

## **Divine King 451**

### Chapter 451 Earth Profound Argumentation

As the gigantic human-shaped void shadow emerged, Xu Bai's aura had already soared to its peak.

A wild wind danced around, his eyes shimmering with purple light, as if purple flames were burning.

He looked like a tyrant personified.

His gaze towards Xu Nian was filled with overwhelming killing intent.

"Heavens, did the boss really have to use the Overlord Tyrant Talent Phenomenon due to being pushed?" Xu Min revealed an extremely shocked expression.

In his memory, Xu Bai had only used the Talent Phenomenon once.

That was when he was twelve, fighting with a twenty-something youth.

The two were separated by an entire realm.

Yet Xu Bai managed to fight the youth to a standstill with just the Talent Phenomenon.

So many years had passed, and now Xu Bai was deploying the Talent Phenomenon for the second time.

Once the Tyrant Talent Phenomenon was activated, Xu Bai would receive the blessing of the power of the ancient tyrants.

At that moment, Xu Bai's strength, whether it was speed, power, or bodily toughness, all saw a several-fold increase.

Without any exaggeration, Xu Bai, even if facing a Seven-star Body Saint, would have the capacity to fight.

"Xu Nian, to have pushed me to this extent, you can take pride in that. Next, I will shatter your bones to pieces and let you taste the wrath of my Overlord Tyrant," Xu Bai's voice rang like a great bell, his killing intent skyrocketing.

The aura emanating from him caused the surrounding air to tremble.

Xu Nian's expression also became grave.

At this moment, the power radiating from Xu Bai was indeed terrifying; a slight misstep could lead to an unexpected defeat.

"Tyrant's Fury!"

Xu Bai spat out three words, like thunder erupting from a clear sky.

Then he turned into a straight line, charging at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian immediately felt an oppressive and mountain-like powerful aura bearing down on him.

The huge tyrant shadow behind Xu Bai at this moment, suddenly opened its eyes.

Its massive body overshadowed the entire sky.

The terrifying presence also suppressed the whole valley.

A cold gleam flashed in Xu Nian's eyes as the Gang Qi within him began to churn rapidly.

"Dragon King Fist Third Style: Dragon King Destruction!"

Xu Nian bellowed, as if a hundred thousand giant dragons were roaring.

Dark clouds rolled in the sky, within which countless Azure Dragons seemed to surge.

Stirring the winds and clouds.

At that moment, Xu Nian also seemed to be possessed by the Dragon King, bursting forth with intense blue light.

Powerful Dragon Energy surged out from him, intimidating all around.

"Boom!"

The attacks of the two collided in an instant.

The blue dragon shadow and the purple tyrant shadow clashed, like two comets colliding.

The terrifying might instantly swept out, sweeping through the surroundings.

The vegetation in the valley was pulverized under this fearsome shockwave.

Sand flew, stones ran, and the ground cracked open.

Xu Min, who was standing at a distance watching the battle, was blown away by the residual waves, coughing up a mouthful of fresh blood.

"Damn it, what the hell is this? Is this really a battle at the Saint Level?" Xu Min spat out blood fiercely, cursing in anger.

The strength exhibited by these two was just too abnormal.

The energy dispersed from their attacks was enough to injure him.

If he were to take a direct hit from either of their attacks, he'd likely be crushed into a pulp.

Xu Bai possessed the Overlord Dominator Body, which was admittedly powerful.

But how did Xu Nian become so strong?

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battle in the sky raged on.

With Xu Min's eyesight, he could only see a blue and purple streak of light constantly colliding.

Each collision produced horrible sonic booms and the trembling of the earth.

If he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, he would never have believed this was a battle between a Five-star Body Saint and a Two-star Body Saint.

"Boom!"

A loud explosion.

A figure plummeted from the sky, crashing into the ground like a falling meteorite.

The earth burst apart instantly, with soil splashing up to a hundred feet high.

"Cough cough!"

Xu Nian coughed twice, climbing out of the deep pit.

Looking up at Xu Bai who stood proudly in the sky, his eyes filled with a fierce desire to battle.

It must be said, Xu Bai, who had activated Tyrant Mode, was incomparably strong.

Each punch was several times more powerful than before.

Xu Nian merged all the Dragon Energy within his body and still could only barely hold on.

The strength of the Xu Family's number one prodigy truly should not be underestimated.

"Hmph, die!" Xu Bai let out a cold snort, and then his figure once again dived rapidly towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's eyes flashed with determination, and he immediately activated Thunderclap Flash to retreat rapidly.

Just as Xu Nian had left his original spot,

Xu Bai's fist ruthlessly pounded the place where he had just been, smashing the ground into a huge deep pit with the bursting Gang Qi.

"Hmph, think you can hide? No way!" Xu Bai coldly snorted again.

With a step on the void, he immediately followed in hot pursuit of Xu Nian.

Xu Nian retreated rapidly.

Xu Bai pursued relentlessly.

The distance between them was closing bit by bit.

"It's over, Shattering Sky Finger!"

Xu Bai roared and pointed directly into the void.

Then, a gigantic finger was seen emerging from the heavens above, bearing down viciously towards Xu Nian.

The vibration on the fingertip was powerful enough to kill a Seven-star Battle Saint.

"Even using the Shattering Sky Finger? Xu Nian should surely be dead now!" Xu Min, who had already taken refuge far away, watched this scene with extremely surprised eyes.

The Shattering Sky Finger was Xu Bai's famous signature skill from the past.

It was an ancient Heavenly Rank Gang Skill, which even incorporated the Profound Argumentation of Earth Power.

Therefore, its power was extremely terrifying.

Every time Xu Bai used this move, it was a sure-kill technique, and almost no one could withstand it.

He believed that Xu Nian would be no exception.

"Earth's Profound Argumentation? It's only at the Initial Insight Realm!" A hint of light laughter flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

He felt the Earth Power vibration within the Shattering Sky Finger.

However, this vibration was clearly not strong; it had only just entered the Initial Insight Realm.

"Let me show you what real Earth Power is," Xu Nian coldly snorted.

The ground beneath his feet then began to roll violently, and soon everyone saw the earth behind Xu Nian rise up like a raging wave, clapping fiercely against the approaching finger.

"Boom!"

The giant finger directly crumbled under the strike of the mud giant hand, and the mud tidal wave did not stop there, it continued rolling towards the rapidly approaching Xu Bai.

"How is this possible? Earth's Profound Argumentation at the Insight Realm?" Xu Bai exclaimed in shock.

His figure came to a sudden stop, retreating hastily.

Looking at the rolling mud tidal wave.

Xu Bai's heart was filled with shock.

Was Xu Nian's comprehension of Earth's Profound Argumentation actually above his?

Being at the Earth First Glimpse Realm at the age of twenty-five was already considered a heavenly prodigy.

Xu Nian was younger than him, but his level of comprehension was higher.

This made a thick sense of jealousy arise in his heart.

Chapter 452 Four Talent Phenomenons

Xu Bai retreated swiftly.

The rolling mud tidal wave forced him back thousands of zhang before it gradually disappeared.

To generate such a massive mud tidal wave required not only an extremely high mastery of the Power of Earth but also a vast amount of Spiritual Energy or Gang Qi.

Throughout their long battle, Xu Nian showed no signs of any decrease in Spiritual Energy or Gang Qi within his body.

However, the Gang Qi in Xu Bai's body, having no way to replenish in time, had already decreased by a great deal.

Continuing like this, he would not only fail to kill Xu Nian but also be defeated instead.

"It seems I must fight a quick battle to decide the outcome," Xu Bai's eyes filled with determination.

He had used so many methods, yet none had killed Xu Nian.

This made him feel the threat from Xu Nian growing even larger.

Hence, today, no matter the cost, he must kill Xu Nian.

Xu Nian stood in the air, his gaze sharp.

His Divine Demon Refining Body Technique and the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus could absorb the rampant power of this world.

Xu Bai and the others couldn't do that, so he had no need to worry about the consumption of Spiritual Energy.

During the battle, Spiritual Energy and Gang Qi would replenish in time.

If the fight continued, Xu Bai and the others were destined to lose.

So he was very clear that, next, Xu Bai would play his final trump card to battle with him.

The reason Xu Nian hadn't used the Undying Devouring Sky Beast was to utilize Xu Bai's power to temper his true self.

"Xu Nian, your strength truly surprises me, having comprehended the Power of Earth to the Insight Realm. If I hadn't understood another Profound Argumentation, I might indeed have been surpassed by you," Xu Bai said proudly.

