

Divine King 511

Chapter 511: Ambushed and Attacked

"Xu Nian, do you really have to leave the Imperial Capital?" Xu Xiuxue looked at her son with a worried expression.

When she had learned that Xu Nian was leaving the Imperial Capital, her first reaction was to object.

But she knew that once her son made up his mind, it was impossible to change it.

So, she could only pray that Xu Nian would be safe on his journey.

"Mother, don't worry, I will return soon. You don't need to worry about me," Xu Nian quickly reassured her.

He had only reunited with his mother for a short time, and he didn't want to part with her.

But for their future, he had to go to the place mentioned by the Heavenly Demon Sovereign to cultivate.

Only then would he have enough strength to kill the Eighth Prince and protect the safety of their mother and sister.

"You must be very careful. Though you killed the Imperial Prince and the Emperor claimed to bear no grudge, he may still harbor some resentment against you, so you still need to be cautious," Xu Xiuxue said.

Xu Nian nodded.

He didn't mention to his mother the breakdown in negotiations with Emperor Tianhen.

His purpose was to avoid worrying her.

As for the summons by the Emperor, he only told his mother that the Emperor wanted to meet the new Divine River Palace Master, and didn't mention anything else.

Xu Xiuxue had no suspicions, since her son had returned safe and sound.

After saying goodbye to Xu Xiuxue and Xu Xin, Xu Nian went over to Leng Yanran's side.

Xu Nian looked at Leng Yanran with a face full of guilt.

But Leng Yanran just smiled and said, "Go, I believe in you."

Xu Nian was startled, not expecting Leng Yanran to agree to his departure.

Logically, Leng Yanran would have tried her best to retain him, but her reaction surprised him.

"You don't have to look at me so surprised. I know that a measly Imperial Capital can't contain you, and even the Tianhen Empire is too small for you, so I had already prepared for your departure. Besides, this is only a temporary leave, not for long. I have no reason to hold you back, but you must promise me that you will come back unharmed," Leng Yanran earnestly said.

Hearing this, Xu Nian also smiled.

He hadn't expected Leng Yanran to be so understanding.

"I promise you, I will come back safe and sound," Xu Nian earnestly nodded.

Leng Yanran, hearing Xu Nian say this, reluctantly smiled.

Xu Nian waved his hand, ready to leave.

Suddenly, Leng Yanran ran over, embracing Xu Nian.

She whispered something into his ear.

Then, shyly, she let go of Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was stunned for a moment, and then a radiant smile spread across his face.

He then took Xu Yu, Black Wind, and Bull Demon King and headed towards the direction outside the city.

Originally, Xu Nian hadn't planned to bring the three of them, but they insisted on coming along.

Having no choice, Xu Nian agreed.

Along the way, Xu Nian kept grinning.

Seeing this, Xu Yu, Black Wind, and Bull Demon King were at a loss for words.

"Brother, what did sister-in-law say to you that you've been smiling ever since?" Xu Yu asked with a mischievous expression.

Hearing this, Xu Nian turned his head and realized the three were looking at him with sly expressions.

He sternly replied, "What your sister-in-law told me, do I really need to tell you?"

Xu Yu and Black Wind exchanged a glance, full of mockery.

Xu Nian was somewhat embarrassed.

But recalling the words of Leng Yanran, joy still surged in his heart.

Leng Yanran had just whispered in his ear, "Xu Nian, when you come back, let's have a child."

He knew that for a shy person like Leng Yanran to say such words, it must have taken a lot of courage.

And it also meant that Leng Yanran truly wanted to be with him.

So, deep down, he was very happy.

Soon, Xu Nian and his three companions had left the gates of the Imperial Capital.

But not long after they had exited the city gate, Xu Nian received a warning from Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Xu Nian, be careful. There is a powerhouse following you, and it seems they are after you. Judging by the aura, it appears to be a Battle Emperor Expert," said Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"A Battle Emperor Expert? Aren't Battle Emperor Experts not allowed to make a move?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"Kid, the rule that Battle Emperor Experts cannot take action is not absolute. The Imperial Family might have methods to conceal great secrets. If it is really a Battle Emperor Expert making a move, I can save you, but your three companions might be in danger," said Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Hearing this, Xu Nian's face turned grave.

Wentian Demon Sovereign was right.

If it really was a Battle Emperor Level powerhouse making a move...

Then Xu Yu, Black Wind, and Bull Demon King accompanying him would definitely be in great danger.

Wentian Demon Sovereign might be able to save him, but he might not be able to protect Xu Yu and the others.

"Big brother, what's wrong?" Xu Yu and the others noticed that something was amiss with Xu Nian and quickly asked.

"You three split up from me. You go that way, I'll go this way. We can regroup later," Xu Nian hurriedly said.

"What's going on?" Xu Yu and the others didn't understand why their elder brother suddenly wanted to split up.

"Is it the Imperial Family that has sent assassins?" Black Wind was a bit sharper.

Xu Nian nodded.

"Let them come, I'm not afraid. I, Old Bull, have just broken through my cultivation; it's just the right time to have some fun," Bull Demon King said angrily.

Ever since arriving in the Imperial Capital, he had been feeling very stifled.

Most of his opponents were stronger than him.

Now that he had reached the Peak of Two-star Demon Saint, his confidence had returned a little.

"Stop it, the one making a move this time is a Battle Emperor Expert, and it's an unrestrained Battle Emperor at that. I simply can't deal with them. At best, I can help one person escape. If you stay with

me, you'll only get dragged into this. Their target is me, they won't go after you. Once we reach a safe place, I'll contact you, and we can meet up," Xu Nian said sternly.

"Battle Emperor?" Xu Yu and the other two were taken aback.

They hadn't expected the Imperial Family to deploy a Battle Emperor Level powerhouse.

"Okay, big brother, be careful," Xu Yu and Black Wind looked at each other, then quickly made their decision.

They knew that staying with their big brother would only endanger him.

Seeing that they agreed, a smile appeared on Xu Nian's face.

So he immediately went in a different direction from the one Xu Yu and the others were taking.

As Xu Nian left, Xu Yu and Black Wind headed in the opposite direction.

Bull Demon King initially wanted to say something but seeing the resolute actions of Xu Yu and Black Wind, he reluctantly followed them.

And soon after they had left...

Three figures appeared where Xu Nian and his group had originally been standing.

If Xu Nian were there, he would have been surprised.

These three were a One-star Battle Emperor and two Battle Saint Peak powerhouses.

"My lord, they have split up. What should we do now?" one of the two Battle Saint Peaks asked.

The leading Battle Emperor glanced in the direction Xu Nian had gone and instructed the two Battle Saints, "You two go after those three Demon Beasts. Make sure to kill them. I will chase that Xu Nian."

"Yes!"

The two Battle Saints responded immediately and then pursued in the direction of Xu Yu and the others.

Meanwhile, the Battle Emperor looked towards the direction where Xu Nian had disappeared, his figure transforming into a fleeting shadow that vanished from the spot.

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Xu Nian and Xu Yu went their separate ways.

He then fled at full speed toward a primeval forest.

However, no matter how fast he was, he couldn't outpace a Battle Emperor Level strong man.

So it wasn't long before he was caught up to by a Battle Emperor.

This was an elderly man dressed in a Star Robe, emitting an aura of the Taoist way, holding a horsetail whisk in his hand.

But the aura emanating from him was undeniably One-star Battle Emperor Level.

"Xu Nian, you can't run away. Just surrender quietly," the Taoist old man blocked Xu Nian's path and said contemptuously.

Xu Nian looked coldly at the old Taoist, anger flashing in his eyes.

"Was it the Divine Emperor who sent you?" Xu Nian asked coldly.

"That's right, Xu Nian, you killed three Imperial Princes and angered the Divine Emperor. Do you really think you can still live in this world?" the old Taoist said coldly.

His horsetail whisk swung through the air, stirring up a huge wave in the surrounding space.

"You are an Emperor-level strong man, aren't you afraid of Heavenly Punishment for taking action against me?" Xu Nian questioned coldly once again.

"Heavenly Punishment? Kid, you're underestimating the Imperial Family. What I hold in my hand is the GodsLevel Seal. With this seal, my actions against you won't be detected by the Heavenly Dao, so you might as well hand over the Dragon Energy and spare yourself the pain," the old Taoist sneered.

"GodsLevel Seal? You indeed have an artifact that can conceal destiny," Xu Nian cursed inwardly.

