

"How does it feel to be struck by thunder, not pleasant, right? I've told you before that you can't kill me," Xu Nian said with a smile.

The surrounding Saints instantly became furious.

Especially the Emperor Scorpion, whose eyes burst forth with a dangerous glint.

"Since you all want the Dragon Vein in my body so much, how about this," Xu Nian said smilingly, "each of you takes a turn. Whoever can kill me gets the Dragon Vein. I'm just a meager Four-star Battle King, and you all are Saints. This request isn't too much, is it?"

After he spoke, Xu Nian exuded a strong aura, revealing the presence of a Four-star Battle King and a Four-star Body King.

Everyone around was stunned.

Xu Nian was so young, and yet he had already reached the Four-star Marquis Level through Spirit Body Dual Cultivation.

Given a few more years,

he might actually step into the Saint Realm.

And perhaps it wouldn't even take that many years!

Of course, the most surprising thing for them was,

Xu Nian was actually challenging these powerful Saints.

A Four-star Battle King challenging these Saints?

They really doubted if there was something wrong with their ears.

Even if Xu Nian had powerful formations at his disposal, how many times could he use them?

Moreover, some of these Saints possessed unfathomably deep strength.

"Little Fox! Things are getting more interesting!" Leng Qingfeng said with a smile as he watched the scene.

"Yes, Xu Nian is truly cunning. With these words, those Saints can't shamelessly gang up on him. They can only challenge him one-on-one, but it might not be easy to contend against these Saints even then. Despite his tricks, there comes a time when they run out!" Leng Cangfeng shook his head and laughed.

He was puzzled in his heart.

Although he didn't believe Xu Nian could withstand these Saints by himself,

he still felt that perhaps there would be a miracle.

Xu Xin clenched her fists tightly.

That moment when Xu Nian was attacked by the Emperor Scorpion,

her heart had jumped to her throat.

Unexpectedly, Xu Nian really turned the tables.

Now hearing Xu Nian's words, her heart was suspended again.

However, she believed in Xu Nian; since he dared to make such a decision, he must have a way to handle it.

Hearing this, those Saints narrowed their eyes.

Xu Nian's words were clearly putting pressure on them.

Displaying his Battle King Level power was meant to make them feel embarrassed about ganging up on him.

After all, they were esteemed Saints.

If they teamed up against a single Battle King, they would become a joke.

However, to those Saints, Xu Nian's actions seemed like nothing but a death wish.

A Battle King daring to challenge them.

Even with some tricks, how could he possibly overcome those Saints?

"Hmph, you think with your formations you can contend against us? Boy, I think you are deliriously overconfident. Since it's so, I'll be the first to strike and show you the difference between a Saint and a Battle King," the Emperor Scorpion coldly huffed.

After speaking, a long scorpion tail grew out behind him.

The tip of the tail was a sharp spike, as lethal as a steel needle.

The crowd around changed their expressions at this sight.

The Emperor Scorpion was truly harboring killing intent, even revealing his scorpion tail.

"Alright then, let's see just how powerful a Saint Level Demon Beast really is," Xu Nian said with a smirk.

His eyes playful and mocking.

"Seeking death!"

The Emperor Scorpion was enraged.

Then his form turned into a shadowy blur, rushing towards Xu Nian at a high speed.

The speed was so fast that the onlookers couldn't make out his figure.

Under the use of the Gray Dragon Eye, Xu Nian barely managed to capture his trajectory.

"Die!"

Emperor Scorpion roared, and his claw reached for Xu Nian's head.

At the same time, his scorpion tail turned into a sharp sword aiming straight for Xu Nian's heart.

This time, he was clearly prepared.

His body surged with a powerful demonic purple light, forming a Defensive Light Shield.

To block Xu Nian's thunderous attacks.

Two fatal points.

Whichever one hit, Xu Nian would undoubtedly die.

The Great Elders watching from afar both looked tense.

However, Xu Nian just chuckled softly.

The twelve Spirit Stones above his head instantly erupted with a strong light.

Then, nine columns of thunder burst forth from the Nine Gang Heavenly Thunder Array.

They enveloped Xu Nian tightly.