As he finished speaking, a strong Wind Attribute fluctuation burst forth from his body.

A thick aura of cutting flooded from him.

"Dimension Blade? Insight Realm?" Xu Nian revealed a slightly surprised expression.

He had not anticipated that the second Profound Argumentation that Xu Bai had comprehended was also Wind Attribute, and like his, an Upper-class Profound Argumentation, Dimension Cutting.

"Damn, the boss actually comprehended Dimension Cutting to the Insight Realm, and it doesn't look like he just entered the Insight Realm, but rather seems to have reached the later stages," Xu Min exclaimed from afar in shock.

It was well known that comprehending Profound Argumentation was extremely difficult.

Xu Bai, able to comprehend one Profound Argumentation while also grasping another.

Furthermore, he had comprehended the rather challenging Dimension Cutting to the Insight Realm, truly a genius of the age.

"Hmph, I don't believe that this time you won't die!" Xu Min coldly huffed as he looked toward the distant Xu Nian.

With Xu Bai even resorting to Dimension Cutting, there was no way he could fail to kill Xu Nian.

Xu Nian watched the scene unfold with a helpless smile.

He really hadn't expected such a coincidence.

It seemed Xu Min was destined to be defeated by him.

Xu Nian took a step forward as an incredibly strong Profound Argumentation Wave radiated from his body.

Wind Blade after Wind Blade appeared out of nowhere, causing the surrounding space to tremble.

Where the Wind Blades passed, even more tiny fractures emerged.

"What? Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation, and it has reached the Bright Mirror Level, I'm not seeing things, am I!" Xu Min's eyes widened in an instant.

His heart pounded wildly.

At this moment, he even doubted if his eyes were deceiving him.

Xu Nian had also comprehended the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation.

And the realm he had reached was even higher than that of Xu Bai from their Xu Family, who was regarded as their number one talent.

Xu Bai's gaze also became somewhat vacant.

Then came an overwhelming sense of humiliation.

He was just boasting that Xu Nian couldn't possibly surpass him in the realm of comprehension, yet in less than a moment, Xu Nian had slapped him hard in the face.

A thick mix of rage and envy surged in his heart.

It was bad enough that Xu Nian comprehended the Power of Earth to a higher level than him.

He took pride in his Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation, yet it was still bested by another.

This almost drove him insane with frustration.

"Unleash your strongest attack then, haven't you still not used your Ancestor Vein Power? Let's decide the victor in one move, and let me see just how powerful your Seventh-Rank Ancestor Vein Power truly is," said Xu Nian with a slight smile.

No sooner had he finished speaking than an Immortal Sword appeared in his hand.

An overwhelming Sword Intent shot up to the heavens.

The surrounding mountains crumbled under his fierce Sword Qi.

Xu Bai's face turned pale, his eyes burning with rage.

Xu Nian's words were a direct insult to him.

It was as if Xu Nian didn't take him seriously at all.

As the foremost genius of the Xu Family and the third ranked prodigy of the empire,

he couldn't tolerate being looked down upon like this.

"Fine, since you wish to see my ultimate attack, I shall grant you your wish. I hope you won't regret it," bellowed Xu Bai.

As he finished speaking, a Battle Saber appeared in his hand.

The moment the Battle Saber appeared, an intense aura of slaughter engulfed the area.

"Is that the Demon Slaying Battle Saber?" Xu Min exclaimed in shock.

He knew that this Demon Slaying Battle Saber was Xu Bai's final trump card.

Once deployed, it meant that Xu Bai had been pushed to his limits.

"A Spiritual Artifact?" surprise flickered in Xu Nian's eyes as well.

The Battle Saber in Xu Bai's hand was indeed a Spiritual Artifact.

But of course, that wasn't the end.

After summoning the Battle Saber, Xu Bai immediately activated the power of his Ancestor Vein.

As the Ancestor Vein Power was activated, seven Azure Dragons surged out of Xu Bai's body,

coiling around him and emitting terrifying roars.

With the emergence of these seven Azure Dragons, Xu Bai's aura began to skyrocket dramatically until it reached a truly terrifying level.

"So this is the augmentation of the Seventh-Rank Ancestor Vein Power? It can actually amplify to this extent," Xu Nian mused in amazement.

At that moment, the aura emanating from Xu Bai matched the peak of an Eight-star Body Saint.

On top of his Five-star cultivation, the Overlord Dominator Body had further augmented his power by a star.

One should know how difficult it is to advance even a single star within the Saint Realm.

Even more so, advancing from a Seven-star Saint to an Eight-star.

Xu Bai's aura wilded, with the shadow of a Tyrant looming over the void behind him, and the Azure Dragons lending their power.

He appeared like a divine ruler who commanded the world.

"Die, Angry Sky Slash!"

With a thunderous cry, Xu Bai concentrated all his Gang Qi into the Battle Saber at that moment.

With one slash, he unleashed a massive Moon Arc Blade Light that stretched for dozens of meters.

The terrifying aura contained within it caused one's heart to tremble with fear.

The immense blade light tore through the earth as it hurtled towards Xu Nian.

"This Xu Nian is as good as dead," murmured Xu Min to himself.

Such a horrifying slash, perhaps not even a Nine-star Battle Saint would dare to face it head-on?

However, at that moment, Xu Nian let out a cold laugh.

Immediately his eyes sharpened,

and an intimidating aura burst forth from behind him.

The Talent Phenomenon thunderously emerged.

"Four... four of them!"

Xu Min's eyes widened in shock, resembling those of a bull, and his jaw dropped to the ground in sheer astonishment.

Xu Bai also revealed an utterly shocked expression, staring dumbfounded at the four Talent Phenomena behind Xu Nian.

Chapter 453 Xu Family's Heartache

Four Great Innate Phenomena.

Anyone who saw this scene would be stunned.

Immortal King Laurel Map, Ancient Giant Sword, Hell Gate, and the Fourth Great Innate Phenomenon born from Xu Nian's breakthrough into the Saint Realm.

Netherworld King Palace!

Yes, Xu Nian's fourth innate phenomenon was the Netherworld King Palace.

Behind the Hell Gate, deep in its recesses, stood a colossal palace.

This palace emanated a terrifying dark aura as if it came from the depths of the Nine Nether Hell.

Its appearance could enhance Xu Nian's attack power several times, while also bringing a chilling effect.

All four Great Innate Phenomena were augmented within Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's aura had soared to a terrifying realm.

Xu Nian himself was like a Netherworld King who had walked out of hell, his presence frighteningly intense.

Seeing the huge Sword Light swooping down, Xu Nian's gaze turned exceptionally sharp.

The Immortal Sword in his hand began to tremble violently.

A tremendously powerful Spiritual Energy gathered on his blade.

"Let you taste my newly comprehended sword move, Sword Like a Shocking Swallow!"

Xu Nian murmur-smiled to himself, then immediately slashed his Immortal Sword towards the oncoming Sword Light.

This sword strike nearly drained all the Spiritual Energy within Xu Nian's body.

The terrifying Sword Qi instantly turned into a ghostly light that streaked forward.

When this Sword Radiance occurred, the entire space shook.

If one looked closely, they would find that where the Sword Radiance passed, there were dense spatial rifts.

Its speed was several times faster than the massive Sword Light that was tearing through the air.

"Boom!"

The Sword Radiance and Sword Light collided, producing a thunderous crash.

A terrifying wave of energy instantly formed an energy halo and dispersed.

Both Xu Nian and Xu Bai had grave expressions; these were their strongest attacks.

Who was stronger and who weaker would soon be decided.

"Bang!"

Just then, the massive Sword Light released by Xu Bai shattered directly into countless Sword Qi, sweeping the surroundings.

Meanwhile, the Sword Radiance Xu Nian had slashed continued as a ghostly light, shooting straight toward Xu Bai.

"What?" Xu Bai was shocked and horrified.

His own Sword Light was broken?

Enhanced with Double Ancestor Vein Power and Innate Phenomena, how could it fail?

But at this point, there was no time for further thought.

The terrifying Sword Radiance had already reached Xu Bai's face.

Xu Bai instantly felt an intensely sharp aura rushing towards him.

Even from tens of meters away, his skin felt as if it was about to be sliced open.

If he really let this Sword Radiance hit him, even his strong body would likely lose its life in an instant.

Xu Bai didn't hesitate at all, hastily using his Battle Saber to block the terrifying Sword Radiance.

"Clang!"

The Sword Radiance struck Xu Bai's Battle Saber, emitting an incredibly clear sound.

Subsequently, Xu Bai, along with his saber, was blasted flying, only stopping after reaching three hundred meters.

