

## **Divine King 531**

Chapter 531: Conducting a Deal

The surroundings were as silent as death.

Hua Gesang was stunned, and so was Lianna.

Everyone in the arena had a blank expression on their faces.

Even Entas below looked bewildered, watching the scene on the stage as if struck by a heavy blow.

A Four-star Battle Saint, defeated in a single move.

What kind of strength did this young man possess?

And he even dared to kill the Holy Temple Law King right in front of the Luotian Temple.

His audacity was astounding.

The Law King who had attacked Xu Nian was also in disbelief.

He had been pierced through the heart by this young man, something he had not anticipated at all.

"You... who are you..."

The Holy Temple Law King, after all, was a Saint Level expert; despite being pierced through the heart, he did not die on the spot.

Xu Nian, hearing the Law King's question, revealed a slight smile at the corner of his mouth.

"Didn't your Desolate Hall Master tell you?" Xu Nian said with a light smile.

Upon hearing this, the Law King's pupils shrank instantly.

But before he could reply, a sharply intense aura instantly split him in two.

The Holy Temple Law King fell to the ground, completely devoid of life.

"Did he really kill him?"

The audience below was still somewhat dazed.

Adam, standing among the crowd, was also incredibly surprised.

Now he was absolutely certain that this young man was the Saint who had saved them before.

A Saint who was only eighteen years old, that was just too terrifying.

"How audacious and reckless, daring to kill my Holy Temple Law King, seeking death!"

The other five Law Kings instantly took action, flying out and appearing above Xu Nian from five directions, thoroughly surrounding him.

Seeing this scene, Xu Nian's face showed not a hint of panic.

Instead, he looked towards the Pope sitting in a high position ahead.

The Pope was also watching Xu Nian.

Their eyes met.

The atmosphere was eerily frightening.

Everyone was filled with apprehension.

They all speculated how the Pope would deal with this audacious young Saint.

Hua Gesang also looked on with concern.

Having killed a Law King, even if Xu Nian was a Saint Level expert, it was still a capital crime.

After all, Xu Nian had done this to save her; if he died here, she would feel uneasy.

"Let him go!"

Just when everyone thought that this young man was about to be subdued by the five Holy Temple Law Kings, the Pope suddenly spoke.

Upon hearing this, everyone showed a look of surprise.

The five Law Kings looked at the Pope, confused.

"Your Holiness, this child killed my Holy Temple Law King. If we do not kill him, where would the dignity of our Luotian Sect be?" one of the Nine-star Battle Saint Level Law Kings anxiously spoke.

The crowd below also shouted, demanding Xu Nian be executed.

"He is not wrong, he killed a traitor of our Luotian Sect." However, just then, the Pope suddenly said.

The entire arena was instantly stunned.

A traitor?

Xu Nian merely smiled lightly, turning his head to look at Lianna.

Her pretty face instantly turned pale.

"Who exactly are you, and how did you uncover this secret?" Lianna stared intensely at Xu Nian, her eyes filled with strong hatred.

She was so close to success; if she could have killed Hua Gesang, the position of Holy Daughter of the Luotian Sect would have been hers.

Yet all was ruined by this young man in front of her.

Hua Gesang also had a blank look, unsure how this related to Lianna.

Everyone else also noticed the commotion here, looking puzzled.

Xu Nian did not answer Lianna's question but extended a hand instead.

A powerful holy light radiated from the palm of Xu Nian's hand.

"Star Purification?"

The faces of the surrounding Law Kings all showed surprise.

Even the Pope up high showed a flicker of astonishment on her delicate face.

"No..."

Lianna stepped back repeatedly, looking at the fluctuations in Xu Nian's palm, her eyes filled with fear.

Xu Nian merely smiled slightly.

The light in his palm flared up, instantly enveloping Lianna.

"Ah..."

A scream erupted from Lianna's mouth, followed by a thick black mist rising from her body.

The crowd on the field all wore stunned expressions.

This girl had such a massive amount of Evil Power within her?

How could such a girl possibly participate in the contest?

Hua Gesang was also shocked.

At this moment, she finally understood.

Lianna's rise in Cultivation was clearly achieved through unscrupulous means.

And the burst of Light Power she later displayed was obviously input into her body by the Dharma King whom Xu Nian had killed.

As for this Evil Power, it was probably hidden deep within her body.

Even the Pope had failed to detect it at first.

Thinking of this, Hua Gesang couldn't help but take another look at the young man.

This young man could see through all of this and possessed Saint Level strength.

Who exactly was he?

Of course, Hua Gesang also felt a strong sense of guilt at this moment.

Xu Nian had saved her life three times, while she had been mocking and disdainful towards him from the beginning.

Now that she thought about it, it truly was ridiculous.

"Ah..."

Lianna's screams of agony continued, and she writhed on the ground in pain.

Hua Gesang frowned slightly and looked at Xu Nian imploringly, "Can you spare her life?"

Xu Nian looked at Hua Gesang with some surprise and asked, "Are you sure?"

Hua Gesang nodded firmly.

Xu Nian thought for a moment, then withdrew the light from his palm.

Lianna seemed to find relief and collapsed on the ground.

However, her eyes were filled with deep hatred as she looked at Xu Nian and Hua Gesang.

"You can go," Hua Gesang instructed Lianna.

Lianna glared fiercely at Hua Gesang, then rushed into the crowd.

The five Dharma Kings seemed to want to stop her but were halted by the Pope.

All returned to calm.

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief, thinking that everything was over.

However, Xu Nian looked up at the sky.

It was only just beginning.

"Unexpectedly, the Divine River Palace Master would grace us with his presence at the Luotian Sect."  
The Pope spoke up.

The Divine River Palace Master?

Everyone lifted their heads to look at Xu Nian.

This young man was the Divine River Palace Master, inherited for ten thousand years?

How was that possible?

Xu Nian smiled slightly, knowing the Pope would guess his identity.

"Pope, how about we make a deal?" Xu Nian didn't beat around the bush but got straight to the point.

The Female Pope was clearly a wise person; of course, she could surmise his purposes here.

"What deal?" the Pope asked with a light laugh.

"I help the Luotian Sect through this crisis, and you lend me the Great Brightness Stone," Xu Nian said with a light smile.

"Bold! The Great Brightness Stone is a treasure of our Holy Sect, held only by the Pope, how can it be lent out to an outsider," a Dharma King exclaimed angrily.

The Pope also responded with a cold chuckle.

"Do you really think my Luotian Sect can't resolve this crisis on its own?" The Pope asked with a light laugh.

Xu Nian chuckled.

"Since the Pope is so confident, then it seems I've spoken out of turn, but remember, if the Pope needs help later, just say the word," Xu Nian said with a slight smile.

After saying this, he immediately picked up Hua Gesang and swiftly moved to Adam's side.

"Let's go, this place isn't safe. We'll talk more in a safe location."

While the two wore puzzled expressions.

A huge black hole appeared in the sky above Luotian Square.

And one by one, figures like giant stones smashed down onto the square from the black hole.

The surrounding crowd was immediately scared into fleeing in all directions.

These giants were not actually stones but Stam Giants.

Seeing this scene, the Pope's brows also furrowed.

Chapter 532: Taking Advantage of a Crisis

The Pope had never anticipated that the opposition actually controlled the Stam Giants.