He was talking nonsense with the old Taoist.

Actually, he was just buying time.

At this moment, he was discussing strategies with Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Senior Wentian, what should we do now?" Xu Nian secretly communicated with Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Kid, what can we do? Even if I take action, I cannot help you defeat him. I can only hold him off for you for a while. After all, my strength is not as great as your Divine Emperor mentor. At Emperor Palace, I was merely bluffing the Divine Emperor. Going up against this Battle Emperor, I'm not necessarily his match," said Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Xu Nian was speechless.

He had been counting on Wentian Demon Sovereign's support to turn the tide.

But now it appeared he was expecting too much.

After all, Wentian Demon Sovereign's Residual Soul was far more seriously depleted than Emperor Ye Tian.

"What do we do now?" Xu Nian asked anxiously.

After all, Wentian Demon Sovereign was a Demon Lord strong man and must have other methods.

"What else can we do? The best course is to make our escape," said Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Xu Nian felt even more frustrated and helpless.

Escape?

Where to?

If he could have escaped, would he even need to ask?

"Kid, I have a method for escape called Blood Escape. However, once this secret technique is used, it will greatly deplete your life force, which will take some time to recover, but escape is not a problem," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

"Teach me, quickly," Xu Nian said without hesitation.

It was the only option left.

Whether he was injured didn't matter anymore; surviving was the most important thing.

"Alright! I'm going to transmit it to you now, but it will take you a bit of time to comprehend this technique," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

Along with those words, a black light burst from the storage ring and entered Xu Nian's forehead.

A vast trove of information suddenly filled Xu Nian's mind.

Just to assimilate this information would probably take some time.

"Hmph, kid, are you deliberately stalling for time? In my hands, Tian Chenzi, your escape is impossible," the old Taoist seemed to perceive Xu Nian's intention to flee.

He stamped his foot into the void.

Immediately, a Tai Chi Bagua Map appeared beneath him with him at the center.

Next, Xu Nian clearly felt his whole being locked by an invisible force.

"Prepare to die!"

The old Taoist let out a loud shout, and his figure flashed, appearing right beside Xu Nian.

His horsetail whisk swept toward Xu Nian.

"So fast!"

Xu Nian was startled and produced an Immortal Sword in his hand.

Xu Nian immediately channeled the power of the Kun Cave and slashed fiercely at the incoming horsetail whisk.

"Hmph, overestimating yourself!" sneered the old Taoist, his horsetail whisk directly striking Xu Nian's Immortal Sword.

"Pfft!"

Instantly, Xu Nian felt an unspeakably terrifying force transmitted from his Immortal Sword.

The Spiritual Energy condensed on the sword instantly collapsed, and that bit of Kun Cave power also dissipated into the air along with the collapse of the Sword Qi.

As for Xu Nian, his entire body violently spewed blood, and he was rapidly sent flying backwards.

The power of a Battle Emperor Level strong man was truly terrifying; he had no ability to resist and was directly blown away.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's body crashed into the stone wall like a meteorite.

The stone wall shattered, leaving a huge, deep pit from Xu Nian's impact.

Lying in the deep pit, Xu Nian vomited blood.

He felt as if all his internal organs had shifted out of place.

The power of a Battle Emperor Level strong man was too terrifying.

"Young man, let your avatar focus on understanding the Blood Escape secret technique. Otherwise, you might be killed before you even have time to use it," said Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian hurriedly had his Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar sort through the information given by Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Because Xu Nian shared his consciousness with his avatar.

As long as the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar understood this Blood Escape secret technique, his true self would naturally know it too.

"Kid, you're still not dead? It seems you're even more resilient than I imagined. But let's see if you can withstand this next strike," said the old Taoist with another cold snort, seeing that Xu Nian was still alive.

With a wave of his horsetail whisk, a two-person-tall boulder beside him instantly shattered into pieces, hovering in mid-air.

"Go!"

With another wave of his whisk from the old Taoist.

The boulder, now split into nine pieces, sped towards Xu Nian.

Each stone was wrapped with a menacing power, like that of the stars.

Even a Peak of Body Saint powerhouse would undoubtedly die when faced with just one such stone.

Let alone the nine that were hurtling towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian watched the nine massive stones hurtling towards him.

A sharp glint flickered in his eyes.

The Four Great Innate Phenomena behind him were all deployed simultaneously, and the Twelfth Rank Ancestor Vein Power was fully activated.

At the same time, all four streams of Dragon Energy were unhesitatingly augmented onto his body.

In an instant, Xu Nian's aura climbed to its apex.

"Break for me!"

Xu Nian roared, his Immortal Sword directly slashing at the nine boulders hurled by the old man.

"Bang, bang, bang!"

Xu Nian unleashed a flurry of sword strikes.

Kun Cave power flowed, one thread after another.

Continuously smashing the approaching boulders.

However, there were simply too many boulders, and their power was too terrifying.

After cutting down six boulders, Xu Nian finally lost his strength.

He was brutally hit by the remaining three boulders, which sent him smashing into the mountainside.

"Thud, thud, thud!"

Three loud thuds.

The three massive stones buried Xu Nian deep within the crevice of the stone wall.

Each impact of the stones on the wall caused the entire mountain to tremble violently.

"Young man, if you still manage to survive this time, this old man will truly admire you," the old Taoist said with a cold smile as he looked at Xu Nian, buried by the three boulders.

"Boom!"

However, at that moment, the three massive stones suddenly exploded.

A terrifying shockwave erupted from within the pit.

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"Boom!"

An earth-shattering explosion echoed.

Those three stones burst apart in an instant.

Xu Nian's figure was revealed before the old Taoist.

At this moment, Xu Nian's robe was already soaked with blood.

There was even a dent in his chest.

However, Xu Nian was now enveloped in a black evil power that blazed like flames.

This evil power encased Xu Nian, transforming him into a demonic god.

Especially those eyes, burning like black flames, exuding a fierce malevolence.

"Hmph, it seems the intelligence was indeed correct. There is a powerful being inside you. If I am not mistaken, this power you wield comes from that being," the old Taoist said, unfazed by the surging killing intent coming from Xu Nian.

He even let out a cold, mocking smirk.

Flicking his right hand, an Eight Diagrams Talisman appeared in his palm.

A vast Taoist energy emanated from his palm, filling the air.

Xu Nian frowned.

This old Taoist had come prepared.

But what of it!

Dare to provoke me, even if I die, I'll drag you down with me.

"Bang!"

Xu Nian stomped on the void.

His form instantly turned into a black afterimage, shooting out like a meteor, fiercely crashing towards the old Taoist.

"Courting death!"

The old Taoist disparagingly sneered, flicked his palm, and the Eight Diagrams Talisman in his hand instantly enlarged, forming a wall of light that pressed down on the incoming Xu Nian.

"Break!"

Xu Nian swung his fists around him, carrying a terrifying black evil power.

They smashed down on the Eight Diagrams Talisman with a thunderous crash.

The Eight Diagrams Talisman shook violently, but did not shatter.

"Useless, the techniques of my Taoist sect are not something your evil and crooked ways can contend with," the old Taoist snorted, his eyes brimming with disdain.

But Xu Nian's eyes were surging with killing intent.

"If one punch does not suffice, then I will strike a hundred punches, until I break through you."

Xu Nian roared, and then his fists pounded on the old Taoist's talisman like a stormy assault.

This time, the old Taoist's expression finally changed.

Even though his talisman was strong, it could not withstand Xu Nian's frenzied attack.

"He's gone mad, completely mad!" the old Taoist cursed inwardly, witnessing Xu Nian's wild punching, and a trace of fear emerged in his heart.

Every punch Xu Nian threw, his Eight Diagrams Talisman would rebound a bit of force, consequently injuring Xu Nian.

Yet Xu Nian disregarded this rebounding force, attacking wildly.

Against such a recklessly fighting foe, even the old Taoist felt somewhat wary.

Even a grown man would fear a child with no regard for his own life.

"Crack!"

At last, the old Taoist's talisman shattered under Xu Nian's barrage of punches.

Startled, the old Taoist hurriedly retreated.

But Xu Nian was relentless, stepping on the void and rapidly pursuing.

Xu Nian's speed exploded to the extreme, catching up to the elder.

The old Taoist, shocked, quickly swiped his horsetail whisk at Xu Nian.