"Pu!"

Blood spewed violently from his mouth.

Struggling to get up, he realized that any movement would cause unbearable pain throughout his body.

"You lost!"

Xu Nian appeared in front of Xu Bai, pointing his sword at Xu Bai's neck.

Seeing this, Xu Bai's eyes immediately showed a look of unwillingness and despair.

Xu Min was dumbstruck.

Xu Bai had actually lost.

Xu Family's top prodigy was actually defeated by a young boy.

If this were to spread, it would probably shock the entire Xu Family.

"You can't kill me, if you kill me, Xu Family will never let you off," Xu Bai said, threatening.

Xu Nian simply sneered and replied, "It seems that even if I don't kill you, the Xu Family won't let me go."

Xu Bai's pupils shrank instantly.

He then remembered, the Family Head Xu had already dispatched the Eighteen Holy Guards to kill Xu Nian.

A thick sense of despair welled up from the bottom of his heart.

Was he going to die here, at the hands of this lowly boy?

He was not willing to accept this!

But at this moment, his Dantian was completely empty, leaving him with no ability to resist.

Furthermore, the sword strike he had forcefully blocked just now,

although the Sword Radiance it contained had seriously injured his internal organs and meridians.

Now, even a three-year-old child could easily kill him.

"Puchi!"

Just then, Xu Bai felt a sharp pain in his brow.

He saw Xu Nian's Sword Point directly pierce his brow.

"What... what are you trying to do?" Xu Bai didn't understand Xu Nian's intention.

However, he had a strong bad feeling about it.

Seeing this, Xu Nian simply smiled lightly, "You'll know in a moment."

Then, a strong suction force burst forth from his fingertip.

"No... don't!" Xu Bai's eyes suddenly filled with terror.

He realized that his Ancestor Vein Power was rapidly draining away.

Xu Nian was actually absorbing his Ancestor Vein Power.

He knew that without the Ancestor Vein Power, which was his foundation, he would have nothing but a path to death.

Xu Nian, however, ignored Xu Bai's words and continued to frantically absorb Xu Bai's Ancestor Vein Power.

Xu Bai possessed the Seventh-Rank Ancestor Vein Power, would it not be a waste if Xu Nian just killed him?

"Xu Min, save me!" As Xu Bai felt his Ancestor Vein Power draining away, he shouted desperately.

"Let go of my boss!" Upon hearing this, Xu Min immediately rushed towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian suddenly turned his head, his eyes bursting with a fierce green light.

Gray Dragon Eye, Intimidate!

Xu Min immediately felt his spirit shaking, and his body abruptly stopped in mid-air, then he began to retreat rapidly.

"How... how terrifying!" Xu Min said to himself in shock.

That moment, he felt as if the Death God was gazing at him.

If he really made a move, he feared he would lose his life instantly.

Although he had a good relationship with Xu Bai, it was not worth risking his life for him.

So, between Xu Bai and his own life, he naturally chose the latter.

"Escape!"

Xu Min thought to himself and then fled rapidly in one direction.

Xu Nian was busy absorbing Xu Bai's Ancestor Vein Power and didn't bother with Xu Min.

That powerful Ancestor Vein Power merged into his body and was absorbed by him.

His Ancestor Vein Power soared from Fourth Rank to Fifth Rank, even beginning to rush towards Sixth Rank and Seventh Rank.

As for Xu Bai, his eyes were filled with thick despair.

With Xu Min fleeing, the last straw in his heart was also broken.

Looking at Xu Nian again, his eyes were filled with endless resentment.

"Xu Nian, I won't let you go even as a ghost!" Xu Bai shouted, then was going to burn his own essence blood, ready to die together with Xu Nian.

But Xu Nian's mouth showed a hint of a smile, his eyes mocking, "In front of me, you don't even have the qualification to burn your essence blood."

After saying that, a terrifying chill burst from Xu Nian's palm.

In an instant, Xu Bai's entire body was covered by Xuan Ice, and his essence blood was also frozen.

Feeling his fate, Xu Bai completely despaired.

A strong sense of regret surged in his heart.

Had he known this would be the outcome, he would never have provoked Xu Nian, not for anything.

Chapter 454 Xu Bai's Despair

After two hours,

Xu Nian had completely absorbed the Ancestor Vein Power within Xu Bai's body.

After absorbing all of this Ancestor Vein Power, Xu Nian's own Ancestor Vein Power had soared to the Eighth Rank.

An Eighth Rank Ancestor Vein Power, this was unprecedented in the history of the Xu Family.

The key point was that the Ancestor Vein Power in Xu Nian's body had not even reached saturation yet.

That meant Xu Nian still qualified to advance to the Ninth Rank, possibly even the Tenth Rank.

Besides the breakthrough in Ancestor Vein Power, Xu Nian discovered a strange new force within his blood.

If he wasn't mistaken, this power should be the Origin Power of the Overlord Dominator Body.

However, as soon as this power entered Xu Nian's body, it was devoured by the Nine Dragon Supreme Bloodline Origin.

There was no helping it; the energy of the Nine Dragon Supreme Body was simply too overbearing.

In its presence, the bloodline of the Overlord Dominator Body had no choice but to be devoured.

"Boom!"

At that moment, a dull sound emerged from within Xu Nian's body.

His once-depleted Dantian began to surge with powerful Spiritual Energy.

He had broken through!

His Spiritual Cultivation had also made a breakthrough at that moment.

That final sword had drained his Spiritual Energy completely.

Unexpectedly, this led to a renewal within his body, and his cultivation had broken through at that very moment, reaching the level of a Two-star War Saint.

Feeling the Spiritual Energy in his Dantian become abundant again, even more so than before, a smile appeared on Xu Nian's face.

He hadn't expected that killing Xu Bai would bring so many benefits.

Not only a breakthrough in cultivation, but his Ancestor Vein Power had also greatly increased.

This meant his original strength was constantly improving.

"Let's continue on the journey. I wonder if the Xu Family will feel the pain from losing Xu Bai?" Xu Nian glanced at Xu Bai's corpse on the ground, his eyes revealing a cold sneer.

He then transformed into a streak of light and continued towards the deeper parts of the ancestral land.

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At Longyu Mountain, within the main hall where the Family Head Xu resided.

"It's terrible, Father!"

Xu Zhong rushed into the hall from outside, his face filled with anxiety.

"Panicking like this, what kind of demeanor is that? You should remember, you are a Saint," Xu Tianhong chastised unhappily.

He was never quite satisfied with his two sons, Xu Ming and Xu Zhong.

Although both had reached Saint Level, given their talents, they would be stuck at Saint Level for life.

And this was after the Xu Family had poured extensive resources into them.

However, Xu Zhong did have a worthy son.

Xu Tianhong was very pleased with his own grandson, Xu Bai.

He had long decided that as soon as Xu Bai entered the Half-Emperor Realm, he would pass on the position of Family Head to Xu Bai.

"Father, it's bad news, something has happened to Xu Bai!" Xu Zhong ignored Xu Tianhong's scolding and hurriedly spoke.

"What? What happened?" Xu Tianhong immediately sat up straight.

Xu Bai was the selected successor for the Family Head of the Xu Family, the future helmsman of the family.

If something happened to him, it would be a huge loss for the Xu Family.

"Bai... Bai'er, he... he is dead!" Xu Zhong stammered, his voice thick with deep sadness.

As he finished speaking, he produced a Jade Token in his hand.

However, the jade token was already shattered.

"Whoosh!"

Xu Tianhong's figure instantly turned into an afterimage and appeared in front of Xu Zhong.

As he looked down at the jade token in Xu Zhong's hand, his hands were also trembling nonstop.

This was no ordinary jade token; it was Xu Bai's Soul Jade Plate.

Now that the jade token was shattered, it meant that Xu Bai's soul had dissipated.

In other words, Xu Bai was already dead.

"Who did this?" Xu Tianhong bellowed.

Xu Bai was the grandson he cared about most, a genius who was poised to be unprecedented in the history of the Xu Family.

The death of Xu Bai was a blow to them, comparable to losing a Battle Emperor Expert.

"Bai'er, he was still in the ancestral land and hadn't come out; he must have been killed there. It couldn't have been a wild beast. Even if a wild beast is strong, without Spiritual Wisdom, Bai'er could have escaped if he couldn't beat it. So, there could only be one person who killed him," Xu Zhong quickly said.

He had thought about this issue on the way here.

Other than that one person, it wouldn't be possible for anyone else to kill his son.

But how could that guy have the ability to be a match for his son?

"You mean Xu Nian?" A fierce light also burst forth in Xu Tianhong's eyes.