And looking at their number, there were no less than thirty.

Most crucially among these thirty Stam Giants, there were ten at the Saint Level.

And the remaining twenty or so were all at the Battle King Level.

Ten Saint Level Stam Giants, this was without doubt a formidable force of combat power.

And it wasn't just these thirty or so Stam Giants that had come.

Out of this black hole, three men clad in black robes had also flown out.

The ones flanking on the left and right both had cultivation at the peak of Nine-star Battle Saints.

And the leader among these men was a powerhouse at the One-star Battle Emperor Level.

The Female Pope furrowed her brow even more tightly upon seeing this scene.

There were simply too many people who had come, and the most concerning part was that there were far too many Holy Realm powerhouses.

In this situation, their Luotian Sect simply had no power to contend.

Xu Nian had already brought Hua Gesang and Adam to a safe place by this point.

When he saw this scene unfold, a faint smile appeared on his face.

Everything was just like he had imagined, the Desolate Hall had not mobilized a small amount of energy this time.

People all over the square were fleeing in all directions.

The Stam Giants were rampaging relentlessly, and the crowd around was blown away by the shock waves.

The Luotian Pope too had taken to the air, standing opposed to that midair Black Robed Emperor.

"You, who are you, and why are you attacking our Luotian Sect?" Demanded the Luotian Pope in a cold voice.

Since the opposition had dispatched a Battle Emperor Level powerhouse, their power must have been considerable.

But their Luotian Sect had never offended any power, so why would they bring about such a calamity?

"Ha-ha, I had long heard that the Luotian Pope is a rare beauty in Beimo, and seeing you today, your aura truly is extraordinary, particularly since you're still a virgin. What do you say, do you wish to join me in cultivating the Great Tao?" The man in the Black Robe now looked at the Luotian Pope with a teasing glimmer in his eye.

The Luotian Pope was immediately infuriated.

She hadn't expected this man to speak so impudently.

In Beimo, no one had ever dared to harbor such intentions towards her.

"I don't care who you are, leave Beimo at once, or else don't blame me for being impolite," the Luotian Pope huffed coldly.

However, the man in the Black Robe just let out a cold laugh.

"Impolite? With the strength of your Luotian Saint Sect, it seems you can't resist us, the Desolate Hall. Luotian Pope, I'll give you one chance, submit to our Desolate Hall, hand over the Great Brightness Stone, otherwise today not only will your Luotian Sect be destroyed, but your believers will also die miserably here," the Black Robed Emperor said with a sneer.

The smile on his face gave off an extremely sinister feeling.

"The Desolate Hall, you're the remnants of that Dark Church from years past?" The Luotian Pope reacted immediately.

Thousands of years ago, aside from the Great Brightness Sect, there was also a Dark Church.

Both churches opposed each other, almost to the death.

Afterwards, the Dark Church was destroyed, and its remnants scattered everywhere.

They were rumored to have secretly established an organization called the Desolate Hall.

The Luotian Pope hadn't realized the Desolate Hall had already grown to this extent.

"It seems the Luotian Pope indeed has wide knowledge. Correct, our Desolate Hall is the successor to the Dark Church, but that's all in the very distant past. Now our Desolate Hall is under the rule of the Hall Master. So, what do you say, are you willing to submit to the command of the Hall Master?" The Black Robed Emperor said with a smile.

"Dream on, you band of demons who commit all kinds of evil deeds, even if my Luotian Sect were to be annihilated, we would never surrender to an evil power," the Luotian Pope shouted forcefully.

"Then we can only resolve this through force. Just wait for your Luotian Sect to be destroyed," a cold and sinister glint flashed in the eyes of the Black Robed Emperor.

His figure dashed out in an instant, and his palm, filled with thick darkness, reached out towards the Luotian Pope.

The darkness churning in the palm seemed cold and terrible.

The Luotian Pope, however, let out a cold snort and held her scepter horizontally.

A powerful wave of brightness burst forth from the Great Brightness Stone in an instant.

The claw of the Black Robed Emperor was immediately repelled.

Brightness and darkness were inherently two forces that restrained each other.

Whose strength was greater could completely suppress the other.

Although the strength of the Luotian Pope herself might not match that of the Black Robed Emperor,

with the Light Scepter in her hands, she was an entirely different threat.

"Damn it, the power of the Great Brightness Stone is indeed terrifying," cursed the Black Robed Emperor in his heart.

But soon, a cold smile appeared on his lips.

His goal wasn't to defeat the Luotian Pope, just to hold her off.

Once the congregants of the Luotian Sect were crushed, the Luotian Pope, no matter how formidable, would have no choice but to surrender docilely.

The Luotian Pope was obviously aware of this point.

There were simply too many Saint Level powerhouses on the opposing side.

Their Silver-armored Warriors and Golden Armor Soldiers were all struggling to withstand the pressure.

Even the Five Great Dharma Kings were having a tough time.

And she was unable to defeat this Black Robed Emperor in a short time.

In such a situation, even if she eventually won against the Black Robed Emperor, if the Luotian Sect lost, it would all be meaningless.

"Sister Pope, how are you considering? Do you need my assistance?"

However, just then, Xu Nian's voice rang out in the mind of the Luotian Pope.

The Luotian Pope was startled.

Xu Nian was actually addressing her as Sister Pope.

It was an intimate appellation.

And besides, this guy was clearly exploiting the situation for his own benefit.

Yet compared to those from the Desolate Hall, who were intent on destroying the Luotian Sect, Xu Nian certainly seemed far more likeable.

Indeed, Xu Nian was exploiting the situation.

Although a bit despicable, there was no helping it.

"Fine, I can lend you the Great Brightness Stone, but you must drive away these people from the Desolate Hall for me. If you fail, I won't lend you the stone," the Luotian Pope said.

Upon hearing this, a smile immediately appeared on Xu Nian's face as he blurted out, "No problem!"

Then he swiftly shot forward.

"Be careful!" Hua Gesang quickly warned.

Looking at Xu Nian's retreating figure, she was also filled with concern.

Adam, seeing his daughter's expression, knew that his daughter's attitude towards Xu Nian had undergone a profound change.

But was Xu Nian someone his daughter could hope to retain?

So, all he could do was sigh, hoping his daughter wouldn't fall too deeply.

However, his thoughts were soon interrupted.

Because the scene that unfolded before his eyes left him utterly stunned.

Xu Nian transformed into a terrifying bolt of lightning and charged directly at a Holy Rank Stam Giant.

The Stam Giant seemed to notice someone attacking and let out an angry roar, swinging its fist viciously towards Xu Nian.

This was a Six-star Body Saint Level Stam Giant.

Such a punch, even a Seventh or Eighth Star Battle Saint wouldn't dare to directly withstand.

Yet Xu Nian's speed as he charged toward the Stam Giant didn't diminish in the slightest.

The moment he faced the Stam Giant, Xu Nian suddenly unleashed a punch.

"Boom!"

With a thunderous noise,

the Stam Giant was shattered by Xu Nian's punch.

Flesh and blood flew in all directions, and blood rained down like a downpour.

Everyone around who witnessed this scene was dumbfounded.

A Six-star Body Saint Level Stam Giant, blasted into a pulp by a single punch?