When Emperor Scorpion's attack touched the thunder column, it was instantly blown away by the terrifying thunder.

"What!"

Emperor Scorpion was shocked, looking at his charred claw and tail spike.

Then he looked at Xu Nian, who was wrapped in nine columns of thunderous light.

A look of extreme horror appeared on his face.

His attack had just failed to penetrate the thunder columns and was even injured by them?

And his Spiritual Energy Light Shield couldn't last a second under the onslaught of the thunder columns.

The people around also showed surprised expressions.

Emperor Scorpion was actually forced to retreat?

"How about it, the taste of the Nine Gang Heavenly Thunder Array is pretty good, right? But that was just a small test, now let me show you the true power of this formation."

Xu Nian chuckled lightly, then immediately activated the formation.

A brilliant light erupted from the Nine Gang Heavenly Thunder Array.

"Roar!"

A dragon's roar echoed instantly.

Then, nine columns of thunder transformed into nine Thunder Swords rushing towards Emperor Scorpion.

Each Thunder Sword exuded a terrifying aura.

"What!"

Emperor Scorpion exclaimed in shock.

He hurriedly mobilized all his strength to defend against these terrifying Thunder Swords.

However, he could only block two Thunder Swords.

The remaining seven Thunder Swords directly pierced through his chest.

"Boom!"

A thunderous explosion sounded.

The power of the Thunder Swords exploded, forming a terrifying storm that swept across the area.

"What?"

The surrounding crowd saw this scene, their faces showing extremely shocked expressions.

Even the Saints widened their eyes, disbelief written all over their faces.

Once the storm cleared, there was no trace of Emperor Scorpion on the field.

Only bits of flesh scattered across the ground.

"Dead...dead?"

Everyone's heart trembled wildly, their gazes stunned.

Did Xu Nian really kill this Emperor Scorpion?

This is a Two-star Saint!

Xu Xin and others were also stunned.

Although she chose to believe in Xu Nian, she didn't expect such an outcome.

Leng Cangfeng and Leng Qingfeng exchanged glances, both showing a wry smile.

Even they were incredibly surprised by Xu Nian's performance.

Battle King killing a Saint!

Although it was with the help of other means, such an event must have not occurred in a long time.

But Xu Nian did not care about the shocked looks from the crowd.

Instead, he walked over to Emperor Scorpion's shattered body and took out the Demon Beast Crystal Core.

Wiping it on his robe, he said in an utterly indifferent tone, "Next!"

Chapter 359 Battle Against a Six-star Saint

Xu Nian's tone was as indifferent as if he were merely drinking water.

However, this tone completely set off an explosion among the people around.

Such an indifferent tone.

This was simply a mockery of the Saints!

Hearing this, the Saints all showed utterly furious expressions.

This Xu Nian was arrogantly lawless.

He actually dared to look down on them, the Saints.

Especially the elder from the Fang Family.

This Xu Nian had killed one of their Fang Family Saints.

For their Fang Family, this was an enormous loss.

If they didn't kill Xu Nian, where would the Fang Family's face be put?

"I'll do it!" Fang Tianhu roared.

Then he was about to step forward.

"Brother Fang, let me handle this. That man killed my grandson, and today I must kill him myself," said the elder Six-star Saint from the Ye Family.

Fang Tianhu hesitated for a moment, then finally nodded.

"All right, then let Brother Ye make your move," Fang Tianhu said.

He wasn't worried about the dragon vein being snatched by the Ye Family.

He knew that in the end, the dragon vein was destined to fall into the hands of the Imperial Family.

After all, the man in brocade would not just watch idly as the dragon vein slipped away right before his eyes.

With him present, the other major families could not dream of seizing the dragon vein.

Now his only goal was to kill Xu Nian.

Since Ye Jiyun was ready to act, he was naturally pleased to see it happen.

Ye Jiyun gave a bow to Fang Tianhu, then turned to look at Xu Nian, his eyes becoming extremely cold.

"A Six-star Saint has taken action, oh heavens, isn't Xu Nian dead for sure this time?"

"Yes, the Emperor Scorpion was merely at the Two-star Saint level, which can't compare with the Six-star Saint. There's a full four realms of difference there!"