However, Xu Nian's eyes flickered with a hint of ruthlessness, summoning his internal evil power and thunderously launched a punch.

"Boom!"

The old Taoist, along with his horsetail whisk, was instantly forced back by the power of Xu Nian's punch.

And at that moment, Xu Nian suddenly split into three.

Two of the figures darted towards the elder from both sides.

"What?"

The old Taoist was taken aback, hastily attempting to defend.

Having just taken Xu Nian's full-punch, his Spiritual Energy had not yet recovered.

Facing the two clones, he could only manage to strike at one of them.

"Bang!"

One clone was shattered.

While another incarnation had already reached the old Taoist, the punch that had been gathering momentum detonated onto the old Taoist's chest.

"Pfft!"

The old Taoist's figure was sent flying backward, spewing fresh blood from his mouth.

However, without giving the old Taoist a moment to catch his breath, Xu Nian's true form was gathering momentum for another kill.

He appeared directly in front of the old Taoist.

His fist, infused with a terrifying evil power, smashed brutally into the old Taoist.

Enraged, the old Taoist immediately struck back at Xu Nian with a palm.

"Boom!"

Fist met palm.

A terrifying force exploded.

Xu Nian was sent retreating a hundred yards in the air.

The old Taoist's figure also uncontrollably flew backward, crashing through thick tree roots and large trees before finally stabilizing himself.

The once clean Star Robe was now shredded and filthy.

Xu Nian steadied himself, gasping for air heavily.

"Boy, know when to quit. You were already injured, and borrowing too much power will cause permanent damage to your body. If you keep this up, you'll truly be finished," said the Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Xu Nian had previously sustained serious injuries, and now he was forcefully borrowing more power.

At this point, his body was on the verge of collapsing.

Xu Nian also knew he could not continue.

Looking at the old Taoist who was getting up in the distance, a trace of unwillingness flashed in his eyes.

But it was quite satisfying to have forced a Battle Emperor Expert into such a state.

"Xu Nian, I want you dead!"

The old Taoist was furious at the moment.

Being a Battle Emperor and being pushed to this point by a Battle Saint was a humiliation.

If this got out, he would probably be the laughingstock of all.

Just thinking of how Xu Nian had made him so disheveled filled him with indescribable anger.

"Stinking Taoist, I'll remember today's vengeance, Xu Nian. The next time we meet, I will repay you tenfold," Xu Nian said to the old Taoist with a cold laugh.

The black aura of malignancy around him gradually dissipated, and clarity returned to his gaze.

"Next time? There won't be a next time for you," the old Taoist huffed coldly, swinging his horsetail whisk and swooping toward Xu Nian, sticking close to the ground.

He charged straight at Xu Nian, the horsetail whisk surging with an incredibly powerful fluctuation.

Xu Nian, seeing this, had no intention of dodging.

But a powerful roaring sound erupted within him.

His skin began to turn a fiery red.

A potent energy of sanguine force began to spread all over Xu Nian's body.

"Eh?"

The swiftly approaching old Taoist paused, and a bad feeling welled up inside him.

He increased his speed once again and charged at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, however, just sneered coldly.

He crouched slightly, then his whole body shot out explosively.

The old Taoist's horsetail whisk swept over Xu Nian's body like a sharp sword.

However, it only struck an afterimage of Xu Nian.

Yet Xu Nian's figure transformed into a streak of blood-red light, soaring into the sky and vanishing into the horizon.

"Damn it!"

The old Taoist was furious.

He wielded his horsetail whisk.

A terrifying wave swept out instantly, enveloping everything around.

The surrounding mountains and stones exploded wildly, creating a thunderous noise.

He was a formidable Battle Emperor Expert, and yet a Battle Saint managed to escape from him.

When he returned, even the emperor would probably not let this slide.

"Old Taoist, the next time we meet will be your end!"

At the same time, a voice exploded in the old Taoist's head.

Hearing this, the old Taoist spit out blood in a fit of anger.

Looking in the direction Xu Nian had fled, he clenched his fists tightly.

"Xu Nian, I will tear you to pieces!"

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Chapter 514: The Desolate Beimo

Inside Beimo County.

In a desolate desert.

A caravan of over a hundred people was making progress.

The wind howled fiercely as yellow sand filled the sky.

They all covered their noses and mouths with silk to fend off the sandstorm.

Yet despite their efforts, the sand still blew so hard that they couldn't open their eyes.

Beneath them lay a four-legged Demon Beast towering over two meters tall.

The Demon Beast was massive, with thick limbs.

Their hooves were exceptionally large, hence they were called Big-footed Camels.

Although these beasts were not very powerful, they were incredibly enduring.

They made the perfect mode of transportation in the desert.

The Big-footed Camels advanced at a slow pace.

The golden-yellow sand was exceptionally soft.

Even for a War General Level powerhouse, walking on such sandy terrain would be extremely strenuous.

Add the scorching sun and the vast, boundless desert,

and even a War General Level powerhouse might die of thirst in the desert without adequate preparation.

At this moment, in the center of the caravan, one could see a person hanging on the back of a Big-footed Camel.

Yes, he wasn't riding on the camel's back but was hanging from it.

His body was covered in blood, his face pale and his lips cracked.

He was clearly half-dead.

In front of him, two Big-footed Camels walked side by side.

Seated on their backs were two individuals.

A man and a woman, one old, one young.

"Father, why did you save this dead man? We are heading for Rom City, and it might not be good to carry a dead man like this," the girl glanced back at the motionless 'dead man' and complained.

"Ge Sang, he is not just any dead man. Do you know the situation I found him in? Ten desert grey wolves were surrounding him, yet they didn't dare approach him. Moreover, at that time, his injuries were evidently more severe than now. If he didn't possess cultivation or have an unusual constitution, once his wounds heal, he would surely make a formidable slave and indeed become a fierce warrior," the old man said, his eyes alight with amazement.

Desert grey wolves were notoriously brutal, each one savage and fierce, though their strength was only at the Nine-star Warrior Level.

But when a dozen or more attack together, even Demon Beasts of the Battle Sect Level feared them.

Yet, this youth just lay there, preventing the wolves from coming within a step of him.

Adam had never seen such an extraordinary sight before.

He was a Nine-star War General Level expert.

He was also the strongest in the caravan.

They were merchants wandering through the great desert,

earning their livelihood by selling silk, jade, and beast teeth among other items.

This time, they had transported a large quantity of goods to sell in Rom City.

Of course, their journey wasn't only about selling goods.

They were also bringing his daughter, Hua Gesang, to participate in the Tianluo Sect's Holy Daughter election.

Adam was very pleased with his daughter.

At the age of fifteen, she had already stepped into the Battle Sect Level.

Now she had even reached the peak of the Battle Sect Level and was hopeful to break through to the War General Level by the age of eighteen.

So this time around, he felt his daughter had at least a seventy percent chance of winning.

Once his daughter became the Tianluo Sect's Holy Daughter,

she would hold a pivotal position throughout the entire West Desert.

But his daughter was good in all aspects, except that she was a bit too arrogant.

"Slave, huh, he's so ugly. I don't want him as my slave. Besides, aren't other people's slaves strong and powerful? With his puny build, it's still a question whether he can survive or not." Hua Gesang spoke haughtily as she looked at Xu Nian with disdain.

Adam shook his head helplessly.

He no longer insisted on his own daughter.

However, when he looked at the youth behind him, his eyes were filled with intense curiosity.

Judging by this young man's attire, it was clear he was not a native of the West Desert.

And yet, the kid ended up collapsed in the heart of the largest desert in the West Desert.

How could Adam not be curious about the youth's origins and how he ended up alone in this vast desert?

While the father and daughter were discussing how to deal with Xu Nian, Xu Nian was slowly absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy to heal his injuries.

In fact, Xu Nian had been conscious from the very beginning.

It's just that his true body had been too severely injured, so he simply hadn't opened his eyes.

"Three days, and only one-tenth of my injuries have healed. I'm afraid my true body's strength is now not even comparable to that of a Warrior," Xu Nian complained in his mind.

He had used Blood Escape to flee, and it had now been three days.

Throughout these three days, he had been continuously trying to heal his wounds.

But only one-tenth of his injuries had healed.

Previously, Xu Nian didn't even have the strength to move a finger.

Of course, if any danger arose, Xu Nian still had the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar.

As for what this father and daughter were saying about making him a slave, Xu Nian didn't care.