## Chapter 533: Demonstrating Strength

Hua Gesang watched the young man proudly standing in the air.

The young man had a proud posture and an overwhelming momentum.

It was as if he was no longer a young man, but a War God bathed in blood.

This scene intensely stimulated Hua Gesang's nerves.

Suddenly, Hua Gesang began to laugh, her laughter bright and splendid.

Because in her mind suddenly emerged the image of Xu Nian crawling out of the sand.

That foolish look and the current one, who seemed to dominate the world, were completely different.

A person with great strength, yet for the sake of hiding it, buried himself in sand.

This made Hua Gesang feel both enraged and amused.

At this moment, she also understood,

Why the Iron Blood Mercenary Corps Leader's attitude had made a complete 180-degree turn.

He simply had been frightened by this guy.

And also the image of them riding the same Big-footed Camel, with him holding her waist.

At that time, her cultivation had suddenly accelerated, probably also because of this guy's mischief.

"This guy is full of tricks," Hua Gesang cursed in her heart.

However, her face did not show any anger, instead, it bore a sweet smile.

Adam knew by his daughter's expression.

It was over, his daughter had fallen.

It wasn't her fault really, Xu Nian was just too outstanding.

Handsome looks, cunning personality, and having both strong abilities and talent.

If he were a girl, he would definitely be infatuated with him too.

Xu Nian had no idea what Adam was thinking.

At this moment, he was charging towards another Stam Giant.

If he knew, he probably would have been so frustrated that he'd spit blood.

This time, Xu Nian directly brought out the Immortal Sword.

With the Immortal Sword in hand, he split a Stam Giant in half.

With a flash, swinging his sword, another giant fell.

In just a moment, six Stam Giants lay dead by Xu Nian's hand.

Four of them were of the Holy Realm Level.

Xu Nian's actions naturally caught the attention of the Luotian Sect Dharma King and two Black Robed Men from Desolate Hall.

When they saw Xu Nian slicing Stam Giants as if slicing vegetables, they couldn't help but be taken aback.

The physical body of Stam Giants was extremely formidable.

Even Saint Level powerhouses would choose to strike at their relatively weaker neck and eyes when killing them.

But someone like Xu Nian, who could so casually split a Stam Giant in two, they had truly never seen before.

At this moment, the Luotian Pope, who was in battle, also showed a look of surprise on his face.

He clearly did not expect Xu Nian's strength to be so formidable.

However, this would mean that the crisis facing their Luotian Sect could also be resolved.

But the Black Robed Emperor's eyes flickered with a sinister glint, and he quickly transmitted to the two Nine-star Battle Saints, "Go, stop that Xu Nian."

Upon hearing this, the two Peak of Nine-star War Saint powerhouses immediately obeyed.

They both attacked Xu Nian together.

Xu Nian, feeling the two Nine-star Battle Saints charging at him, hooked up a faint smile at the corner of his mouth.

He didn't know how many Nine-star Battle Saints had died by his hand.

Just using two Nine-star Battle Saints to try to kill him was indeed underestimating him too much.

"Young man, die!"

The two Nine-star Battle Saints yelled, their palms surging with terrifying fluctuations.

Each of their hands now wielded a Battle Saber charging towards Xu Nian.

The fluctuation contained within the Battle Sabers was indeed heart-palpitating.

The people around who saw this scene all wore worried expressions.

"Buzz!"

However, at this moment, an extremely terrifying Sword Radiance slashed across the air in an instant.

One of the Peak of Nine-star War Saints had no time to react before he was split in two by a single strike.

"What?"

The people around him were dumbfounded.

A Peak of Nine-star War Saint, killed instantly by a single strike?

What kind of strength was this?

The Nine-star Saint Realm Peak Dharma King, who had originally wanted to rush over to help Xu Nian, was also stunned by this scene.

The strength of this young man seemed to be much stronger than they had anticipated.

The Peak of Nine-star War Saints, witnessing his companion instantly killed, squatted directly in the air.

A strong sense of fear surged in his heart.

Xu Nian turned his head to look at the Peak of Nine-star War Saint, his lips curling into a faint smile, "Before you came, didn't the Hall Master tell you that within the Holy Realm, I was already invincible?"

"Invincible within the Holy Realm?" Hearing this, the Peak of Nine-star War Saint quickly retreated.

He did not doubt the words of the young man in front of him, but he felt that these words carried a strong Killing Intent as they came out of the young man's mouth.

However, before he could escape,

a horrifying flash of sword light passed right before his eyes.

Then his expression stiffened, and his body completely beyond control, was split in two.

"Thud!"

Everyone hearing this sound felt their hearts violently shaking.

Killing a Saint Realm Peak was like slaughtering a chicken.

Was this still a youth?

Entas and Lisa, watching this scene from a distance, also had stunned expressions.

Suddenly, the expression on Entas's face changed.

He quickly tried to pick up his daughter and escape.

He had felt it odd that Hua Gesang was still alive before.

Now it seemed that it was this young man who had saved her.

And since this young man was closely connected to Hua Gesang, Entas's previous attack on Hua Gesang might provoke his Killing Intent.

However, before he could take a few steps,

he was completely frozen in place.

Because he saw a young man leaning against a nearby wall in front of him.

"Can you spare us, please? We really didn't mean to," Entas quickly begged for mercy.

Before he finished speaking, Entas directly drew a sharp blade and stabbed at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian did not dodge or avoid.

Entas passed directly through Xu Nian's body.

A black mist was emitted into the air.

"An... an illusion?" Entas's eyes suddenly filled with terror.

A strong ominous premonition surged in his heart.

However, before he could turn around, a fierce radiance flashed from behind him,

instantly cleaving him in two.

Lisa, seeing her dead father and then looking towards Xu Nian, showed an extremely horrified expression.

She quickly knelt in front of Xu Nian, grabbing the hem of his pants, and begged for mercy, "Please let me go, I'll do anything, I can become your slave girl, you can do whatever you want, just please..."

However, before she could finish speaking, a flash of sword light directly crossed her neck.

Lisa's pupils instantly dilated as she fell down, clutching her neck.

Xu Nian looked at Lisa, who lay on the ground, his eyes void of any sympathy.

For women like her, greedy for life and fearing death, willing to sell their own bodies, Xu Nian felt utter disdain from the bottom of his heart.

After killing Entas and his daughter, Xu Nian's two illusions also dissipated.

Indeed, Xu Nian had not employed his true body.

His true body was still slaughtering Stam Giants, so not too many had noticed Entas's death.

However, this scene was observed by Hua Gesang.

Her heart filled with gratitude.

Chapter 534: Battle Against Half-Emperor Technique

Very quickly, thirty Stam Giants.

Under the joint efforts of Xu Nian and five Dharma Kings, were completely slaughtered.

That Stam, equivalent to the Nine-star Body Saint Level, and that Dharma King at the Peak of Nine-star Battle Saint fought for so long, yet the Dharma King could not handle him.

When it came to Xu Nian's turn to strike, it was still just one sword.

The Dharma King watched for a full ten seconds before he realized what had happened.

His gaze towards Xu Nian turned into one of awe.

He was certain, killing him would be a simple matter of one sword for the young man before him.

Thinking back to how the five of them had surrounded him, he felt lucky that the Pope had timely intervened.