"And just now, Xu Nian's Spirit Stones were obviously used up. Facing a Six-star Saint now, isn't that akin to seeking death?"

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The surrounding crowd was abuzz with discussion.

They all felt that this time Xu Nian was completely doomed.

Xu Xin's expression became tense once again.

The elder from the Ye Family was taking personal action.

Against a Six-star Saint, how could Xu Nian possibly be a match?

"Young man, your methods are indeed powerful, killing a Two-star Battle Saint level Demon Beast, but your Spirit Stones are used up now, aren't they? I'd like to see what you will use to fight me," Ye Jiyun sneered.

His narrow eyes were filled with thick killing intent.

"Really? Why doesn't the elder come and try to see if I can block it or not?" Xu Nian said, with an appearance of nonchalance, standing with his hands behind his back, giving off a feeling of full confidence.

The crowd around was astonished.

They didn't know if Xu Nian was truly confident or merely bluffing.

"Humph, empty bluster; I want to see what tricks you still have," the Ye Family Saint snorted coldly, then once again summoned powerful Spiritual Energy.

Spiritual Energy surged, instantly forming a formidable Sword Qi.

An invisible sword materialized directly in front of the elder.

It emitted a strong aura of the sword's might.

The surrounding crowd saw this scene and their expressions were filled with fear.

The aura emanating from this giant sword chilled their hearts.

This Sword Qi didn't just seem capable of killing a person, but it seemed like it could pierce through a vast mountain.

Xu Nian looked at the formless giant sword, and his face also showed a trace of astonishment.

He could sense that along with powerful Spiritual Energy, there was another strong force within the giant sword.

That was the Heaven and Earth Power.

If he hadn't guessed wrong, that was the power possessed after reaching the Unity of Heaven and Man realm.

It must belong to a realm of power above momentum.

If it were the past, Xu Nian absolutely would not have been able to feel the existence of this power.

But ever since having the dragon vein, he found his perception of the heaven and earth to be much stronger than others.

"Die! Sky-shocking Sword Energy!"

The elder let out a loud shout, his palm striking toward the void.

The huge sword hovering above his head surged rapidly toward Xu Nian.

Its phantom image was almost ten meters long.

Speeding through the air, it emitted a roar akin to a mountain collapsing.

If this sword struck a massive mountain, it would surely pierce right through it.

Such power was not something that a Battle King Level warrior could contend with.

Even a Five-star Saint under this sword would likely struggle to survive.

"What a powerful strike, is this the might of a Saint? It can truly cut through water and split mountains!"

The onlookers were shocked beyond measure.

At the same time, they felt pity for Xu Nian.

Facing such a powerful attack, Xu Nian was doomed to certain death.

However, just when everyone thought Xu Nian would be killed by the giant sword...

Xu Nian's eyes instantly became fierce.

He fiercely struck out with his palm toward the void in front of him.

As his palm struck out, twelve Spirit Stones surfaced on his arm.

Then, a Thunder Sword equally immense burst out from the palm of his hand.

"What? He still has Spirit Stones?"

The crowd exposed looks of surprise.

They hadn't expected Xu Nian to still have Spirit Stones.

The giant sword swept across the sky, violently colliding with the incoming phantom giant sword.

"Boom!"

The two huge swords struck each other viciously in midair.

Their tips collided, creating two massive hemispherical arcs of energy.

Frightening gusts scattered in all directions.

The two forces were distinct and separate.

"Blocked it?"

The surrounding crowd, seeing the two swords locked in the air, all showed looks of utter surprise.

Xu Nian had actually blocked the Six-star Saint's giant sword with the power of a Formation?

If they hadn't witnessed it with their own eyes, they would never believe any of this to be true, even if it cost them their lives.

Ye Jiyun also wore a face full of surprise.

He had never imagined that his sword, infused with the power of Heaven and Earth, would be blocked.

But in the next moment, his expression became even more astonished.

A faint sound of shattering reached his ears.

Yet, this minute cracking sound was like thunder to him.

Cracks began to appear on the phantom image of his giant sword.

"Boom!"

Finally, his phantom giant sword exploded under the impact of the Thunder Sword, turning into a Sword Qi Storm.