"Senior Wentian, are we going to Rom City too?" Xu Nian transmitted a message to ask Wentian Demon Sovereign.

If it weren't for Wentian Demon Sovereign telling him to go to Rom City, he wouldn't have let these people take him away.

"Yes, the place I want to take you to is indeed in Beimo, but before that, we need an item from the Tianluo Sect. Otherwise, even if you get there, you won't be able to enter that region," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

"An item from the Tianluo Sect is needed to enter? Where exactly are we going?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

Before coming here, Wentian Demon Sovereign had refused to tell him his destination, only mentioning it was in Beimo.

So he was very curious about where exactly Wentian Demon Sovereign was taking him.

"Kid, you should know about the Stam Giants, right?" Wentian Demon Sovereign asked.

"Uh-huh!" Xu Nian mentally responded.

Situ Yu had once let loose a Stam Giant to attack them when they were in the Ancestral Vein Land.

It was a powerful race of giants.

"The place we're going to is the birthplace of the Stam Giants. In fact, the Stam Giants' bodies carry the blood of ancient Divine Demons, which is why they are so large and powerful from birth. Once there, you will find unexpected gains. However, it is extremely dangerous. Ordinary people simply cannot enter, so it's also called the Death God Domain," Wentian Demon Sovereign explained.

"Death God Domain?" Xu Nian was surprised in his mind.

He had indeed heard of this place, a highly dangerous location.

He just never expected their destination to be the Death God Domain.

"Alright, kid, don't think about anything else now. Focus on recovering from your injuries. With your true body's current condition, you can't do anything. At the rate you're healing, you will need at least half a month to return to your peak condition. Your Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar is not easy to utilize, so your true body must regain its strength," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

Xu Nian nodded.

Indeed, his Undying Devouring Sky Beast was too conspicuous.

Its appearance would surely cause a sensation.

The Imperial Family must not have given up on assassinating him.

Once they attracted the attention of the Imperial Family, he might not be as fortunate as last time.

Chapter 515: Proud Hua Gesang

"Kid, you finally woke up. I thought you were dead for sure."

It was the fourth day's evening when Xu Nian finally opened his eyes.

Even for him, having gone four days without a drop of water and suffering from the harsh sun,

though it wouldn't kill him, it was still an excruciating experience.

If it were his peak period, it wouldn't matter, but he was seriously injured now and was somewhat unable to bear it.

And he couldn't keep feigning death forever.

The man named Adam handed Xu Nian a water flask, his face breaking into a smile.

As the sun set in the west, the caravan had begun to set up camp.

"Where are we?" Xu Nian took a sip of water and then returned the flask.

"This is Beimo, kid. By the looks of you, you're not from Beimo. How did you end up here?" Adam asked tentatively.

"Beimo? I was in East Field County. How did I get to Beimo? I only remember falling into a cave, then getting injured. How did I suddenly end up in Beimo?" Xu Nian scratched his head, feigning ignorance.

"You say you fell into a cave and then went from East Field County to Beimo?" Adam's face also showed surprise at Xu Nian's words.

"Yes, I was mining in the mountains. The mountain path was slippery, and I accidentally fell into a cave," Xu Nian nodded.

Adam's expression grew more puzzled.

He walked over to Xu Nian, placing a hand on his shoulder.

Xu Nian immediately felt a surge of spiritual energy enter his body.

Without changing his expression, Xu Nian let Adam probe.

He knew Adam was checking whether he was a cultivator.

Adam had checked once before when Xu Nian was unconscious and had found nothing.

Upon checking again, the result was still the same as before.

"Could he truly not be a cultivator? Is what he's saying the truth?" Adam wondered inwardly.

He had examined Xu Nian's body and had found no trace of spiritual energy.

Typically, it was impossible for a cultivator not to have even a trace of spiritual energy.

Xu Nian, seeing the disappointed look on Adam's face, knew that Adam had discovered nothing.

Indeed, there was not a trace of spiritual energy within him now.

The spiritual energy he had absorbed had all been used to nurture his body.

There wasn't any residual spiritual energy left, and Xu Nian's cultivation level was far higher than his,

which meant that Adam's spiritual energy couldn't enter Xu Nian's dantian, thus creating the illusion of a sealed dantian.

This misled Adam into thinking that Xu Nian was an ordinary person with a closed dantian.

"Humph, I said he was a nobody," Hua Gesang said disdainfully from the side. "Dad, you're not good enough to say this kid is extraordinary. I think you're overthinking it."

Adam indeed sighed in disappointment.

Initially, he had thought Xu Nian had an extraordinary background, but now he truly seemed to be nothing more than a woodsman.

"All right, you needn't think about it anymore. You might have accidentally entered a powerful formation set up by a mighty person, which is why you were transported here. If you were a cultivator, you might have a chance to return, but as an ordinary person even if you spent your whole life, you might never be able to walk back from here," Adam said, patting Xu Nian on the shoulder. "After all, the journey is too long and filled with dangers. You might die on the way, so you might as well stay here."

Disappointed though he pretended to be, Xu Nian still nodded.

Seeing Xu Nian agree, Adam felt a renewed sense of admiration.

If this guy had been overconfident and stubbornly insisted on returning,

he would have unhesitatingly abandoned him in this vast desert.

After all, for an ordinary person to cross Beimo and return to the distant East Field County was nothing short of a fool's dream.

However, Hua Gesang, standing by, found Xu Nian more and more displeasing to the eye, her gaze filled with disdain.

"In the future, you'll stay by Ge Sang's side as an attendant," Adam said.

"I don't want him, he's just an ordinary person and even ugly at that, I don't want him as my attendant," Hua Gesang said with a face full of disgust.

Hearing this, Xu Nian could only wryly smile.

Ugly?

That was true, he looked quite ugly at the moment.

His hair was unkempt, his skin darkened, and his clothes were dirty and tattered, indistinguishable from the beggars in the pile.

But Hua Gesang's scorn only served to annoy him even more.

"Ge Sang, we should be kind-hearted. If you don't like him, we can discuss it again when we reach Rom City; for now, he's your responsibility. Ensure his safety," Adam dropped the statement and left.

Seeing her father so resolute, Hua Gesang stomped her foot in frustration.

Then she glared fiercely at Xu Nian and ran off.

Xu Nian could only smile helplessly.

He never thought the day would come when a girl would give him such trouble.

Even back in the Qin Family, although his status was low, the girls' attitude towards him was never too bad.

Because he had inherited his mother's genes.

As he grew older, his appearance also became more and more outstanding.

Although not enough to dazzle countless young girls, most would still take a second glance at him.

"Forget it, better fix my injuries first."

Xu Nian muttered to himself, then began to quietly channel the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus, cautiously absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy.

He had barely deceived Adam and didn't want to ruin his plan so soon.

After all, Xu Nian still didn't know whether Adam was trustworthy, especially with nearly a hundred people around.

The caravan began setting up tents and raising a bonfire.

Traveling at night was a big taboo in the desert.

Because at night, Demon Beasts lurking in the desert would emerge.

And the desert nights were exceptionally cold.

So, basically, no one dared to travel in the desert at night.

After a brief period of cultivation, Xu Nian also went over to help.

Only to be scorned by Hua Gesang and shoved to the side.

Helplessly, Xu Nian decided not to bother anymore and just watched the people busying themselves.

Many in the caravan started pulling out liquor and meat they had prepared beforehand, starting to grill and drink.

"Come, try our desert's milk wine and Ice Rock Beef, personally grilled by Hua Gesang. Her grilling skills are second to none," Adam handed Xu Nian a wine jug and a big piece of beef.

Gratefully, Xu Nian accepted the milk wine and grilled meat and tried a bite.

The meat quality of the grilled beef was undeniably delicious.

However, the grilling technique was a bit lacking.

If Xu Nian were to grill it, he could surely make it ten times tastier.

"Kid, what's with the frown? Don't you like my grilling? You're my attendant, it's already a great honor for you to eat the meat I grill, and you dare to complain?" Hua Gesang burst out after seeing Xu Nian frown upon tasting the meat.

Beside her, Adam also looked displeased.

Clearly, he was unhappy with Xu Nian's reaction.

Chapter 516: Not Convinced

Xu Nian heard what Hua Gesang said and a bitter smile immediately appeared on his face.

He hadn't wanted to stir up trouble, but unexpectedly, a subconscious expression of his had brought about trouble.