Had they truly angered him, perhaps they would already be spirits beneath his sword by now.

Xu Nian, however, paid no attention to the shocked looks from the crowd.

Instead, he looked up at the sky where two Battle Emperor Level powers were engaged in battle.

"Boom!"

The Luotian Pope struck directly with a blazing Scepter, fiercely hitting the Black Robed Emperor.

The Black Robed Emperor was instantly knocked away, spitting out blood.

The Black Robed Emperor steadied himself, he glanced at the fallen bodies below.

His gaze turned incredibly grim.

Xu Nian had actually killed his hard-won Stam army.

He had thought he would be able to annihilate the Luotian Sect directly with these Stam Giants.

But now, everything had been ruined because of Xu Nian's interference.

This caused a surge of intense anger inside him.

"Xu Nian, you forced my hand, the Hall Master said you still had great uses, but now you've ruined my plan, thus I cannot let you live," the Black Robed Emperor's eyes flickered with intense rage.

"Oh, do you still have methods you haven't used yet? If you want to deal with me personally, you're going to be disappointed, I am at Battle Saint Level, and if you strike at me, you will surely bring about Heavenly Punishment, besides, with Sister Pope here, do you think you can kill me?" Xu Nian said with a light smile.

At these words, all the people below were in uproar.

Sister Pope?

This guy really dared to say so.

But then, thinking of this young man's terrifying strength, they also reconciled themselves to it.

The Luotian Pope herself was quite annoyed.

It was one thing for Xu Nian to call her that in private messages, but now to do so in front of everyone.

This nickname, was perhaps a bit too intimate.

The Black Robed Emperor felt extreme anger at that moment.

Not only did Xu Nian disrespect him, but he was also flirting with a woman in front of him.

It was a downright disregard for him.

"Xu Nian, you're seeking your own death, don't blame me, come forth, Demon Flame Giant Beast," the Black Robed Emperor spoke.

After he finished speaking, a giant beast covered all over with black flames appeared in the sky.

As soon as the giant beast appeared, the temperature around immediately soared to a terrifying level.

Not only that, a frightening aura permeated the surroundings.

"A Half-Emperor Level Demon Beast?" Xu Nian showed a surprised expression.

Xu Nian furrowed his brow slightly at this sight.

However, he soon smiled again.

"This Demon Beast is a Half-Emperor Level power, its strike would probably still invoke Heavenly Tribulation," Xu Nian said with a laugh.

"Ha ha, thanks to you, last time you were in Dragon Vein Land, didn't you make a Half-Emperor Level Demon Beast strike too? So we just followed your example, the master of the Demon Flame Giant Beast is a Battle Saint Level power, it isn't bound by the emperor's decree, so you're definitely dead," the Black Robed Emperor laughed loudly.

The look he gave Xu Nian turned extremely mocking.

Xu Nian first stiffened, then shortly after, he laughed too.

Desolate Hall was really getting into play, even learning his trick, and even using it against him.

But did they really think that a Half-Emperor Level power could kill him?

A mocking smile flashed through Xu Nian's eyes.

The Demon Flame Giant Beast transformed into a human form, appearing as a burly man.

It was covered in a layer of black flames.

The burly man looked at Xu Nian with eyes filled with intense killing intent.

"Can you handle it? If not, let me do it," the Luotian Pope asked Xu Nian.

Xu Nian just smiled and responded, "It's just a Half-Emperor, not a problem at all. Sister Pope, you just focus on that black robe."

The Luotian Pope was taken aback by Xu Nian's words.

A young man at the Battle Saint level, yet he spoke so lightly of a Half-Emperor.

Was he truly capable, or was he just boasting?

Truthfully, the strength Xu Nian had displayed from the beginning had already surprised her.

She was indeed somewhat eager to see whether this youth could defeat a Half-Emperor level opponent.

"Roar!"

The Half-Emperor Demon Beast let out a fierce roar and charged violently towards Xu Nian.

Half-Emperor level truly was worthy of the Emperor level.

Its speed was incredibly fast, appearing in front of Xu Nian in an instant.

The fist, wrapped in terrifying flames, pounded fiercely towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian saw the immensely fierce fist,

and immediately used his sword to block.

"Clang!"

A clear and crisp trembling sound rang out.

Xu Nian felt a powerful force transmitting through the sword.

Under this force, Xu Nian was sent flying backward.

"What a strong power, worthy of a Half-Emperor level Demon Beast," Xu Nian commented, shaking his somewhat numb arm and admiring inwardly.

Currently, his physical strength was at the Four-star Battle Saint realm.

Trying to withstand this power with physical strength alone was indeed somewhat difficult.

"Be careful!"

Just then, a startled shout came from below.

Xu Nian also felt a scorching hot breath appearing behind him.

Without any hesitation, Xu Nian immediately swung his sword towards the rear.

"Clang!"

Xu Nian's Immortal Sword collided fiercely with the Demon Beast's claw, emitting a sound like striking iron.

The Demon Beast's claw knocked Xu Nian's sword away.

"Roar!"

The Demon Beast let out a roar, and another claw streaked towards Xu Nian like lightning.

It was too late for Xu Nian to dodge, so he had to mobilize the Dragon Blood Gang Qi to form a blood-colored armor.

"Phew!"

Xu Nian's chest armor was directly torn open, leaving three gashes, and his body was sent flying by this force.

Three bloodstains appeared on his chest.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's body heavily smashed into the ground, creating a deep pit in the square.

People around showed surprised expressions.

The youth, after all, was no match for the Half-Emperor Demon Beast.

The Luotian Pope, who had held a glimmer of hope for Xu Nian, also showed a look of disappointment in her eyes.

"Roar!"

The Demon Beast in the air let out a heaven-shaking roar, its eyes filled with mockery as it looked at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, however, got up from the pit, wiping the blood from the corner of his mouth.

His lips curled into a sharp, cold smirk.

"It seems that to kill you, I really need to bring out some real skills," Xu Nian snorted coldly.

Immediately, his Talent Phenomenon and Twelfth Rank Ancestor Vein Power also explosively activated at that moment.

Chapter 535: Killing the Half-Emperor Technique

"Boom!"

With the opening of Xu Nian's Talent Phenomenon and Twelfth Rank Ancestor Vein,

the aura emanating from Xu Nian's body instantly soared to a terrifying realm.

The fragments of rock all around actually began to lift into the air beneath this formidable presence.

A powerful aura, like a wild wind, spread out from Xu Nian as its center, dissipating outward.

"Eh?"

Four Talent Phenomena?

Twelfth Rank Ancestor Vein Power?

The Luotian Pope's face revealed extreme surprise upon seeing the display of Talent Phenomenon and Ancestor Vein Power radiating from Xu Nian.

Although she had long heard of the extraordinary talents of the Divine River Palace Master, she had never seen them with her own eyes.

Only now, witnessing this scene, did she realize just how exceptional this young man's talents were.

Moreover, with the execution of these techniques, Xu Nian's momentum now matched that of a Half-Emperor Level Demon Beast without falling short even slightly.

As for the Black Robed Emperor, upon seeing this, his brow furrowed deeply.