That was the only possibility he could think of.

Now in the Xu Family Ancestral Land, besides the Eighteen Holy Guards, there was only Xu Nian.

Outsiders couldn't possibly enter.

The Eighteen Holy Guards wouldn't kill Xu Bai.

Thus, the killer could only be one person.

"Not good!"

Thinking this, Xu Tianhong's expression suddenly changed, and he suddenly had eighteen jade tokens in his hand.

Among these jade tokens, two had already shattered.

Upon noticing this scene, a strong Killing Intent burst forth from Xu Tianhong's eyes.

"Very well, to actually kill so many Saints of my Xu Family, and even the future Family Head, Xu Nian, it seems I've underestimated you," Xu Tianhong's eyes filled with murderous intent, and his heart was raging with anger.

"Father, you must avenge Bai'er and wash away our humiliation. If Xu Nian doesn't die, our Xu Family might face total destruction!" Xu Zhong said, his face filled with agitation.

"Hmph, you don't have to tell me. This scourge Xu Nian must die. Quick, pass my order, enter the Ancestor Vein, gather the Eighteen Holy Guards, have them stop guarding the other safe zones and head directly to the Ninth Safe Zone. Xu Nian will definitely go there for his mother; we just need to wait for him there," Xu Tianhong said, squinting his eyes.

"Yes!" Xu Zhong immediately acknowledged.

He took the token from Xu Tianhong's hand and prepared to leave.

"Wait, go inform the Supreme Third Elder. Tell him I'm asking him to leave seclusion. At the critical moment, he must suppress his realm to ensure that Xu Nian doesn't leave the ancestral land alive," Xu Tianxu spoke up.

"Supreme Third Elder?" Xu Zhong was momentarily stunned.

He then nodded heavily.

Although he felt having the Supreme Third Elder make a move was overkill, Xu Nian had killed his son.

Having the Supreme Third Elder take action meant Xu Nian was undoubtedly doomed.

"Crack!"

"Crack!"

As Xu Zhong was about to turn around and leave, two faint sounds echoed in the hall.

Xu Zhong and Xu Tianhong's pupils suddenly constricted, then they both looked towards the sixteen tokens.

Upon looking, their hearts were shocked, and a strong Killing Intent surged up once more.

Because among these sixteen tokens, two had simultaneously shattered at that moment.

This meant that two more of the remaining Sixteen Holy Guards had been killed.

"Xu Nian, if I don't kill you, I will never call myself the Family Head!" Xu Tianhong's Killing Intent surged and the power of the Half-Emperor instantly swept across the entire hall.

Chapter 455: Xu Nian's Crisis (Extra Update 1)

In the jungle outside the Fourth Safe Zone of the Xu Family Ancestral Land,

Xu Nian looked down at the two bodies on the ground.

There was not a flicker of emotion in his eyes.

As he had passed by here earlier, Xu Nian had discovered that a formation had been set up.

Xu Nian did not dodge but charged straight into it.

Indeed, as he entered, the two Holy Guards activated the formation to attack him.

However, with the defense of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, these two could only manage to launch one wave of attacks before Xu Nian slew them with the second wave.

By now, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast had begun to control a trace of Void Power.

Its perception of space had become much stronger than before.

Although it still couldn't achieve space shuttling or instant teleportation,

it did possess some basic abilities of Void Concealment and Void Locking.

Previously, when Xu Nian first entered that Slaying Immortal and Destroying God Array, the two Holy Guards only felt a slight fluctuation before they could no longer detect Xu Nian's presence; this was because Xu Nian, using the avatar of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, had employed Space Concealment.

Concealing his form within the crevices of space, those two Holy Guards naturally could not sense him.

As the Undying Devouring Sky Beast continued its cultivation, the space abilities it mastered would also increase.

"Swoosh!"

Xu Nian collected all the storage rings from the two Holy Guards and continued towards the deeper parts of the ancestral land.

This time, Xu Nian moved quickly.

He soon reached the Fifth Safe Zone.

There, he encountered an ambush in the Fifth Safe Zone.

After utilizing the avatar of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, Xu Nian effortlessly slew the two Holy Guards.

Six of the Eighteen Holy Guards died in an instant.

This was equivalent to the deaths of six Saints.

For the Xu Family, this was an immense loss.

Xu Nian, however, showed no mercy.

Since the Xu Family had sent people to assassinate him, they should be prepared to be killed in turn.

After he had slaughtered all eighteen Holy Guards, he wanted to see if the Xu Family would still dare to attack him.

The death of the Eighteen Holy Guards would likely severely weaken the Xu Family.

After all, how huge must have been the resources required to cultivate eighteen Saint-level experts?

But when Xu Nian reached the Sixth Safe Zone, he found no trace of any formation, nor any sign of the Holy Guards.

Xu Nian was somewhat puzzled, but he didn't think too much of it and continued on towards the Seventh Safe Zone.

When he arrived at the Seventh Safe Zone, he found that this security zone also lacked any Holy Guards lying in wait to assassinate him.

Xu Nian immediately felt that something was amiss.

According to what the Holy Guards had said, ambushes had been set up in all nine safe zones, with each security zone guarded by Holy Guards.

The fact that two consecutive security zones were devoid of Holy Guards' presence could only mean one thing.

The Xu Family had already realized that these Holy Guards were incapable of killing Xu Nian.

They began redeploying, pulling out all the Holy Guards.

The place they withdrew to was only one.

That was the place they needed to defend; it was also where Xu Nian had to go—the Ninth Safe Zone.

"Xu Tianhong, do you think by gathering all the Holy Guards together, you can kill me? You probably don't know yet that I have a powerful incarnation," Xu Nian said with a cold laugh.

As long as no Battle Emperor experts acted, even if many Saints came, they would be no match for the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

"Kid, don't get too happy too soon. If you really think that way, then I assure you, even if you reach the Ninth Safe Zone, you still won't see your mother."

However, at that moment, the voice of Emperor Ye Tian echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"Eh? Could it be that the Xu Family can dispatch Battle Emperor experts?" Xu Nian was startled and asked with a frown.

Battle Emperors were bound by treaties; how could they possibly act against a Saint?

Unless the Xu Family was willing to sacrifice a Battle Emperor to trade lives with him.

However, he did not believe that the Xu Family would be willing to give up a Battle Emperor expert.

After all, cultivating a Battle Emperor was far more difficult than cultivating ten Saints.

"Hmph, kid, you're thinking too simply. Emperor-level experts can't act against Saints, but there are more methods than you can imagine in the Immortal Realm. There are places in the Immortal Realm similar to these treaties, yet the experts can conceal the heavenly secrets through some powerful methods or by using some treasures. Once the heavenly secrets are covered, no matter how they act, they will not be punished," Emperor Ye Tian snorted.

"Eh?" Hearing this, Xu Nian's pupils dilated.

If the Xu Family did the same, then he would be doomed.

If an Emperor-level expert took action, even his Undying Devouring Sky Beast avatar would only face death.

Although he had the talent of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast and might be reborn after tens of thousands of years.

But for him, ten thousand years was too remote; by then, the relatives he cared about would no longer be there.

What was the point of him being alive?

"Kid, don't worry. What I said is just a special case. With the foundation of the Xu Family, it's impossible for them to have such methods and treasures," Emperor Ye Tian spoke.

Hearing this, Xu Nian heaved a sigh of relief.

It turned out to be a false alarm.

Since the Xu Family didn't have such methods, why did Emperor Ye Tian scare him?

"However, although the Xu Family does not have methods to conceal heavenly secrets, those Battle Emperor experts can still act in another way," Emperor Ye Tian spoke again.

"What method?" Xu Nian eagerly asked.

"They can suppress their Cultivation, sealing most of their Emperor-level power, so that they appear to be at the Battle Saint level. But their comprehension and battle experience, as well as the quality of their spiritual energy, are beyond what you can compare with. If you encounter a Body Cultivation whose Cultivation has broken through to Emperor Level, the outcome will be even worse. Their physical bodies are extremely powerful, and you are still no match for them," Emperor Ye Tian revealed.

"What can I do then?" Xu Nian quickly asked.

He had no doubt about Emperor Ye Tian's words.

Battle Emperor experts were already at the threshold of Profound Argumentation in terms of realm comprehension.

Once they entered the Profound Argumentation threshold, it was a completely different level from those who hadn't entered.

Facing true Profound Argumentation, he feared that he would only be overwhelmed.

"There's only one way, and that is to fight. You must fight even if you cannot win!"

Emperor Ye Tian answered.