And the Thunder Sword continued unabated, heading straight for him.

"How... how is this possible?"

Ye Jiyun's color drained from his face, as he quickly mobilized all his strength to defend against the sword.

A sharp sword appeared in his hands, and the Sword Pattern mark on his forehead instantly lit up.

He aimed directly at the incoming Thunder Sword, as if trying to block it.

Seeing this, Xu Nian's lips curled into a faint smile.

He slowly uttered a single word: "Explode!"

With the sound of his voice, the Thunder Sword that was about to clash with Ye Jiyun's sword exploded at that moment.

"Boom!"

With an explosive sound,

The Thunder Sword exploded, instantly turning into a Thunderclap Storm.

It engulfed Ye Jiyun in an instant.

The surrounding crowd was stunned speechless.

Such a terrifying Thunderclap Storm.

If Ye Jiyun wasn't killed, he would likely end up severely injured.

And yet, the cause of all this.

Was it really a Battle King?

Chapter 360 Three Talents Sword Array

The Thunderclap Storm was roaring.

Everyone was shocked by it.

They stared intently at the center of the Thunderclap Storm,

Eager to know if the Saint from the Ye Family had truly been annihilated by Xu Nian's Thunderclap Array.

Xu Nian, on the other hand, was smiling as he stood aside, watching the center of the Thunderclap Storm.

He knew that Ye Jiyun had not died.

Although the Nine Gang Heavenly Thunder Array was immensely powerful,

It was still not enough to kill Ye Jiyun.

"Boom!"

As expected, with a loud explosion,

The Thunderclap Storm completely blew apart at that moment.

A figure appeared in everyone's line of sight.

Ye Jiyun's clothes were ragged now, his hair scorched and disheveled, even his skin was charred black,

With smoke still rising from the top of his head.

He no longer possessed the imposing air of a Saint.

He looked more like an old beggar on the street.

The surrounding crowd couldn't help but laugh upon seeing this.

Ye Jiyun had actually been blasted into such a state.

He had probably never felt so embarrassed in his whole Cultivation life.

Ye Jiyun's eyes were incredibly dark and heavy.

At this moment, he was utterly furious.

Looking at Xu Nian, his gaze was like that of someone seeing the murderer of their father.

"I want you dead!"

Ye Jiyun shouted loudly, the might of a Six-star Saint bursting forth entirely.

The terrifying aura whipped his messy hair into a frenzied dance,

Creating a mad sweep around him.

The Sword Pattern on his forehead emitted a dazzling light.

Massive Sword Qi surged into the sky, stirring the winds and clouds above.

Those Cultivators below the rank of Saint were so intimidated by this frightening aura that they stepped back several paces.

They knew the Saint of the Ye Family was truly enraged.

Looking at Xu Nian again,

He had just used that move,

Draining all twelve Spirit Stones completely.

They didn't believe Xu Nian had another twelve Spirit Stones to activate the Formation, did they?

"Kid, you pushed me to this point, it's all your own doing, today if I don't kill you, then my name isn't Ye. I don't believe you have any more Spirit Stones to drive the Formation!" Ye Jiyun roared.

With those words, he leaped up, his sword surging as he swiftly stabbed towards Xu Nian.

His speed was lightning-fast, and he reached Xu Nian in the blink of an eye.

His sword was even more powerful, imbued with strong Spiritual Energy and the force of the sword.

Not to mention a Battle King—perhaps even a Six-star Saint might not be able to block this sword.

Was it over?

Everyone around was muttering to themselves.

In their eyes, if Xu Nian was out of Spirit Stones, he really might not be able to stop this sword.

Xu Xin's fists were clenched tight, her fingernails digging into her palms, drawing blood.

Zhao Qingqing even closed her eyes, unable to watch any more.

She envisioned Xu Nian being split in half by Ye Jiyun's sword.

However, facing this extremely sharp sword, Xu Nian still stood with his hands behind his back.

There was not a trace of panic on his face,

Instead, there was a sly, cunning smile.

If someone probed with their Spiritual Sense, they would surely find out.

A glow was shining from the palm of Xu Nian's right hand at this moment.

Yes, it was the Formation left to Xu Nian by Emperor Bai.