"Roar, human boy, I sense that the vitality within you is extraordinary, if I consume you, my bloodline will definitely ascend to an even higher level," the Half-Emperor Level Demon Beast articulated in human speech, his eyes burning with insatiable greed when looking at Xu Nian.

Yet the corners of Xu Nian's mouth curled into a cold smirk.

"Feared you might bite off more than you can chew and break your own teeth," Xu Nian quipped with a sneer.

The crowd below burst into laughter upon hearing this.

They hadn't expected the young man to still have the mood for jokes at a time like this.

"You're courting death!" the Half-Emperor Demon Beast roared in fury, charging straight towards Xu Nian.

"Roar!"

The Demon Beast opened its mouth wide, spewing out a massive Black Fire Dragon.

The fire dragon charged directly towards Xu Nian.

This black flame's temperature was horrifying, such that even a Battle Saint at the peak level would turn to ash if touched by even a hint of it.

Yet Xu Nian did not dodge or evade.

He let the black flames fall upon him.

"Has he gone mad?" the surrounding crowd murmured in shock.

They couldn't believe that the young man was attempting to withstand the black flames head-on.

Hua Gesang, watching from a distance, also showed deep concern in her eyes.

This was a Half-Emperor Level power, an existence she wouldn't have dared to imagine facing in the past.

And now, such an entity was battling Xu Nian, which gave her an almost surreal feeling.

"Hum!"

However, just as the flames were about to engulf Xu Nian, he suddenly unleashed a strike with his sword.

A cyan Sword Radiance instantaneously burst forth from the blade.

With the emergence of the Sword Radiance, the surrounding space began to quiver.

This Sword Radiance, bursting forth, cleaved the Black Fire Dragon in two.

Not only that, the terrible Sword Radiance continued unabated, heading straight for the Half-Emperor Level Demon Beast.

The Demon Beast's pupils shrank at the sight,

hastily mustering all its strength to mount a defense.

But the might of the Sword Radiance was too overwhelming, and its power could not hold up.

"Spurt!"

The Half-Emperor Level Demon Beast's cheek was instantly marked with a long sword wound.

It tore from the corner of the mouth to the back of the ear.

"Roar!"

The Half-Emperor Demon Beast issued a scream of pain and rage.

As the crowd around witnessed this, they all let out cries of astonishment.

This young man had actually broken the Demon Beast's fiery attack with a single sword strike and even wounded it.

He had nearly killed the Half-Emperor Demon Beast.

What kind of strength was this?

The Pope in the sky also revealed surprise in her eyes.

She could feel the extraordinariness of Xu Nian's sword strike that the common people could not perceive.

Wind Attribute Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation, and he had already stepped into the threshold of Profound Argumentation.

Xu Nian's understanding had terrifyingly reached such frightening heights.

The talent of this eighteen-year-old youth probably couldn't even be described as terrifying anymore.

"Little Demon Beast, how about that, how powerful was that sword?" Xu Nian said teasingly as he looked at the Half-Emperor Level Demon Beast.

"Human, don't be so smug, I'll show you how formidable the Emperor is," the Half-Emperor Demon Beast roared angrily.

Following that, its figure turned directly into a blaze of fire, charging viciously towards Xu Nian.

A cold smile curled up at the corner of Xu Nian's mouth when he saw this.

"Perfect timing."

A trace of cold laughter flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

An overwhelmingly strong Sword Intent emanated from his body.

The Immortal Sword in his hand was slowly raised, and a terrifying aura directly gathered upon the sword.

"Buzz!"

The entire Immortal Sword instantly emitted a heart-palpitating fluctuation.

Its sharp aura made everyone present feel a chilling terror.

"Die!"

The Half-Emperor Demon Beast roared, and its entire body transformed into its true form in mid-air, charging towards Xu Nian like a meteor.

Its claws were even aimed at Xu Nian's face with a horrifying chill.

Xu Nian watched this scene, a trace of cold laughter flashing in his eyes.

The Immortal Sword, already Gathering Momentum, finally slashed down at this moment.

"Mixed Element Slash!"

Xu Nian uttered a light cry.

The sword in his hand immediately cut down.

In an instant, space was torn apart.

A horrifying Sword Radiance emitted an unbelievably terrifying fluctuation as it whizzed out.

"No!"

The Demon Beast only had time to let out a scream before being cut into two halves by the terrifying Sword Radiance.

The Sword Radiance that had been slashed out also tore a gigantic trench that was several kilometers long on the ground.

Everyone looked at the corpse of the Half-Emperor Demon Beast and the kilometers-long sword mark trench, their hearts filled with shock beyond measure.

A Half-Emperor Level expert, just like that, killed?

And this terrifying trench, was it really created by a single sword stroke?

At this moment, everyone's gaze towards Xu Nian became filled with immense reverence.

They had long heard that Battle Emperor Experts could split mountains with a single sword stroke, and today, having seen it for themselves, they finally believed it was all true.

The Pope in the sky was also incredibly surprised upon seeing this scene.

Such a terrifying attack had actually been wielded by a Holy Level strong person.

If it were in the past, even if you killed her, she wouldn't believe it.

But now, she had no choice but to believe.

Xu Nian looked at the corpse of the Half-Emperor Demon Beast in front of him, a faint smile on his lips.

Yet within that smile, there was a trace of bitterness.

This sword had nearly drained all the Spiritual Energy in his body.

Despite the great power of this sword, it was still somewhat difficult to execute with Xu Nian's present reserve of Spiritual Energy.

However, the power of this sword did not disappoint him.

"How about it, Black Robe, do you have any more tricks?" Xu Nian looked up at the Black Robed Battle Emperor in the sky.

The Black Robed Emperor was quite pale at this moment.

He had not expected that even deploying a Half-Emperor Level Demon Beast had failed to kill Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's strength was terrifying to such a degree.

"Hmph, Xu Nian, don't be too happy too soon, when the Hall Master's Cultivation is fully restored, your death will come," the Black Robed Emperor snorted coldly and then directly plunged into a black hole.

And with the disappearance of the Black Robed Emperor, the black hole also vanished in midair.

Everyone on the field released a sigh of relief upon seeing this scene.

However, their gazes towards Xu Nian were filled with both reverence and gratitude.

Had it not been for Xu Nian turning the tide, this battle might have truly ended in disaster for Rom City.

Chapter 536: Death God Domain (Additional Release 12)

With the departure of the Black Robed Emperor,

Luotian Square once again regained its tranquility.

The Five Great Pharaohs led the Golden Armor Soldiers and Silver-armored Warriors to clean up the aftermath.

Meanwhile, the Luotian Pope escorted Xu Nian and Hua Gesang into the Luotian Temple.

Without a doubt, Hua Gesang was selected as the new Luotian Sect Holy Daughter.

Hua Gesang also took the Luotian Pope as her master.

Although everything had gone as she wished, Hua Gesang couldn't help but feel a sense of loss.

And naturally, the root of this loss stemmed from Xu Nian.

However, she also knew the disparity between herself and Xu Nian.

She had no choice but to bury the budding feelings in her heart's deepest recesses, permanently.

To Xu Nian, Hua Gesang was nothing more than a sister; he harbored no other feelings towards her.

All the previous interactions had been nothing but jest.

Thus, this outcome was the best for both Xu Nian and Hua Gesang.