Xu Nian was left speechless; wasn't this nonsense?

"Empress, can you be more specific?" Xu Nian quickly asked.

"Kid, you really have no patience. Alright, I won't keep you in suspense anymore. If you want to get through this crisis and save your mother, the only thing you can rely on is your Black Jade. It hides a great secret, and if you can uncover it, even if more Battle Emperors come, you will not fear them," Emperor Ye Tian said.

"Black Jade?" An expression of surprise appeared on Xu Nian's face.

Chapter 456: The Heart of the Azure Dragon

Xu Nian always had his doubts about the Black Jade.

What secrets did this Black Jade actually contain?

Since the last time the Dragon Transformation Pond's Black Jade had absorbed all of the Dragon Transformation Power, there had been no further activity.

However, Xu Nian was certain that this Black Jade must hold an immense secret.

Otherwise, it wouldn't be able to contain the great Divine Emperor Ye Tian.

"Empress, could you give me a hint on how to uncover the secrets within this Black Jade?" Xu Nian asked with a smile on his face.

He had already explored this Black Jade countless times, yet each time he ended up discovering nothing.

And all this time, Emperor Ye Tian had refused to reveal anything.

He was helpless.

Now that Emperor Ye Tian brought up the Black Jade,

he naturally wanted to extract some information from Emperor Ye Tian.

"Young man, since you are eager to know how to excavate the secrets of this Black Jade, I might as well give you a hint," the voice of Emperor Ye Tian resonated.

Xu Nian's eyes suddenly brightened.

He had been waiting for this very statement from Emperor Ye Tian.

"Young man, don't celebrate too quickly. This Black Jade involves great risks, and its secrets are profoundly deep. If people from the Immortal Realm or even the Divine World find out that this Black Jade is in your possession, even a hundred lives wouldn't be enough to save you," Emperor Ye Tian cautioned.

"Eh, this Black Jade contains such a huge secret that even beings from the Immortal and Divine Realms are concerned about it?" Xu Nian wondered in shock to himself.

He hadn't realized the extent of the Black Jade's involvement.

If he guessed wrong each time, the Black Jade must have been brought back from the Divine World by Emperor Ye Tian, right?

So how did it end up in the hands of the Xu Family, revered as a family heirloom?

"In fact, this Black Jade originally belonged to the Divine World, and although the Xu Family obtained it, they were unable to uncover its secrets. To activate this Black Jade, a vast amount of pure Primordial Power is required," Emperor Ye Tian stated.

"Primordial Power? What is that?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"Primordial Power is a special type of energy that can improve bloodlines and stimulate potential, similar to the Dragon Transformation Power in the Xu Family's Dragon Transformation Pond. It is actually a form of Primordial Power. As long as you let the Black Jade absorb a large amount of Primordial Power, it can activate the Black Jade," Emperor Ye Tian explained.

"A lot of Primordial Power? Where do I find so much of it?" Xu Nian asked, still confused.

"It's simple. The Dragon Transformation Power used in the rituals at the Xu Family's Dragon Transformation Pond originated from the Dragon Transformation Stone, and the Xu Family's Dragon Transformation Stone came from this ancestral land. In fact, the Leng Family, Ye Family, and the Fang Family are all able to form Ancestor Veins because they have found Small Worlds with Primordial Power Veins, thus forming various Ancestor Vein Powers," Emperor Ye Tian said.

"So that's how the Ancestor Vein Power came about? Then how were the Primordial Stones born?" Xu Nian quickly asked.

"The so-called Primordial Stones are not naturally occurring; they are formed from the bodies of peerless powerhouses. Your Xu Family's ancestral land is actually a Small World formed from the body of a Divine Beast, the Azure Dragon, after its death. And the Azure Dragon Primordial Power Stone is formed over billions of years from the solidified Azure Dragon Bloodline," Emperor Ye Tian responded.

"A world transformed from the death of a Divine Dragon, the Azure Dragon?" Xu Nian's face showed a surprised expression.

He hadn't expected that the Xu Family's ancestral land had once been the body of a Divine Dragon long ago.

If a corpse could morph into a Small World, how powerful must that Divine Dragon have been when alive.

"So Empress means to say, we just need to find the Primordial Stone veins to activate this Black Jade?" Xu Nian spoke.

"Not too clumsy of a thought. Unexpectedly, this Small World still conceals an abundance of Primordial Stone veins. The Xu Family has only excavated a part of the surface; there are still numerous veins unexploited. Just find one vein, let the Black Jade absorb the energy from these Primordial Stones, and you can activate the Black Jade. By then, you will naturally understand the secrets within," Emperor Ye Tian said.

Xu Nian nodded at this.

He hadn't expected this world to be so miraculous.

If the Xu Family's ancestral land was transformed from the body of an Azure Dragon, what about the Fang Family, Ye Family, and Leng Family?

Could they also be worlds transformed from powerful Divine Beasts?

Xu Nian suddenly thought of many things.

However, he quickly pushed these questions out of his mind, as the most important thing now was to find the Primordial Power Veins.

To unlock the secrets of Black Jade and then head to the Ninth Safe Zone to rescue his mother.

"But where can I find these Primordial Power Veins?" Xu Nian couldn't help but feel a headache coming on.

The Xu Family had lived here for so long, everything that could be mined had already been mined.

Thinking about discovering new Primordial Power Veins, how could it be that easy?

"Kid, maybe others can't, but you can. You are the Nine Dragons Supreme Body, and this Azure Dragon Primordial Stone is essentially transformed from the Azure Dragon Bloodline. Just use your Lifebound Essence Blood as a guide, and you can find new Primordial Power Veins," the Divine Emperor responded.

"So that's how it is!"

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian immediately understood what to do.

He took out a dagger and cut his finger.

As the finger was cut, a drop of Lifebound Essence Blood flowed out.

However, curiously, this Lifebound Essence Blood didn't drop to the ground.

Instead, it floated in the air.

The previously violent energy around seemed to be startled by this drop of fresh blood, dodging it as if it had seen a ghost.

"It really works!" Xu Nian's eyes lit up at this scene.

His blood was the Nine Dragon Supreme Bloodline, naturally oppressive to the Divine Beast, the Azure Dragon.

The energy of this piece of heaven and earth was originally transformed from the power within the Azure Dragon's body.

Thus, when his Lifebound Essence Blood appeared, the surrounding energy was naturally suppressed.

"Whoosh!"

Just as Xu Nian felt joy in his heart.

The floating Lifebound Essence Blood suddenly moved and began flying rapidly in one direction.

"Quickly follow it, your Lifebound Essence Blood will lead you to the Primordial Power Veins," the Divine Emperor urged.

Without hesitation, Xu Nian transformed into a streak of light, chasing after the drop of blood.

The blood moved incredibly fast.

Xu Nian pushed his speed to the limit, just barely keeping up without losing it.

The blood flew over mountain after mountain, through forests, and finally stopped in front of a huge mountaintop.

"Could it be here?" Xu Nian looked at the massive mountain in front of him, his heart suddenly skipping a beat.

Yes, the shape of this mountain resembled an organ, a heart.

The Divine Emperor had said that this Small World was transformed from the corpse of an Azure Dragon.

And if the shape of this mountain resembled a heart so closely.

Thus, Xu Nian immediately suspected that this mountain was transformed from the heart of this Azure Dragon.

"Kid, it looks like you're in luck—this is indeed the heart of the Azure Dragon, the richest place of Primordial Stones in this Small World. I initially thought it would be hidden deep underground, which would make it hard to find, but it's actually right on the surface, and the Xu Family has not even realized it," the Divine Emperor's voice resounded at that moment.

Xu Nian's eyes shone brightly.

Is this mountain really the heart of the Azure Dragon?

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Chapter 457 Activate Black Jade

No matter the creature, the heart is always its core.

It is the source of a creature's vital essence.

Thus, there must be a significant amount of Primordial Stones within this heart.

If it were possible to find a mass of Primordial Power Veins, then his Black Jade would undoubtedly activate.

Thinking of this, Xu Nian could not contain the excitement in his heart and hurriedly flew toward the Primordial Power Veins.

Soon, Xu Nian arrived at the top of the mountain.

At first glance, the mountain looked no different from any other.

If he hadn't known beforehand that this was the heart of the Azure Dragon Divine Beast, Xu Nian might not have paid it any additional attention.

Because Spiritual Sense Power could only penetrate three meters into the surface of the earth, he couldn't inspect what exactly was inside the mountain.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian immediately activated the Gray Dragon Eye, delving deeper into the mountain.

This investigation left Xu Nian utterly astonished.