Looking at Adam's expression, it seemed he was also beginning to feel dissatisfied with him.

There were still several days before they could walk out of the desert, and Xu Nian really didn't want to actually provoke Adam's displeasure.

"Your grilled meat does taste really good, but it's still a bit short of perfection. First of all, the heat control is inadequate, the timing of adding the seasoning is off, and the texture of the meat isn't even throughout, so your grilling technique could use some improvement," Xu Nian said to Hua Gesang.

Upon hearing this, Hua Gesang completely blew up.

Damn it.

Was this her servant?

He must be her lord!

She, a master, grilled meat for him to eat, and he actually had a heap of problems with it.

How could this not anger Hua Gesang?

Adam, on the other hand, started laughing, with a look of curiosity in his eyes.

He didn't know this kid was so straightforward as to criticize Hua Gesang's grilling skills.

He knew Hua Gesang was the caravan's universally recognized top grilling expert.

"You say my grilling skills are no good. Could it be your grilling is better than mine?" Hua Gesang said with an unconvinced face.

The surrounding caravan members, upon hearing the commotion, also gathered around.

Each of them spoke out for Hua Gesang.

They had all tasted Hua Gesang's grilled meat; it was ten times better than theirs.

They had always wanted to eat Hua Gesang's grilled meat, and now that this kid had, he was still nitpicking.

It really made them feel resentful.

Xu Nian saw that he had aroused public anger but did not show a hint of panic on his face.

Everything was within his expectations.

"I do have some grilling skills. I used to grill often, and people in my village always said I was good at it," Xu Nian said.

"Pfft, your village," Hua Gesang said condescendingly.

In her view, just an ordinary mortal, how could he possibly have as strong an understanding of flame and temperature as she did?

No matter how talented he was, how good could he really be?

"Xu Nian, since you say you're good at grilling, why not show us what you've got?" Adam spoke up with interest, smiling.

For some reason, he always felt this kid had a kind of temperament others didn't possess.

Just now, faced with so many people's doubts, he could still remain unchanged in expression.

This sort of carefree demeanor, even he couldn't achieve.

So he was quite eager to see if this kid really had skills, or if he was just boasting.

"Dad, you're actually helping him. Be careful, or I'll never grill for you again," Hua Gesang saw her father not supporting her, but instead taking Xu Nian's side, and was immediately somewhat annoyed.

"Ge Sang, let him try. If he truly has the skill, that's fine. If it's just boasting, Dad will punish him for you," Adam said.

"Fine, if his grilling isn't as good as mine, I'll tie him to the back of a Big-footed Camel and have him sand-surf for a day," Hua Gesang said.

The so-called sand-surfing was sliding through the desert using tools.

And what Hua Gesang was talking about was probably dragging Xu Nian in the sand behind a Big-footed Camel.

A normal person dragged through the desert for a day would end up skinned and bruised.

"Ge Sang, isn't that a bit too cruel? He's just an ordinary person, and he's already injured," Adam frowned and said.

"Hmph, didn't he say he knew how to grill? What's there to fear about punishment? In any case, he must pay the price for his words and actions," Hua Gesang insisted.

Hearing her words, Adam had nothing more to say.

"What if my grilling tastes better than yours? Then what?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"If it tastes good, it'll just taste good. What else do you want? Besides, how could you possibly grill better than me?" Hua Gesang said with a look of scorn.

"If my grilled meat tastes better than yours, then how about you ride a Big-footed Camel with me?" Xu Nian suggested with a smile.

As soon as these words came out, the people around them showed expressions of surprise.

Hua Gesang's eyes widened with anger.

Xu Nian actually wanted to take advantage of her?

Was this kid's courage made of leopard's gall?

Adam was also stunned; he had not expected Xu Nian to brazenly make such a condition in front of him.

"Fine, if your roast isn't as delicious as mine, I will not only make you sand-surf for a day, but I will also chop off your hands and gouge out your eyes," Hua Gesang angrily declared.

Xu Nian merely smiled gently.

He had made this request for the very purpose of agitating Hua Gesang, to make her admit defeat.

As for this girl, Xu Nian really didn't have many thoughts about her.

Although her looks and figure could be considered top-notch, Xu Nian truly had no interest in her.

Xu Nian did not pay any more attention to Hua Gesang but directly grabbed a raw leg of meat next to him and started roasting it.

One could see that he held the roast in his left hand, while his right hand wielded a dagger.

The dagger flickered swiftly over the meat.

The slices opened up, allowing the heat to penetrate deep inside the meat.

Soon, a rich aroma began to waft through the air.

"How can it smell so good; I've never smelled such delicious roast meat before," the people around them all revealed looks of surprise.

Looking at the roast meat in Xu Nian's hands, they showed a greedy desire on their faces.

"Hmph, what use is a good smell if it doesn't taste good," Hua Gesang said unconvinced.

Xu Nian smiled faintly, sprinkled some seasoning on the meat, and then announced the task complete.

"I'll have a taste!"

Adam said with a smile.

Xu Nian cut off a piece from the roast.

Adam first sniffed it, then, with a face full of bliss, popped the roast meat into his mouth.

Once the meat entered his mouth, Adam's expression changed.

His eyes bulged out roundly.

Everyone around him stared at Adam intently.

They were all eager to know the taste of the roast meat.

Hua Gesang also looked puzzled, not understanding her father's expression.

"Quick, give me another piece!" Adam stuffed the roast meat into his mouth frantically and directly spoke to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and cut Adam another piece.

Adam instantly devoured it ravenously, his face still full of ecstasy.

"Is it really that delicious? Let me have a taste," someone in the caravan said.

She stepped forward and cut off a piece.

"It's really... too delicious. You all must try it; this is definitely the most delicious roast meat I've ever eaten, no, the most delicious treat," said the merchant excitedly.

Hearing this, people around frantically rushed forward.

Xu Nian distributed pieces to them, one by one.

After everyone had a taste, their faces were filled with bliss.

Seeing this, Hua Gesang's face turned ashen.

"Hmph, I can't believe it's really that good," Hua Gesang scoffed coldly.

She strode forward, snatched the roast meat from Xu Nian's hand, and took a bite.

At the first bite,

Hua Gesang was stunned.

"How... How can it be so delicious?" Hua Gesang muttered to herself.

Looking at the roast in her hand, she started to take big bites.

"Quick, Ge Sang, save me a bite," Adam shouted from the side.

Xu Nian, however, crossed his arms over his chest, watching everyone scramble for that piece of roast meat, a teasing smile on his face.

Chapter 517: You Got a Bargain

"Quick, get on by yourself, there you go, that's being a good girl," Xu Nian patted the vacant space in front of him on the Big-footed Camel and gave Hua Gesang a mischievous smirk.

Hua Gesang climbed onto the back of the Big-footed Camel, her face full of resentment.

Having lost the wager last night, she had to ride a Big-footed Camel with Xu Nian.

The people of the desert honor their bets with the utmost integrity.

Having agreed to the wager, she must fulfill her promise.

But the thought of riding a Big-footed Camel with such an ugly commoner...

Filled her with anger that made her shiver uncontrollably.

And this guy even had the audacity to smirk at her with that cheap grin.

That only fueled her rage even more.

However, that wasn't what angered Hua Gesang the most.

What truly infuriated her was that this guy actually had the nerve to place his hands on her waist.

"Take your filthy hands off, or I'll chop them off," Hua Gesang said angrily, emitting a strong killing intent.

She couldn't calm the anger in her heart, no matter how hard she tried.

The most crucial thing was that since last night, everyone had been won over by this guy.

Even her father had started siding with Xu Nian.

"Gesang, stop fooling around. If you chop off his hands, who will cook the meat for us? Besides, the Big-footed Camel is so jumpy, Xu Nian, being an ordinary person, will fall off,"

Before Xu Nian could speak, Adam, who was nearby, scolded her.

"Exactly, even your dad knows that if I don't hold on to you, I'll fall off," Xu Nian said with a look of aggrieved innocence.

Hua Gesang was so angry she could ascend to the heavens.

She vowed to find an opportunity to get rid of this man.

Xu Nian felt the trembling fury of the delicate body in front of him and a trace of a smile appeared on his face.

The truth was, he had a purpose for wanting to ride the Big-footed Camel with Hua Gesang.

Since last night, he had discovered that absorbing Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy without attracting Adam's attention was far too slow.