After the apprenticeship ceremony was over, Hua Gesang stepped down.

The Holy Daughter ceremony could only be postponed.

With Hua Gesang's departure, only the Luotian Pope and Xu Nian remained inside the temple.

Xu Nian looked at the Luotian Pope.

The Luotian Pope also stared at Xu Nian.

The two stood in a standoff.

This deadlock lasted for a full 15 minutes.

Finally, Xu Nian couldn't help but ask helplessly, "Sister Pope, staring at me like that, you wouldn't be harboring any ideas about me, would you?"

"Hmph, you're not old, but you sure have a slick tongue. Aren't you afraid that I might kill you in a fit of rage? You should know I have the Great Brightness Stone in my possession, which can completely conceal destiny," the Pope said with a cold snort.

Her icy demeanor carried an extremely alluring chill.

Xu Nian, hearing this, couldn't help but laugh.

Although the Pope spoke such words, Xu Nian couldn't sense a trace of killing intent from her.

"Would you bear to do it?" Xu Nian teased with an amused smile.

"You..." The Pope suddenly became furious, glaring fiercely at Xu Nian.

It had been ten years. Ever since she became the Pope, no one had ever dared to speak to her like this.

Those who dared to tease her had all met terrible ends.

"Alright, I'll stop teasing you. Can you lend me the Great Brightness Stone now?" Xu Nian waved his hand, addressing the Pope.

His teasing of the Pope had been purely in jest,

Simply to prevent their relationship from becoming too strained.

He had no real intentions towards the Pope.

The Great Brightness Stone was his true objective.

"What do you need the Great Brightness Stone for?" The Luotian Pope asked, puzzled.

"I need to venture into the Death God Domain. It's said that only with the Great Brightness Stone can one enter, so I'm asking to borrow it. Once I return from the Death God Domain, I'll give it back to you," Xu Nian replied straightforwardly, without hiding anything.

He knew that if he didn't tell the truth, the Luotian Pope would never entrust the Great Brightness Stone to him.

"Then it is impossible for me to lend you the Great Brightness Stone. You might as well give up on that idea," the Luotian Pope refused outright.

"Why have you refused so readily when we made a promise earlier? Don't you want to keep it?" Xu Nian asked with furrowed brows, clearly not expecting the Luotian Pope to outright refuse.

"If you had a different use for the Great Brightness Stone, I might consider lending it to you, but you want to go to the Death God Domain; even if it means breaking my promise and being dishonorable, I absolutely will not lend it to you," the Luotian Pope said decisively.

Xu Nian was taken aback.

He hadn't expected the Luotian Pope to say such a thing.

"What's wrong with the Death God Domain?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

The Luotian Pope let out a cold laugh and said, "You don't even know what kind of place the Death God Domain is, yet you're thinking of venturing into it. Since it's called the Death God Domain, it's naturally a

place of doom. Countless people have tried to enter the Death God Domain and not a single one has come out alive, including many powerful warriors of Battle Emperor Level. If I lent you the Great Brightness Stone and you died inside, wouldn't I become a sinner of the Luotian Sect?"

Xu Nian frowned.

He transmitted a message to Wentian Demon Sovereign, "Lord Demon Venerate, is the Death God Domain really that dangerous?"

"The Death God Domain is indeed perilous. Most who enter are doomed, but since I'm sending you there, I won't let you die inside. I'm thirty percent confident I can bring you out alive," replied Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Only thirty percent?" Xu Nian was speechless.

Even the heavenly might of the Wentian Demon Sovereign was only thirty percent reliable; that seemed awfully low.

"Kid, thirty percent is not bad. As the Pope just said, those who enter don't return. Besides, fortune favors the bold. If you are scared, you don't have to go," the voice of the Wentian Demon Sovereign echoed once again in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian felt helpless inside.

But his gaze quickly turned resolute.

The saying was completely right, fortune favors the bold.

To expect great gains without the courage to take risks was utterly impossible.

So, he had decided—he would go to the Death God Domain.

"How about it, have you given up?" inquired the Luotian Pope.

"No, I still intend to go to the Death God Domain, and I must obtain the Great Brightness Stone," Xu Nian said firmly, his gaze on the Luotian Pope unwavering.

"You..." the Luotian Pope fumed with anger.

Despite her clear opposition, Xu Nian still refused to back down.

"Do you really intend to go to the Death God Domain? You must realize that survival there is almost impossible," the Luotian Pope asked deeply, taking a breath as she looked at Xu Nian.

"I must go!" Xu Nian replied once again, decisively.

"Very well, I will go with you," the Luotian Pope announced, as if having made a significant decision.

"Go with me?" This time it was Xu Nian's turn to be stunned.

The Luotian Pope was actually suggesting to accompany him.

Hadn't she said that the Death God Domain was a one-way trip?

Seeming to perceive Xu Nian's confusion, the Luotian Pope explained, "With your power alone, the Great Brightness Stone won't even reach one-tenth of its potential. In my hands, it can unleash thirty percent of its power. Although I don't know why you need the Great Brightness Stone, I assume it is to utilize its power."

"Yes, but surely you wouldn't risk going to the Death God Domain just for that, would you?" Xu Nian continued, still perplexed.

Hearing Xu Nian's words, the Luotian Pope raised her eyes to one side of the grand hall.

There hung a portrait.

The woman in the painting was also dressed in Pope's attire and was extremely beautiful.

"My Master went to the Death God Domain eighteen years ago and has not returned. I want to go and see if she is still alive, and even if she has passed away, I want to bring back her remains," the Luotian Pope murmured.

Xu Nian wore a look of realization upon hearing this.

So the Luotian Pope was concerned about the previous generation's Pope.

No wonder the Luotian Pope was so averse to the Death God Domain initially; it was likely because of her Master.

However, having the Luotian Pope join him would increase Xu Nian's chances by a considerable margin.

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Chapter 537 Earth Fist

Xu Nian then discussed with the Luotian Pope and they agreed to go together to the Death God Domain.

However, since there were still matters to be handled on the side of the Luotian Sect, Xu Nian had to wait another three days.

As for Xu Yu and Black Wind.

Although Xu Nian could not sense their exact locations,

he could feel that they were still alive.

And they should now be in the Southern Wilderness County, the farthest place from Beimo.

Since they were still alive,

that meant they had escaped an assassination attempt by the Imperial Family.

This temporarily put Xu Nian's mind at ease.

"Once we come out of the Death God Domain, we'll go find them," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

He knew that sometimes, you have to let go.

Allowing Xu Yu and the others to experience the world on their own.

Only by doing so could they grow faster.

Xu Nian sat cross-legged in a Holy Temple arranged by the Pope.

A thick aura of the Power of Earth lingered around him.

Indeed, Xu Nian was earnestly contemplating the Power of Earth.

His Dimension Cutting had reached a bottleneck.

It seemed difficult to break through the Initial Formation Realm.

Rather than struggling here, it was better to put effort in another Attribute Profound Argumentation.

Now, having reached the Insight Peak of Earth Power Profound Argumentation, he was only a hair away from the Profound Argumentation Threshold.

Once he broke through with the Power of Earth, his combat power would substantially increase again.

"Buzz!"

A wave of earthy yellow fluctuation continually emanated from Xu Nian's body.