Deep within the mountain, there were massive amounts of blood-colored stones, permeated with a strong Dragon Transformation Power.

If his guess was right, these should be the Primordial Stones formed by the Azure Dragon Bloodline, also known as Dragon Transformation Stones in the eyes of the Xu Family.

"So many Primordial Stones, this should be enough for the Black Jade to absorb," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

His anticipation grew increasingly intense, wondering what transformation would occur once the Black Jade was saturated.

Thus, Xu Nian immediately brought out the Immortal Sword and struck towards the mountain.

These Primordial Stones were buried deep within the mountain; without creating a path, it would be impossible to absorb the Primordial Power within them.

"Boom!"

The Sword Radiance struck the mountain, emitting a terrifying booming sound.

However, only a shallow trench was left on the surface of the mountain.

"Damn, it's that hard?" Xu Nian couldn't help but curse.

He was holding an Immortal Sword, capable of splitting even unique metals.

Although he didn't use Dimension Cutting True Intent, with his level of Spiritual Energy, it shouldn't be too difficult to even split a mountain let alone leave a mark.

But now, his sword strike.

Only left a sword mark less than three feet deep?

How could this not leave Xu Nian speechless?

The Azure Dragon Divine Beast's heart defense was so formidable that even as a mountain rock, it was terrifying.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian struck with his sword once more.

This time, he used the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation.

However, to his further disbelief, the sword mark left by this strike was only three feet deeper than before.

It was far from enough to break through the mountain wall and excavate the veins.

"Kid, the realm of this Azure Dragon is far beyond what you can imagine, and the Dragon Clan is known for their physically robust bodies. Moreover, since you can't unleash the full power of the Immortal Sword, it's only slightly sharper than your Spiritual Energy, not making much difference. It's better to let the Undying Devouring Sky Beast take action," the voice of Emperor Ye Tian continued.

Xu Nian, having no choice, put away the Immortal Sword.

He released the avatar of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

As soon as the Undying Devouring Sky Beast appeared, its sharp claws, like five swords, directly pierced into the rock.

"Boom!"

With a fierce claw, the surface of the mountain was left with a deep pit of one meter.

Seeing this, Xu Nian was still profoundly moved.

Fortunately, he had such a physically abnormal avatar like the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The physical strength of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast had reached the level of Divine Iron.

Its sharp claws were even sharper than any Spiritual Energy forged from Divine Iron.

Thus, these immensely hard rocks still couldn't pose much of an obstacle to it.

"Boom!"

Another claw, and a large hole was gouged out of the mountain surface.

As the claws of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast continued to dig in, the hole grew deeper and deeper.

Xu Nian could feel the Primordial Power in the air becoming increasingly dense.

Those veins of Primordial Power were about to surface.

"Clang!"

Finally, the claw of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast seemed to be blocked by something incredibly hard.

And within that cave, a thick blood light also emerged.

"Is this the Primordial Stone?"

Xu Nian's eyes suddenly burst forth with brilliance, and he hastily retracted the Undying Devouring Sky Beast into his Dantian.

At the same time, his figure rushed into the large cave.

This cave, dug out by the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, was ten meters deep.

And as Xu Nian continuously approached the bloody Primordial Stone,

the Black Jade in his Dantian also began to tremble violently.

"Hum!"

Finally, the Black Jade was drawn by the Primordial Stone.

It flew out of Xu Nian's Dantian and directly burrowed deep into the Primordial Stone vein.

"This...?" Xu Nian was momentarily speechless.

Could Black Jade actually penetrate solid objects?

He couldn't understand how the solid Black Jade managed to penetrate the Primordial Stone.

If it had to penetrate, why didn't it take him along? Why leave him outside?

After all, it was him who had laboriously excavated this Primordial Stone vein using his avatar!

Helplessly, abandoned by the Black Jade, Xu Nian had no choice but to sit down beside the Primordial Stone.

These Primordial Stones were incredibly hard; it was absolutely impossible to forcibly break them open.

However, although these stones were fused together, they still possessed segmented veins.

Relying on these veins, it was still possible to separate them.

Xu Nian extended one hand and pressed it onto the stone.

He immediately felt a surge of dense Primordial Power flowing into his body through his palm.

This power was simply too formidable,

formidably terrifying.

Now Xu Nian understood why the Xu Family had the awakeners absorb it using the Dragon Transformation Pond.

If one were to directly absorb from the Primordial Stone, ordinary people simply couldn't withstand it.

"Roar!"

The sound of a dragon's roar kept resonating within Xu Nian's body.

As this Primordial Power entered his body, Xu Nian's Ancestor Vein Power began to rise again.

It quickly elevated from the Peak of Eighth Rank to the brink of the Ninth Rank.

Not only that, Xu Nian also discovered hints of extremely fine Gray Dragon Dragon Energy mingling with his Gray Dragon Vein within this dense Primordial Power.

The Azure Dragon is the Gray Dragon.

This mountain peak was transformed from the heart of the Gray Dragon, containing its Dragon Energy, which was unremarkable to it.

"Hum!"

Xu Nian simply closed his eyes, frantically absorbing this Primordial Power.

And at the core of this mountain peak, the Black Jade hovered within.

At this moment, the Black Jade had completely transformed into a black hole, madly devouring the Primordial Power from the stone.

"Bang bang bang!"

The Primordial Power in those stones was devoured clean, eventually shattering directly into a pile of dust.

Soon, a large hole formed at the center of the entire mountain.

And this hole continued to expand.

If Xu Nian were standing beside it, he would certainly be astounded.

The speed at which he was absorbing the Primordial Power compared to the Black Jade was like the difference between an ant sipping water and a whale swallowing.

Time dripped slowly by.

The Ancestor Vein Power inside Xu Nian grew richer; he would be the one with the strongest Ancestor Vein Power in the Xu Family's history.

And as time elapsed, the Black Jade began to undergo changes as well.

On the surface of the Black Jade, a faint, ghostly light began to emanate.

This ghostly light bore an unprecedented terrifying power.

Chapter 458 Kun Cave Power

"Boom!"

A thunderous roar erupted.

Directly on Xu Nian's forehead formed an azure dragon imprint.

Upon closer inspection, one would definitely notice that Xu Nian's azure dragon imprint was different from the dragon imprints of the other Xu Family members.

The dragon imprints of the Xu Family members had only four claws, while Xu Nian's imprint boasted five.

"Roar!"

Following a dragon's roar.

Twelve azure dragon shadows burst forth from Xu Nian's body, drilling into his twelve meridian points.

As the twelve azure dragons entered the meridian points,

The power within Xu Nian's body spiked threefold in an instant.

"What a terrifying enhancement, it actually tripled my strength, and if I use my Talent Phenomenon, my power could possibly increase tenfold," Xu Nian mused to himself.

Twelfth Rank Ancestor Vein Power, Four Great Innate Phenomena.

An almost tenfold increase in strength, for others, this was simply unbelievable.

Xu Nian's own strength was already comparable to that of a Six-star War Saint.

With a tenfold increase in power, he could fight even an Eight-star War Saint.

If he were to use Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation, not even a Nine-star War Saint might be his match.

In other words, Xu Nian's true self now possessed the strength to fight an ordinary Nine-star War Saint.

Of course, if faced with a Nine-star Body Saint, there might still be some disparity.

One must know that Xu Nian's current Cultivation was only at the level of a Two-star War Saint.

To increase his combat capability by seven levels was already a marvel to behold.

That he could achieve such a staggering extent was also due to the cumulative result of various methods and advantages.

Xu Nian slowly stood up.

His Ancestor Vein Power had already reached the Perfect Level, making further enhancement impossible.

Besides, even if he wanted to absorb more, it was no longer an option.

Because all the Primordial Stones had been utterly consumed by the Black Jade.

The Primordial Stones were all shattered into dust, and a colossal cavity had formed in the center of the entire mountain.

The Black Jade was now hovering at the center of this cavity, emanating circles of black energy.

This black energy was incredibly terrifying.

Xu Nian could see that even a mere wisp of this black energy could crush him into dust.

"Hum!"

The figure of Emperor Ye Tian appeared beside Xu Nian.

When she saw the energy emanating from the Black Jade Pendant, her face also showed a look of astonishment.

"It really is so!" Emperor Ye Tian murmured, her eyes excited yet tinged with sorrow.

Xu Nian was taken aback; this was the first time he had seen such an expression on Emperor Ye Tian.

"What kind of power is emanating from this Black Jade?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"The Power of Kun Cave!" Emperor Ye Tian replied.