So, he thought of using Hua Gesang as a shield.

In this manner, if the movement of Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy caused any disturbance, Adam would probably attribute it to Hua Gesang.

"You're getting a good deal,"

Xu Nian looked at Hua Gesang in front of him and said with a light chuckle.

After speaking, he began to stimulate the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus and started absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy.

Despite this, Xu Nian still didn't dare to make too much commotion.

Nevertheless, this still caused the surrounding Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy to start converging toward them.

The people around were baffled, not understanding why the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy was suddenly gathering toward them.

"Dad, I suddenly feel that the speed at which I'm absorbing spiritual energy has increased, I think I'm about to break through the Battle General Realm," Hua Gesang felt the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy crazily surging toward her, her face revealing an excited expression.

Adam was also stunned but harbored no suspicions.

He promptly instructed, "Focus, concentrate on your breakthrough."

His daughter was about to break through to Battle General, and that was much sooner than he had anticipated, by several months, indeed.

Although he was puzzled, it was definitely a good thing.

So, he didn't think too much of it.

And right behind Hua Gesang, Xu Nian's lips curled into an almost imperceptible smile.

Of course, it was Xu Nian who caused the increase in Hua Gesang's spiritual energy absorption rate.

Did you really think he had his hands on her waist just to take advantage?

Naturally, most of the spiritual energy gathered by Hua Gesang was absorbed back by Xu Nian.

But even the small part that was left was much more than what Hua Gesang could usually absorb.

And like this, Xu Nian was also able to control the speed of Hua Gesang's breakthrough.

Allowing himself to absorb the spiritual energy for a little while longer.

Two hours went by.

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Three two hours, four two hours.

Hua Gesang remained immersed in preparations for her sprint toward a breakthrough.

During this short span of a few two hours, Xu Nian absorbed a vast amount of Spiritual Energy.

He was able to heal his injuries from one-tenth to one-sixth of their prior state.

Meanwhile, Xu Nian's strength had also risen from the Warrior Realm to the Battle Sect Level.

If this could happen a few more times, perhaps he could fully recover from his injuries before reaching Rom City.

"Boom!"

But the good times didn't last long.

The Spiritual Energy accumulated within Hua Gesang finally reached a bottleneck for a breakthrough and ultimately she made her breakthrough to the Battle General Realm.

"Ah, I've broken through, I've broken through," Hua Gesang cried out excitedly.

Now that she had broken through to Battle General, she was even more confident about the Holy Daughter selection of the Luotian Sect.

Adam also felt joy for his daughter's breakthrough.

Xu Nian, however, was somewhat helpless.

Without him, Hua Gesang would have needed several more months to break through.

But of course, this secret was not something he could let them know.

"Congratulations!" Xu Nian said to Hua Gesang with a smile.

"Hmph!" Hua Gesang snorted coldly.

She completely disregarded Xu Nian's congratulations.

In her eyes, how could an ordinary person like Xu Nian possibly understand the joy of her breakthrough?

She, having broken through to Battle General at seventeen, was destined to live in a different world from him.

Xu Nian responded to Hua Gesang's disdain with a wry smile.

He wondered what Hua Gesang would think if she knew that her early breakthrough was orchestrated by Xu Nian himself.

"Thud, thud, thud!"

At that moment, however, a thunderous roar came from afar.

The ground beneath their feet began to tremble.

Members of the caravan all paused and looked toward the direction of the sound.

When they saw the sky filled with dust kicked up in the distance, their faces turned pale.

"It's bad, desert bandits are coming, everyone get ready to defend," someone in the caravan exclaimed.

"Ge Sang, take care of yourself, and Xu Nian is in your hands now," Adam's face grew serious at this moment.

He promptly directed his Big-footed Camel beasts to the forefront of the caravan.

"What's going on?" Xu Nian asked cluelessly.

"Hmph, a group of cold-blooded bandits. You just sit tight. If a fight really breaks out, find a place to hide, and it's best to bury yourself in the sand," Hua Gesang snorted and said, her eyes fixed intently on what was ahead.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian also extended his Spiritual Sense.

Sure enough, up ahead he saw hundreds of people riding giant beasts rushing towards them.

Desert bandits?

Xu Nian hadn't expected there to be bandits in the desert.

But soon his brows knitted in concern,

because among the band of bandits, there were actually two individuals at the Battle King Level.

On their side, only Adam and a middle-aged man were at the Nine-star War General Level.

The disparity in power was too great.

"Boom, boom, boom!"

The bandits quickly surged forward.

They surrounded Adam and his people completely.

When Adam's caravan members saw the assailants' banner, their complexions turned deathly pale.

"It's bad, these aren't ordinary bandits, they're from the Gray Wolf Team," everyone became flustered in an instant.

Xu Nian also looked at the opposing banner, spotting a blood-red and fierce wolf's head painted on it.

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Chapter 518: Violent Girl

Adam's trade caravan was completely surrounded by this band of bandits.

And yet Adam and his people appeared tense, each one's gaze filled with vigilance.

For merchants who traversed the great desert,

once they encountered one of three situations, it would likely mean they weren't far from death.

The first was a major sandstorm.

If a great sandstorm arose in the desert, it was an absolute catastrophe.

An entire city could be swallowed, let alone a small trade caravan.

Next was the Desert Emperor Scorpion.

The lowest cultivation level of these Emperor Scorpions was at the Battle King Level, with some even at the Saint Level.

Unless the Emperor Scorpion was in a good mood, one would end up as its meal.

The third was the Gray Wolf Team.

This was the largest bandit group in the desert.

They specialized in attacking caravans traversing the desert and were extremely brutal.

Each time after robbing, they killed the entire caravan without exception.

Additionally, they had three leaders, each one at the Battle King Level.

So basically, if a caravan encountered them, death was almost certain.

And now, the people Adam's group had encountered were from the Gray Wolf Team.

What Adam hadn't expected was that two of the trio of leaders from the Gray Wolf Team had actually made a move.

At the forefront were the second and third leaders of the Gray Wolf Team.

At this moment, the members of the Gray Wolf Team looked towards the people of the caravan with playfully sinister gazes.

"Adam, I didn't expect we would meet again so soon," the middle-aged man leading the Gray Wolf Team said with a smile as he looked towards Adam at the front.

It was clear he had encountered Adam not just once before.

"Lord Luo Jiao, let us go, and we are willing to offer up all our goods and storage rings," Adam spoke.

He knew the other party were bandits.

Their finances were definitely lost.

All he hoped for now was that they would let them leave.

"It's no wonder you are a veteran of the desert, knowing our rules, but the last time I let you go. This time you're unlucky to fall into our hands again. To let you off so easily, isn't that a bit too simple?" the leader Luo Jiao said with a cold sneer.

"We have already given you all our goods. What more do you want? Even if you kill us, it does no good for you," Adam said, frowning.

He hadn't expected Luo Jiao to be so difficult to deal with this time.

Luo Jiao smiled faintly, "I could let you go, but while the men may leave, the women must stay, especially that one."

Following the direction of Luo Jiao's pointing finger, Adam realized that Luo Jiao was referring to his own daughter.

There were three women in the caravan, not counting Hua Gesang.

At this moment, upon hearing these words, each of the women showed an expression of terror.

And the men were filled with anger.

The idea of abandoning the women to escape was an insult to their character.

"Lord Luo Jiao, that is my daughter, and she is about to go to Rom City to compete to be the Holy Daughter. Could you please show some leniency?" Adam pleaded.

"Compete to be the Holy Daughter?" Luo Jiao said with a slight smile, but soon his smile turned icy cold.

"Adam oh Adam, had you not said those words, I might have considered it. You want to use the Luotian Sect to intimidate me, but you don't realize that it has become the death warrant for your daughter. What if I really let her go and she comes back to seek revenge on me?" Luo Jiao said with a sinister laugh.

Adam's face changed immediately, and he clenched his fists tightly.

He had originally intended to use the Luotian Sect to scare them, but he had not expected it to end up endangering his daughter.

Now, this group would definitely not let his daughter off easily.

And if his daughter fell into their hands, the outcome was unimaginable.

"Luo Jiao, give up that thought, I absolutely won't hand my daughter over to you. If you want to take my daughter, you'll have to get past me first," Adam said angrily.

He was prepared for a life-or-death struggle.

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The men of the caravan behind him drew their swords one after another, their eyes filled with intense defiance.