With this wave of earthy yellow fluctuation spreading, Xu Nian's aura became increasingly weightier.

"Boom!"

Suddenly, Xu Nian violently opened his eyes and his arm was instantly outlined with an earthy yellow ring of light.

Then he threw a punch with great force.

The entire hall's air instantaneously generated a powerful sonic boom.

Xu Nian's fist was covered with a layer of earthy yellow fluctuation.

It was precisely this wave of earthy yellow fluctuation that greatly enhanced Xu Nian's strength.

"What an immense power, this punch is comparable to a full-force strike from a Peak of Body Saint powerhouse," Xu Nian thought to himself.

Just now, he had simply used a trace of Spiritual Energy to leverage the Power of Earth, and he triggered such colossal force.

What would be the scene if he exerted his full strength?

Xu Nian was thrilled.

This punch just now signified another breakthrough in his Power of Earth.

Now, the Earth Profound Argumentation had formally stepped into the level of Profound Argumentation Threshold.

"Since it was generated by the Earth Profound Argumentation, I will call it Earth Fist. But the power of Earth Fist could likely be further enhanced," Xu Nian joyfully thought to himself.

When he threw that punch earlier, he had used the Power of Earth's convergence and vibration to form it.

That was what formed the earthy yellow ring of light.

As Xu Nian's understanding progresses,

he will gather a second ring, a third, and possibly more rings.

And the more rings there are, the more terrifying the power unleashed from this fist will be.

"You've actually cultivated three types of Attribute Profound Argumentations, and two of them have reached the Profound Argumentation Threshold. I really don't know how such a freak like you was trained." The Luotian Pope came from outside the hall.

The power of Xu Nian's punch just now naturally did not escape her Dharma Eyes.

She recognized at a glance that this was the power that could only be unleashed when Earth Power Profound Argumentation had reached the Profound Argumentation Threshold.

Xu Nian was only eighteen years old, yet he had already reached the threshold level with two types of Profound Argumentations.

When she was eighteen, she was merely a Battle General, not even knowing what Profound Argumentation was.

The gap between them was simply incomparable.

Hearing the words of the Luotian Pope, Xu Nian simply smiled.

The reason he was able to comprehend so quickly was partly because his Power of Insight towards these attributes was originally very strong.

Moreover, having acquired the Dragon Veins had made his Power of Insight much stronger than before.

Thus, his comprehension speed was dozens of times faster than others.

This was also why Xu Nian, so young, could step into the threshold of two types of Profound Argumentations.

"How about it, are all matters handled?" Xu Nian looked up and asked the Luotian Pope.

"Almost, we can set off now," the Luotian Pope nodded.

Now that the Holy Daughter ceremony had been held, Hua Gesang had officially become the new Holy Daughter.

The Five Great Dharma Kings were temporarily in charge of the Luotian Sect.

As long as there were no attacks like the one at the Desolate Hall this time, there would be no problems.

"Then let's go!" Xu Nian nodded.

The Death God Domain was located in the Extreme North.

Their journey was not short, needing to cross a vast desert.

They also had to pass through the territory where the Stam Giant Clan lived.

Not to mention that the Death God Domain was fraught with danger, without Holy-level cultivation, one could not even reach the Death God Domain.

The Luotian Pope nodded.

Then the two of them swept toward the extreme north.

But shortly after Xu Nian and she left, two figures stood in the sky outside Rom City, watching them leave.

"Hall Master, they must be headed to the Death God Domain. What should we do next?" the Black Robed Emperor spoke.

Indeed, one of these two people was none other than the Black Robed Emperor who had attacked the Luotian Sect that day.

As for the other, if Xu Nian were here, he would definitely recognize him.

It was none other than Lin Ruolan, the Desolate Hall Master.

"This actually saves us a lot of effort. We attacked the Luotian Sect just to get the Great Brightness Stone. Now that the Luotian Pope personally carries the Great Brightness Stone to the Death God Domain, it's much more useful than us carrying it there," Lin Ruolan said with a slight smile.

"What does the Hall Master mean by that?" the Black Robed Emperor asked.

"Naturally, we follow them. There might be unexpected gains," Lin Ruolan maintained her slight smile.

Her smile was breathtakingly beautiful, but increasingly seductive.

The Immortal Qi that originally surrounded Lin Ruolan was now completely gone, leaving only an ultimate seductiveness.

Even the Black Robed Emperor beside her couldn't help but take an extra glance.

However, he seemed to remember something quickly and hurriedly withdrew his gaze, not daring to look anymore.

"Hall Master, that Xu Nian is extremely detestable, and his growth rate is terrifying. Nowadays, even fighters of the Half-Emperor level are no match for him. It is said that he also has a very powerful avatar. If we let him continue to grow like this, I fear..." the Black Robed Emperor spoke.

"You needn't worry about Xu Nian. He is my prey. This time you acted without permission, I haven't settled the score with you yet, and you dare to bring it up," Lin Ruolan's voice suddenly turned cold, glancing at the Black Robed Emperor beside her.

The Black Robed Emperor's body trembled suddenly, and his eyes became flustered.

"This subordinate knows his fault, I beg for your forgiveness," the Black Robed Emperor quickly begged for mercy.

"Hmph, I'll spare your life this time. But next time, if you dare to disobey my orders and take matters into your own hands again, I will banish you to the Dark Forbidden Land," Lin Ruolan snorted coldly, an aura of authority emanating from her.

Hearing Dark Forbidden Land, the Black Robed Emperor's body trembled again, and he quickly nodded in response, "Yes!"

Chapter 538: The Burial Ground

Extreme North.

It was a place of utter desolation.

Here, the sun never shone year-round, rendering it extremely cold.

Terrifying deadly winds filled the area, cutting against one's skin as if with knives.

Even the Battle King Level powerhouses could not withstand the assault of these horrific winds.

Moreover, with bad luck, one might even encounter spatial rifts.

Once swept into a spatial rift, even a Battle Emperor Level powerhouse would undoubtedly meet their death.

And now, Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope stood at the entrance to this Extreme North.

Before their eyes lay a canyon covered in perennial snow.

"This is the entrance to the Death God Domain," the Luotian Pope said. "Pass through this canyon, and you will see a massive space tear. Just enter the space tear, and you will arrive at the Death God Domain."

Xu Nian nodded upon hearing this.

Looking around at the harsh weather that could be described as severe.

He had not expected the Death God Domain to be located in such a place.

No wonder this place was known as a dead land, with such a harsh environment, it was hard to imagine what kind of dangers lay inside.

"What exactly are you looking for in the Death God Domain?" the Luotian Pope suddenly asked.

"Opportunity!" Xu Nian replied.

The Luotian Pope was taken aback.

This young man before her was already Tianhen Continent's most outstanding talent. If he followed the regular path of cultivation, no one would be able to surpass him.

Why take such a great risk to seek opportunity in such a desperate place?

"May I ask you a question?" Suddenly, Xu Nian turned his head to the Luotian Pope and inquired.

"What is it?" the Luotian Pope asked curiously.

"Sister Pope, what is your name?" Xu Nian asked earnestly.

The Luotian Pope was speechless for a moment, gave Xu Nian a white look, and then directly turned into a streak of light, rushing into the snowy mountain canyon.

With a faint smile, Xu Nian's figure also turned into a streak of light and followed.