"Power of Kun Cave? What kind of power is that?" Xu Nian asked blankly.

This was the first time he had heard of this power.

"The Power of Kun Cave is a very strong force, you can think of it as Black Hole Power. Actually, within this Black Jade is hidden the embryonic form of a universe. As the Black Jade grows, this embryo will evolve into a new universe," Emperor Ye Tian explained.

"A new... a new universe?" Xu Nian's eyes widened in extreme shock.

He had never imagined that such a big secret was hidden within this Black Jade.

He had some understanding of this world.

The continent they were on was actually just a planet in the vast universe.

The so-called Mortal World was also made up of countless planets.

As for the Immortal Realm, that was a very distant Immortal Domain Star System located outside the Mortal World.

To reach this star system, mortals are unable to cross the spatial barriers.

Only when one's strength reaches a certain realm and is drawn by the laws of heaven and earth can they ascend to that Immortal Domain Star System.

Above the Immortal Realm, there lies the Divine World.

Whether there are higher planes above the Divine World, Xu Nian could not tell.

However, all these planes together are part of the entire universe.

Now Emperor Ye Tian was telling him that this Black Jade was actually the embryo of the universe?

Doesn't that mean if the Black Jade continues to develop, it could form a new universe?

This had far surpassed anything Xu Nian could imagine.

"This is too remote for you, as of now the Black Jade is just a tiny embryo. As its master, you should be able to sense the changes in the Black Jade," said Emperor Ye Tian.

Xu Nian nodded.

Now when he closed his eyes, he could feel the scenes within the Black Jade.

It was a vast Void inside the Black Jade.

And in the center of this Void, there was just a small black dot.

And it was from this small black dot that the terrifying Kun Cave Power radiated.

However, Xu Nian dared not let his Spiritual Sense get too close to the black dot.

Because once close, his Spiritual Sense Power would be sucked into it, merging into the black dot.

"Could this black dot be the cosmic embryo that Emperor Ye Tian spoke of?" Xu Nian was astounded.

He simply could not connect this tiny black dot with the world they were inhabiting now.

"You need not concern yourself with matters of the universe for the time being. What you need to know is you must not reveal anything about the Black Jade to anyone. Once word gets out, it could very well bring about life-threatening danger to you. What you need to do now is see how to master the Kun Cave Power. Once mastered, it will become an extremely terrifying trump card for you," Emperor Ye Tian said.

Xu Nian nodded in deep agreement.

This so-called Kun Cave Power was indeed terrifying.

If he really could use this power to launch attacks, perhaps no one in the Saint Realm could withstand it.

Even Battle Emperor Experts may not necessarily be able to withstand it.

It would become a trump card even more fearsome than his Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

But how would he master this power?

"Try it with your Dan Sea Species Green Lotus Technique?" Emperor Ye Tian suggested.

At these words, Xu Nian was taken aback.

The Green Lotus could absorb any power.

Could it possibly absorb the Kun Cave Power too?

With this thought, Xu Nian immediately began to try.

"Hum!"

As the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus Battle Technique circulated, indeed a trace of Kun Cave Power was absorbed.

"Success!"

Xu Nian felt the trace of Kun Cave Power wandering in his Dantian, emanating an extremely terrifying aura, and his face revealed an extremely joyous expression.

Although it was just a trace, incorporating this trace into an attack would make the power extremely formidable.

With that thought, Xu Nian immediately drew his Immortal Sword.

With the power of the Kun Cave, he cleaved with the sword.

The dark Sword Radiance swept past, colliding with the mountainside beside him.

The mountainside, which could only be marked with a few feet deep sword marks with all his strength before, was directly pierced through under Xu Nian's Sword Radiance.

"How...how terrifying the power!" Xu Nian looked at the pierced mountainside, his face showing an extremely shocked expression.

Such a solid mountainside had been split with a single sword strike.

He truly did not know if such a sword strike hit a person, who could withstand it.

And now he had mastered only a trace, if he were to control more in the future, wouldn't the power be even more terrifying?

With Xu Nian's current Cultivation, he could only absorb a trace of Kun Cave Power.

If he were to forcefully absorb more, he feared his Dantian would not be able to bear it and signs of collapse would occur.

"It seems to absorb more Kun Cave Power, I still need to wait for my realm to improve," Xu Nian regretfully said to himself.

The Kun Cave Power was too terrifying; with his current strength, he could only control a trace.

But this trace of Kun Cave Power was enough to become his greatest trump card.

Chapter 459 Offending the Reversed Scale

Xu Nian, after mastering the Kun Cave power, retracted the Black Jade back into his Dantian.

Fortunately, the Black Jade, after absorbing all the Primordial Power, had calmed down.

Otherwise, Xu Nian would not dare to take such a terrifying thing back into his body.

As for the Yetian God Emperor, her soul could no longer reside within the Black Jade because of its activation.

In the end, Xu Nian could only temporarily place her in the Mud Ball Palace of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The emergence of the Kun Cave power.

Gave Xu Nian another extremely powerful trump card in his hand.

Even if there were Battle Emperor Experts suppressing their realms to kill him, he was not the least bit afraid.

After all, the Kun Cave power was something not even Battle Emperor Experts could necessarily withstand.

Xu Nian raced on and finally arrived deep within the Xu Family Ancestral Land.

"Up ahead should be the Ninth Safe Zone. The Xu family, if there is even the slightest mishap with my mother, I'll demand the lives of everyone in your family," Xu Nian stood atop a mountain, looking into the distance, muttering to himself.

In the depths of the dense jungle, lay a huge palace.

That was the deepest part of the Xu Family Ancestral Land, the Ninth Safe Zone.

And his mother should be within this safe zone.

Thinking this, Xu Nian did not hesitate and directly rushed towards the Ninth Safe Zone at full speed.

At this moment, outside the dense forest of the Ninth Safe Zone, stood two middle-aged men.

One of them even had a big beard and was burly and tall.

The other was somewhat short, with a pointy chin and narrow eyes.

Both men had very high Cultivation levels; they had both reached the Six-star War Saint Realm.

Both were looking around, clearly on patrol.

The short man glanced around and then slumped onto a nearby stone, complaining, "Where are there any shadows? The Family Head is really scared, mobilizing all the Holy Guards just for one young lad. I think Xu Nian surely dares not come."

"Don't you underestimate that Xu Nian. We already have four brothers who died by his hands, and they were killed even when the Slaying Immortal and Destroying God Array was laid in advance. Xu Nian is probably not as simple as we think," said the big-bearded man.

His eyes, still as sharp as an owl's, scanned the surroundings.

"Please, those four were just Five-star Level Battle Saints, and they hadn't grasped any Profound Argumentation. Their deaths just show they were incompetent. Besides, no one saw if it was Xu Nian who moved against them. I reckon, most likely, some powerful wild beast broke into their formation and killed them," the short man said disdainfully.

The big-bearded man furrowed his brow, clearly displeased with his companion's laxity.

"But then again, this Xu Nian is probably really something. Even Xu Bai, that genius lad, has died. Xu Nian must have some extremely powerful means at his disposal," the shorter man spoke again.

"Good that you understand, otherwise why else would the Supreme Third Elder make a move? If the Supreme Third Elder saw you slacking off, you might not get off easy," chided the big-bearded man.

Hearing the words 'Supreme Third Elder,' the face of the young man clearly showed a trace of fear.

However, he didn't stand up but said with displeasure, "Hmph, if you ask me, the best way is to drag that bitch out and have some fun, Xu Nian killed four of our Holy Guards, he should understand the consequences of offending us Holy Guards."

"You still dare to say that? You almost got killed by the captain because of this before. How dare you still covet her? After all, she's a direct descendant of the Xu Family, and we Eighteen Holy Guards are just adopted orphans whose duty is to protect the Xu Family. How could you possibly lay a hand on a direct descendant of the Xu Family?" Big Beard scolded.

"Hmph, what about being a direct descendant?" sneered the young man. "Only the captain is truly loyal to the Xu Family; everyone else is just pretending to obey. That bitch is nothing but a whore; what's wrong with me having a little fun with her? It's just that the captain won't allow it. And let me tell you, she's quite pretty, although her cultivation has been destroyed. But she once reached the Battle General Level, and she has a distinguished air unique to the Xu Family. It would be so thrilling to play with her, especially in front of Xu Nian, to torment his mother. Tsk tsk tsk, that feeling..." The short young man said with a lewd expression on his face.

After finishing, he closed his eyes, showing a face full of fantasy.

However, he didn't realize that the expression on his companion's face had completely changed.