Men of Beimo, each and every one with iron in their blood.

They'd rather die in battle than submit.

"Seeking death!"

Luo Jiao's eyes flashed with a hint of disdain.

"Brothers, charge! Kill all the men, and take the women back for our enjoyment. Whoever kills the most gets that girl. Did you see her face? Did you see her willowy waist? Don't you want to enjoy that?" Luo Jiao roared.

The bandits around him, upon hearing their second in command, were as invigorated as if injected with adrenaline.

Their gazes towards Hua Gesang were like those of desert wolves, filled with vile intentions.

Hua Gesang's eyes burned with fury, yet there was a touch of fear in her heart.

Although she had broken through to Battle General Level, she had rarely experienced life-and-death battles like this.

Therefore, her hand gripping the scimitar was trembling slightly.

Xu Nian sensed Hua Gesang's fear and a faint smile appeared on his face.

This Hua Gesang was usually quite fierce; now she was flustered.

But on second thought, it was understandable. She wasn't that different from the young ladies of the great families.

"Run when the time comes, run as far as you can. I'll carve out a path for you."

However, just as Xu Nian found Hua Gesang's fear amusing, he heard her voice from up ahead.

Xu Nian was taken aback, not expecting Hua Gesang to say such a thing to him.

At this critical juncture, she was still thinking of him.

It seemed that this girl wasn't as prideful on the inside as she seemed; she had inherited some of Adam's kindness.

"Alright!"

Xu Nian pondered for a moment, then agreed without hesitation.

Disappointment flickered in Hua Gesang's eyes, but her expression quickly turned resolute.

The bandits in front of them had already charged forward.

"Kill!"

Adam's caravan warriors roared in unison and sprang into action.

They clashed with the bandits.

Hua Gesang, too, wielded her scimitar and dove into the crowd.

Her blade swiftly reaped the lives of those bandits.

In that moment, she truly became a valiant warrior.

As a Battle General Level expert, those lowly bandits stood no chance against her.

Soon she had cut a bloody swath through them.

"Aren't you running yet?"

Hua Gesang reached Xu Nian's side, grabbed his collar, and violently flung him away.

Xu Nian was thrown nearly a hundred yards, tumbling across the ground several times.

Bandits who tried to pursue Xu Nian were preemptively beheaded by Hua Gesang, who then plunged back into the fray.

"Ptui!"

Xu Nian spat out the sand in his mouth.

His face wore a look of resignation.

It was the first time he'd been thrown like that by anyone, let alone a woman.

Yet in his heart, he felt a touch of gratitude.

"So be it. Since it's come to this, I'll lend a hand just this once—it can be my way of repaying you for saving me before," Xu Nian mused with a small smile.

Then he sat down cross-legged on the ground and released his Spiritual Sense Power.

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Chapter 519: This Throwing Knife Has Come Alive (Additional Update 10)

"Clang!"

After slaughtering more than a dozen little sidekicks, Hua Gesang was targeted by a Battle General Level powerhouse.

It was just one clash.

Hua Gesang was sent flying, saber and all.

A trickle of fresh blood spilled from the corner of her mouth.

After all, she had just broken through to the Battle General Realm, and her realm was not yet stable.

But her opponent was a Two-star Battle General.

"Ha ha, woman, just give up and surrender. As long as you obediently listen to me, I'll make sure you experience ecstasy beyond your wildest dreams," the Two-star Battle General leered at Hua Gesang's exquisite figure and said with a lascivious look.

"In your dreams!" Hua Gesang clenched her teeth and lunged at the Two-star Battle General with the curved saber in her hand.

A mocking smile flickered in the eyes of the Two-star Battle General.

He continually parried Hua Gesang's attacks while constantly spouting lewd remarks.

On the other hand, Adam, too, faced an adversary.

After killing an Eight-star Battle General,

the third commander of the Gray Wolf Team finally made his move.

His name was Mo Long, wielding a Long Spear, he faced off against Adam's curved saber.

A Battle King is, after all, of Battle King Level.

Although Adam fought bravely and well, he was almost completely overpowered by his opponent.

Moreover, this was the opponent holding back intentionally. If Mo Long had really decided to kill, Adam probably wouldn't stand a chance.

"Adam, you're as good as dead, rest assured, I will take very good care of your daughter for you," Mo Long sneered coldly.

His Long Spear thundered forth, sending Adam flying.

"Pu!"

Adam spat out a mouthful of blood, his eyes filled with intense unwillingness.

At this moment, Hua Gesang was also in severe danger.

She was punched in the abdomen by the Two-star Battle General and sent flying backward.

"Hmph, a woman is just a woman, surrender already," the Two-star Battle General shouted, leaping towards Hua Gesang.

Hua Gesang, having been struck in the abdomen, had Spiritual Energy coursing chaotically inside her.

She was utterly unable to defend against the next attack.

She could only keep retreating as she saw her opponent's saber slashing towards her.

"Damn it, am I really going to fall into the hands of these villains?" Hua Gesang thought bitterly.

Then she contemplated suicide.

She would rather die than fall into their hands.

"Throw the curved saber with force."

However, just as Hua Gesang prepared to take her own life with the saber, an extremely authoritative voice echoed in her mind.

Hua Gesang's body moved as if controlled, instinctively flinging her curved saber at the Two-star Battle General with all her strength.

But after throwing the saber, she regretted it.

Without the saber, she feared she wouldn't even be able to kill herself.

What on earth had just happened?

The next scene, however, left her utterly dumbfounded.

She saw her thrown saber cut through the air like a meteor, instantly decapitating the incoming Two-star Battle General before he could even react.

"How... how is this possible?"

Hua Gesang stared at the Two-star Battle General slain by her thrown saber, her pretty face filled with shock.

Had she suddenly become powerful?

Impossible, right?

Even if she had become more powerful, she was merely a One-star Battle General, and her opponent was a Two-star!

As Hua Gesang pondered, something even more astonishing happened.

The thrown saber did not fall to the ground; instead, it transformed into a streak of light again, darting swiftly through the battling crowd.

And wherever the saber flew, heads were thrown into the air.

All these heads belonged to members of the Gray Wolf Team.

The merchants fighting the Gray Wolf Team were also stunned.

They all looked towards the rapidly flying curved saber in the sky, their faces showing amazement.

How could the saber fly by itself?

Kill on its own?

And even turn corners?

On the other side, Mo Long, who had just repelled Adam, also witnessed this spectacle.

All brothers around had been slain by curved sabers.

At that moment, the same curved saber was hurtling toward him at breakneck speed.

The speed of the Battle Saber was astonishingly fast, so fast it was terrifying.

Yet Mo Long reacted incredibly quickly, urgently using his Long Spear to block.

"Clang!"

A deafening, crisp sound echoed.

Mo Long's whole body was sent flying backward instantly, like a Meteorite plummeting to the ground and crashing onto the dunes.

"Pfft!"

Blood spurted wildly from his mouth.

His face, filled with horror, was staring at the curved saber floating in the distance.

Seeing this, Luo Jiao's expression changed drastically as well.

His eyes were fixedly staring at the floating Battle Saber.

They could be certain that it was just an ordinary Battle Saber.

Yet, this Battle Saber had in a blink of an eye killed hundreds of their Gray Wolf Team.

It even managed to severely injure the third squad's leader Mo Long in one strike.

This was definitely not something an ordinary strong person could achieve.

Adam's heart was also filled with surprise, looking at the floating Battle Saber.

A thought emerged in his mind, "Remote control of objects, a Saint Level master."

Clearly, Luo Jiao and Mo Long also came to this realization, their eyes began scanning around.

"Whoever you are, please show yourself," Luo Jiao shouted into the sky.

However, as his voice fell, he received no response at all.

"Playing tricks and pretending to be ghosts, come out," Mo Long, enraged, said. The other party didn't dare to show themselves, there must be a trick to it.

Perhaps they were not even a Saint Level expert at all.

Yet, just as he spoke these words, the floating Battle Saber did something that made him stare in disbelief.

The Battle Saber in the sky suddenly split into three, turning into three streaks of light and rushing towards Mo Long with extreme speed.

Mo Long's expression was one of extreme horror, but the speed of the Battle Saber was simply too fast.

He didn't even get the chance to defend himself and was sliced into four pieces by the three Battle Sabers.

A One-star Battle King was killed on the spot.

Everyone was dumbstruck.