"Hum!"

Just when everyone thought Xu Nian was about to be pierced through by the sword,

A terrifying sword radiance plummeted from the sky, piercing straight down through the top of Ye Jiyun's skull.

"Ah!"

Ye Jiyun let out a muffled grunt, then his body instantly stiffened.

The sword that was about to pierce Xu Nian's heart,

Incredibly stopped one inch away from Xu Nian's chest.

The surrounding crowd was all stunned.

Wha... What's going on?

Even the Saints were taken aback.

That sword had come too quickly, too suddenly,

But the aura it carried was terrifying enough to make one's heart palpitate.

Xu Nian offered a faint smile and extended a finger, gently deflecting Ye Jiyun's sharp sword.

Yet, a finger pointed at his brow.

"Boom!"

In an instant, Ye Jiyun's body exploded into pieces.

Dead?

The surrounding crowd was dumbfounded.

How could they have expected Ye Jiyun to actually die?

How was this possible?

What exactly happened in that split second?

The Saints around them also furrowed their brows in concentration.

In that moment, they only sensed a fierce, fleeting aura.

Then, Ye Jiyun was dead.

Xu Nian looked at the astonished expressions of the surrounding people, smiling lightly.

What he had just activated was the formation passed down to him by Emperor Bai.

It was called the Three Talents Sword Array.

It consisted of three strands of Sword Qi.

What Xu Nian had just employed was the first of these three strands of Sword Qi.

Each strand of Sword Qi could kill one person.

Now, within the Sword Qi Array Diagram, two strands of Sword Qi remained.

However, the special feature of this Three Talents Sword Array was

that once activated,

all three strands of Sword Qi must be used within the span of two hours.

Otherwise, the Sword Qi would dissipate.

This was also why Emperor Bai had told him

that this formation could only be used once.

Silence surrounded them.

A Six-star War Saint had been instantly killed—what an astonishing method!

How did Xu Nian possess such capabilities?

No wonder he had remained so calm and composed; he held such a powerful trump card in his hand.

The two Elders of the Artifact Refining Sect, upon witnessing this, were also shocked to their core.

Even they were astounded by Xu Nian's methods.

Yet the stronger Xu Nian was, the happier they became.

"Who else wishes to make a move?" Xu Nian asked with a smile, looking towards the remaining two Saints from the Fang and Ye Families.

The other Three-star Saint from the Ye Family immediately fell silent.

Dammit, a Six-star Saint had been killed.

How could he dare to court death?

Although he doubted Xu Nian could launch an attack as terrifying as before,

what if he could?

If Xu Nian truly had that ability, wouldn't that spell disaster for him?

As for Fang Tianhu at this moment, his expression was also dark and unsettled.

Clearly, he too hesitated to make a move lightly.

The crowd was amazed beyond measure.

Xu Nian had actually intimidated the Saints of two major powers?

Such an event had probably never happened in history!

Xu Nian offered a slight smile, aware that he had quelled the Fang and Ye Families.

He then turned his gaze to the Tianjian Sect Master.

The Tianjian Sect had only one Saint, the Sect Master himself.

However, this person's cultivation was exceptional, having reached the realm of a Seven-star Saint,

and was on the same level as the former Sect Master Liu Mubai of the Artifact Refining Sect.

Upon seeing Xu Nian looking at him, Lei Batian could not help but snort coldly from his mouth.

"Hmph, you're just relying on some cheap tricks and cunning methods, I don't believe you can launch the same attack as before. You killed my son and so many of my Tianjian Sect disciples; I won't let you off today no matter what."

Lei Batian's voice boomed like thunder.

An intimidating presence erupted instantly, stirring the wind and clouds of heaven and earth.

Dark clouds roiled in the sky.

The entire square was shrouded in dreadful killing intent.

Lei Batian's aura shook his robes with a rustling sound.

Those around him changed their expressions to ones of fear.

A Seven-star Saint!

A Seven-star Saint had made a move.

Could Xu Nian still withstand it?

Xu Nian still wore a faint smile, standing with his hands behind his back.

"Not this expression again!"

Upon seeing this, the surrounding crowd felt a tremendous surge of shock in their hearts.