"In front of the son, to torment his own mother, tsk tsk, I really am too talented. I really want to see what kind of expression Xu Nian would have when he sees his own mother being toyed with," the short young man continued, still with his eyes closed, fantasizing about the scene.

But at this moment, his companion was already terrified to the extreme.

Because Big Beard was now being firmly choked by a hand.

The spiritual energy in his Dantian had also been restrained by a terrifying force, rendering him completely immobile.

Big Beard looked in terror at the youth who appeared like a ghost in front of him.

Without guessing, he knew the identity of this youth.

But he hadn't expected Xu Nian to be so powerful.

He, a Six-star War Saint, had no power to fight back and was subdued in an instant in front of him.

The icy coldness in the young man's eyes even stirred a deep fear in the bottom of his heart.

Worst of all, his companion still hadn't noticed.

He was still uttering those fatal words.

With every word the dwarf spit out, he could feel Xu Nian's gaze growing colder.

If he could move at that moment, the first one he wanted to kill was definitely not Xu Nian, but this dwarf.

Because with every word the dwarf said, he stepped closer to death.

"Hey, are you even listening to me? I really want to see what expression Xu Nian would have when...when..." the dwarf, noticing his companion had not responded for a while, finally opened his eyes.

The instant he looked at his companion, he was stunned.

His companion, Big Beard, was actually being held by the neck and lifted by a young man.

And that young man was coldly watching him, his eyes as grim as the stare of Hell Yama.

"Xu...Xu Nian..." The dwarf couldn't help but let out this name, a thick sense of fear surged from the bottom of his heart, and he instinctively took a step back.

Big Beard cursed inwardly, "Damn, you just realized now? I've been held up here for several moments already. Do you know this time is enough for you to have died hundreds of times?"

Xu Nian, holding Big Beard by one hand and gripping the Immortal Sword with the other, was at this moment filled with killing intent that had reached an unprecedented level.

That dwarf had dared to insult his mother with such obscene and filthy language.

He had completely triggered Xu Nian's reversed scale.

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"Xu Nian, release my companion quickly, or you will suffer a terrible death,"

The short youth seemed to realize that he still had many companions here, and the fear in his heart greatly diminished, as he directly pointed at Xu Nian and threatened.

However, as the words left his mouth, there wasn't a single ripple on Xu Nian's face.

He still coldly gazed at the short man.

The short man was somewhat panicked by Xu Nian's stare.

"Are you deaf to my words? Let me tell you, all eighteen of the Holy Guards are here. If you don't release him, not only will you die, your mother will also follow—"

"Puchi!"

Before the short man could finish,

Xu Nian next to him swung his sword.

Big Beard's entire right arm was severed by Xu Nian.

"Ah!"

Big Beard revealed an expression of agony, screaming continuously.

In his heart, a multitude of curses galloped past.

Throughout, Xu Nian never once glanced at Big Beard, his gaze dead set on the short man.

The short man was shocked by Xu Nian's action, a fear taking root in his heart.

"You dare..."

"Puchi!"

The short youth was just about to speak,

But what responded to him was another sword strike.

Yet, this sword also landed on Big Beard.

Big Beard's entire right leg was cut down by Xu Nian.

"Ah..."

Big Beard was in extreme pain.

He desperately tried to scream, but his neck was gripped by Xu Nian, silencing him completely.

Even his soul was restrained, unable to make a Soul Transmission.

At this moment, Big Beard's inner world collapsed.

Throughout, it had been the dwarf speaking ill of his mother,

Yet, he was the one suffering.

He truly wanted to curse Xu Nian fiercely: "If you have the guts, kill him, why torture me?"

By now, the dwarf was petrified by Xu Nian's actions.

In terms of strength, Big Beard's Cultivation was even higher than his.

But now, being tormented by Xu Nian like this, if he really started fighting, he feared there would only be one path to death.

With this thought, the short youth hurriedly transformed into a streak of light, fleeing towards the Ninth Safe Zone.

Watching the dwarf flee, Xu Nian did not try to stop him.

Instead, he cleaved off Big Beard's head with a sword and, holding his head, walked towards the Ninth Safe Zone.

Killing the dwarf was easy, but it could not vent the anger in his heart.

He wanted the dwarf to watch with his own eyes as one by one his companions were killed, to watch as his hope gradually shattered, and to be consumed bit by bit by fear.

Only this way could Xu Nian quell the wrath within him.

Thus, he had tortured Big Beard, just to instill fear in the dwarf.

Killing him was easy, a matter of a single sword stroke.

Death was not frightening, what was frightening was the fear you face as death approached.

"Captain, captain, save me!"

As the dwarf reached the grand hall of the safe zone, he began to shout desperately.

"Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh..."

Then, a series of figures streaked out from inside the grand hall.

These figures all wore identical sets of strange metal armor in a green hue.

Hearing the dwarf's call, they all ran out.

"Twelve, what happened to you?" asked a middle-aged man exuding a heroic aura with urgency.

"Xu... Xu Nian is coming," Xu Shier replied quickly, pointing towards the entrance of the safe zone behind him.

The eighteen Holy Guards did not have their own names; their names were their codenames, ranked by strength.

For instance, this short man was ranked twelfth, so his name was also Xu Shier.

And the big-bearded man slain by Xu Nian was none other than Xu Shiyi.

"Xu Nian?" When the other Holy Guards heard Xu Shier's words, they all made their way toward the safety entrance.

At the sight, they felt a tremble in their hearts.

They saw a tall and slender youth, holding a head in one hand and a sword in the other, slowly walking towards them.

A thick coldness and killing intent emanated from him.

Even the hardened hearts of the Eighteen Holy Guards couldn't help but shiver at this sharp, killing aura.

"How dare you, Xu Nian, you actually slaughtered the Holy Guards. Don't you know this is a capital offense?" one of the Holy Guards shouted harshly.

Xu Nian was actually carrying the head of his own comrade towards them.

It was a blatant provocation.

"Not only him, all of you must die." Xu Nian finally spoke, his voice completely icy.

"You're seeking death!" Xu Ten erupted in rage, his Six-star War Saint Peak aura bursting forth in an instant, a Battle Saber appearing in his hand.

He swung the Battle Saber at Xu Nian.

The sword light was as piercing as bone-chilling coldness, a slash which brought an icy coldness with it.

However, as Xu Nian looked at the charging Xu Ten, a glint of cold light flashed in his eyes.

His Immortal Sword instantly traced a cyan phantom.

"Splash!"

Blood splattered, and Xu Ten's neck, along with the Battle Saber in his hand, was split in two by Xu Nian's sword.

Blood flew through the air, and a head rolled onto the ground.

A Six-star War Saint Peak powerhouse was killed with a single sword strike.

"What..."

The other Holy Guards were stunned by this scene.

Old Ten was killed with a single sword strike.

How was this possible?

And even his Strange Metal Battle Saber was cut in half—how sharp was this attack?

Especially the middle-aged man leading the group, his eyes were exceedingly sharp.

"Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation of the Bright Mirror Level along with an Immortal Sword?"  
Xu Yi identified the Profound Argumentation and the weapon used by Xu Nian.

The more he understood, the more astonished he became.

Xu Nian actually possessed such a high level of comprehension and such a powerful weapon.

Wasn't this Xu Nian just some country bumpkin from a backwater village?

"How dare you kill our brothers, you're courting death!"

Xu Qi, Xu Ba, and Xu Jiu saw Xu Ten being killed.

They let out a furious shout and charged at Xu Nian.

All three of them were at the Seven-star Battle Saint Level.

At that moment, the three of them striking together was an undeniably formidable force.

"Die!"

The three brandished their own weapons, unleashing deadly strikes on Xu Nian.

As assassins, they aimed for a lightning-fast killing blow, so they held nothing back.

Thus, in their view, the three of them teaming up meant certain death for Xu Nian.

What they didn't expect was, just as they were about to hit Xu Nian, a Talent Phenomenon suddenly emerged behind him.

A giant sword appeared in the sky.

Then Xu Nian's Immortal Sword slashed out at a terrifying speed.

A horrifying cyan Sword Radiance swept across the sky in an instant.

"Ah..."

The three barely had time to scream before their bodies were bisected at the waist by Xu Nian's cyan Sword Radiance.

Three Seven-star Battle Saints were killed with one sword strike.

"This..."

The remaining members of the Holy Guard were completely stunned by this sight.

On the aside, Xu Shier witnessed this scene and was so frightened his legs went weak, his gaze filled with terror as he looked at Xu Nian.

To kill three Seven-star Battle Saints with a single sword?

Just how terrifying was this Xu Nian?