Especially Hua Gesang, not understanding how his Battle Saber suddenly turned into three.

Could it be that his own Battle Saber was the legendary Immortal Artifact?

At this moment, Luo Jiao's eyes were also filled with extreme fear.

He was only two stars stronger than Mo Long, and since the Battle Saber easily killed Mo Long,

it could undoubtedly kill him just as easily.

"Plop!"

Without the slightest hesitation, Luo Jiao knelt down and kept kowtowing begging for mercy, "Mighty one, spare my life, mighty one, spare my life."

"Go back and tell your boss that Adam and this old man are old acquaintances. If you dare to bother them again, wait for your Gray Wolf Team to be annihilated."

Just then, an authoritative voice exploded in the sky.

"Yes, yes, yes, the young one will definitely deliver the message," Luo Jiao kept kowtowing.

Then, frightened out of his wits, he turned into a streak of light and disappeared into the horizon.

Damn, it really is a Saint Level master.

Meanwhile, the people of Adam's caravan also remained stunned for a long time, finally bursting into cheers.

Who would have thought they would actually escape calamity.

From now on, it's likely that the Gray Wolf Team won't dare to trouble them again.

But Hua Gesang and Adam were bewildered in their hearts.

Who had helped them?

"Could it be him?"

Hua Gesang and Adam froze for a moment, then began looking for Xu Nian's figure.

"Xu Nian, where are you?" Hua Gesang yelled out.

Looking in the direction Xu Nian had been thrown earlier.

"I'm here!"

Just then, a figure emerged from the sand, revealing a simple and honest smile.

Hua Gesang and Adam stood frozen in place.

This guy actually buried himself in the sand?

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"Have you been in the sand this whole time?" Hua Gesang sized up Xu Nian from head to toe.

Adam also curiously examined Xu Nian.

The one who had saved them earlier was clearly a Saint-level powerhouse.

However, this Saint had never revealed themselves from start to finish.

Moreover, they didn't recognize any Saint-level powerhouses.

Such lofty figures were definitely out of their reach.

The appearance of Xu Nian, this stranger, naturally aroused their suspicion.

But when they saw Xu Nian crawl out from the sand, they felt their previous thoughts were absurd.

This young man in front of them was simply unable to cultivate, even if he could.

He looked to be only eighteen years old.

How could he possibly be a Saint-level powerhouse of legend?

"Right, wasn't it you who told me to bury myself in the sand? Are those bandits dead? Who killed them?" Xu Nian asked, feigning confusion.

Hua Gesang and Adam exchanged glances.

The last trace of doubt in their eyes also dissipated.

"Alright, everyone, let's get organized, check each other's injuries, and prepare to hasten our pace. Xu Nian, take a rest too, and be ready to continue our journey," Adam said before going to comfort the wounded.

Hua Gesang, disappointed, shook her head.

She had originally thought that Xu Nian might be a hidden expert.

Now, it seemed she had thought too much.

Seeing that the two no longer doubted him, Xu Nian also sighed in relief.

Although he had mostly trusted in Adam's moral character, Xu Nian still felt it was better not to tell them the truth.

Because the moment he told them the truth, he feared it would create a distance between him and them.

"Kid, this little girl Hua Gesang is going to Tianluo Sect to compete for the role of Holy Daughter. You can use this opportunity to sneak in," the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian nodded his head.

In fact, that was what he was thinking too.

That was also why Xu Nian had previously deliberately helped Hua Gesang improve her cultivation.

After a brief rest, the caravan continued its journey towards Rom City.

But this time, Xu Nian wasn't so lucky.

Hua Gesang absolutely refused to ride the Big-footed Camel with him.

Having no choice, Xu Nian had to ride the Big-footed Camel alone.

Thus, the speed at which Xu Nian absorbed Spiritual Energy naturally slowed down.

However, fortunately, through continuous absorption day and night for two days,

His injuries also substantially recovered, almost by half.

Not only that, Xu Nian had a new breakthrough in understanding the Wind Attribute.

Ever since Xu Nian's Dimension Cutting reached the Profound Argumentation Threshold,

He felt as if a new door to the world had opened.

And the vastness of the Power of Profound Argumentation completely stunned Xu Nian.

Stepping into the Profound Argumentation Threshold meant that a Cultivator was truly on the path of cultivating the Heaven and Earth Power.

Take Dimension Cutting as an example.

Xu Nian's Dimension Cutting had stepped into the Profound Argumentation Threshold.

It merely meant that he had just opened the doorway to understanding the cutting aspect of the Wind Attribute at an entry level.

To fully master this attribute's Profound Argumentation,

He would still need to go through the stages of Initial, Small Achievement, Great Success, Domain, and Perfect.

And Xu Nian's mastery of Wind Attribute Dimension Cutting was still at the initial threshold, a way off from achieving Initial.

The reason why it is said Xu Nian had a breakthrough,

That was because Xu Nian had created a new technique through Dimension Cutting.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian spread open his palm.

A tiny Wind Blade, about the size of a thumb, quietly condensed in the center of his palm.

As the Wind Blade formed, tiny cracks instantly appeared in the surrounding space.

This was merely a small Wind Blade that Xu Nian had casually condensed.

In terms of power, it was twice as powerful as the past Cutting Force.

Now, with just a hand blade, Xu Nian could easily cut through exotic metals.

This was the terrifying aspect of the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation.

If he were to use the Immortal Sword, the power would be even more terrifying.

"I really wonder what kind of terrifying power this Profound Argumentation will possess when it reaches perfection." Xu Nian muttered to himself.

The Heaven and Earth Profound Argumentation was truly miraculous.

The process of comprehending the Profound Argumentation was a process of uncovering the essence of the universe.

This continuous exploration and discovery, as well as the process of harnessing it for oneself,

brought an indescribable sense of joy to Xu Nian's heart.

The Cultivation of understanding Heaven and Earth and one's own cultivation did not conflict.

The Power of Heaven and Earth was like soldiers, while one's own cultivation of Spiritual Energy or Gang Qi was like the commander.

To command more soldiers, the power of the commander must also grow stronger.

This was also why, at the same level of comprehension,

those with higher cultivation could wield greater power in their techniques.

Xu Nian waved his hand, and the Wind Blade in his hand dispersed.

This process did not attract the attention of anyone around.

No one had expected there to be such a powerful person hidden within their group.

"We are approaching Moon-shaped Lake. After crossing Moon-shaped Lake and traveling another hundred kilometers, we will arrive at Rom City," Adam said happily.

Expressions of joy appeared on the faces of the merchants around.

In one more day, they would be able to leave this damned desert.

"Let's go. We'll rest by Moon-shaped Lake tonight, and head straight to Rom City tomorrow," Adam ordered.

The people around happily rushed towards Moon-shaped Lake.

Moon-shaped Lake was a rare sight in the desert.

Because of its crescent shape, passing merchants called it Moon-shaped Lake.

Over time, Moon-shaped Lake became its name.

The appearance of a water source in the desert was already a miracle, much less such a vast lake.

Therefore, Moon-shaped Lake quickly captured Xu Nian's attention.

"Huh? Why is it so cold?"

Xu Nian released his Spiritual Sense toward the bottom of the lake, but the result surprised him.

His Spiritual Sense reached a depth of one thousand meters below the lake surface, and he still hadn't reached the bottom.

Moreover, as his Spiritual Sense continued to descend, the temperature below grew increasingly colder.

Even below one thousand meters, Xu Nian's Spiritual Sense Power showed signs of being frozen.

"Kid, it seems you are really lucky; there is Earth Core Heavenly Origin Liquid below, which is generally found deep in the earth's core. I didn't expect it to appear here," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice rang out in Xu Nian's mind.

"Earth Core Heavenly Origin Liquid?" Xu Nian was startled.

He had never heard of this before.

But it seemed to be an extremely precious Heaven and Earth Treasure.

"Kid, this Earth Core Heavenly Origin Liquid contains extremely powerful energy, extremely cold, and ordinary people can't absorb it. But you are different, your Spirit Cultivation and Body Cultivation Techniques are very unique. With it, not only can you quickly heal injuries, but you can also greatly enhance your cultivation," the Wentian Demon Sovereign spoke.

Xu Nian was startled, then his face showed joy.

If that was really the case.

It would indeed be a good thing.

But the bottom of this lake was so cold, surely one would be frozen before even reaching the lake bottom.