As soon as he entered the canyon, Xu Nian felt the terrifying deadly wind hit him head-on.

The horrifying wind buffeted his body like numerous sharp blades, cutting Xu Nian's skin and leaving behind one white mark after another.

On the other side, the Luotian Pope directly activated the Great Brightness Stone to form a sacred Defensive Light Shield to fend off the terrifying winds.

When she turned to look at Xu Nian, she was surprised to find that Xu Nian had not activated any Defensive Light Shield.

Instead, he was bracing against the terrifying winds with his body.

Xu Nian's clothes were torn open with cuts all over.

The deadly winds striking his body caused him immense pain.

But he clenched his teeth and endured.

The Luotian Pope was taken aback.

She knew that Xu Nian was tempering his body with the deadly winds and was also trying to comprehend the Cutting Force of the Wind Attribute through his personal experience.

But she had not anticipated that Xu Nian would be so desperate in his cultivation.

She suddenly felt that Xu Nian's achievement in his cultivation at such a young age was not simply due to his extraordinary talents and good fortune.

Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope pressed on.

Along the way, Xu Nian encountered numerous spatial rifts.

These spatial rifts were obviously much larger than the ones he had previously created with Dimension Cutting.

And within these spatial rifts swirled powerful currents.

Once caught in the currents, even the most robust body would be instantly minced to nothingness.

Due to the fierce deadly winds, their speed was greatly reduced.

After enduring for a full two hours, Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope finally came to the end of this canyon.

At the end of the canyon was a huge space tear about twenty meters in length.

The terrifying winds were gushing out from this immense spatial rift.

And behind the spatial rift, there was darkness.

As if swallowing everything, it gave one an extremely oppressive feeling.

"Is this the Death God Domain?" Xu Nian stared at the vast space tear, murmuring in astonishment.

He really couldn't imagine what could have torn such a huge rift in space.

"That's right, this is the space tear. The ancestors of the Stam Giants emerged from here. As for what secrets are buried inside, no one knows, because those who went in never came back," the Luotian Pope said seriously.

Looking at the huge space tear before her, she also felt a bit daunted.

The aura emanating from behind the space tear was too horrifying.

Even she, a Battle Emperor level powerhouse, felt a little panic.

"Let's go in!"

Xu Nian said to the Luotian Pope.

The Luotian Pope nodded her head.

Since they were already here, there was no reason not to enter.

Xu Nian took the lead, charging straight toward the space tear.

The Luotian Pope followed closely behind.

The terrifying winds slapped directly onto Xu Nian's face.

The winds at the entrance of the space tear were clearly much more terrifying than those in the gorge.

In just a moment, Xu Nian's face and body were covered with dense bloodstains.

These were all wounds left by the winds blowing against him.

With Xu Nian's body at Four-star Body Saint level, these winds could easily slice through his skin.

It showed that their power was extraordinarily formidable.

Yet Xu Nian still braved the winds and charged into the entrance of the space tear.

Upon entering the space tear, Xu Nian immediately felt as if he had penetrated a thin membrane.

His entire being arrived in another space.

But when he saw the sight before him, he was stunned.

The Luotian Pope's figure also appeared, and when she looked forward, her cold and beautiful face also revealed an extremely shocked expression.

Where they stood was a bare and desolate hill.

And in front of them was a huge basin.

Within this basin, there were densely packed, numerous bones.

There were not ten million, then at least eight million of these bones.

The dense bones, crisscrossed and overlapping, were chilling to behold.

And these bones were clearly not just human; there were human bones, as well as Demon Beast bones.

There were even some bones of humanoid creatures.

Some of these bones even emitted a strong aura, obviously, they were very powerful beings in life.

"What a massive burial ground, how many people must have died to accumulate such a number of bones? Could a great battle have taken place here?" Xu Nian wondered aloud in surprise.

He had long heard that the Tianhen Continent was a Lost Land that had once been glorious.

But he had not expected it to be such a scene.

"Looking at the state of these bones, they should have been dead for over a thousand years. To be intact for a millennium, these beings must have been beyond the Battle Emperor realm before their demise," the Luotian Pope also remarked in amazement.

Even she was deeply moved by the sea of bones before her eyes.

"Ah, how could this be?"

At that moment, Xu Nian suddenly cried out in alarm.

The Luotian Pope's complexion also changed.

Because they discovered that they were unable to fly.

In other words, if they wanted to cross this expanse of bones, they had to walk step by step.

However, what surprised them even more was that the once long-dead bones were now coming to life, starting to crawl out from the soil.

Their eye sockets were all glowing with a deep green flame.

Chapter 539 Skull General

"Hiss hiss!"

The ground cracked open, piece by piece.

The white bones began to slowly crawl out from underground.

Their forest-green flaming eyes instinctively made one feel a sense of dread.

It was only a moment.

All the bones in the basin had risen and were advancing towards Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope.

"Damn it!" cursed the Luotian Pope.

His scepter constantly burst with holy light.

It scattered the bones trying to ascend the hill.

The Light Attribute of Star Purification was also the bane of these bones.

Thus, in the presence of the Pope, the bones were utterly unable to withstand a single blow.

However, even so, the number of bones was simply too great.

"What should I do now?" the Luotian Pope asked Xu Nian while dealing with the bones.

"What else can we do but fight our way through?" Xu Nian replied.

Having said that, he leaped down from the hill.

Circles of the Power of Earth materialized above his fists and he furiously smashed the ground.

"Boom!"

A loud explosion sounded.

Bones within a radius of a hundred meters instantly shattered.

Nearly a thousand bones were crushed under the terrifying Power of Earth.

The Luotian Pope also leaped down from the hill.

"Roar!"

The surrounding bones roared and began to frantically rush towards Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope.

Densely packed, the sheer number was hair-raising.

"I'll clear the way, you cover me." Xu Nian tossed these words at the Luotian Pope, his body surging with a terrifying blue lightning, as he charged towards the depths of the basin.

This process was domineering, decisive, and without hesitation.

Even the Luotian Pope was so stunned by Xu Nian's decisiveness that he instinctively obeyed Xu Nian's order.

The Luotian Pope flicked his feet on the ground, his figure turning into an afterimage as he quickly followed behind Xu Nian.

His scepter continuously erupted with light, eliminating any bones that got through.

Xu Nian, like a Killing God, rampaged through the bones.

Circles of the Power of Earth continuously surged on his fists, and with each punch, a large swath of bones was pulverized.

In this manner, Xu Nian led the Luotian Pope, killing nearly twenty miles ahead.

Yet, these bones seemed endless.

"Damn, how come we haven't reached the end yet?" Xu Nian cursed internally.

This spate of frenzied slaughter was also draining him significantly.

Had it not been for his Dual Cultivation of Spiritual Body and the support of the Power of Profound Argumentation, he probably would have collapsed from exhaustion long ago.

"These bones seem to be able to resurrect." Suddenly, the Luotian Pope pointed in one direction and spoke.

Xu Nian looked in the direction pointed out by the Luotian Pope.

He saw the bones he had smashed gradually gathering together and eventually forming new bones.

"Darn it."

Xu Nian swore loudly when he saw this scene.

It turned out his lengthy bout had been in vain.

"No, it gets even worse."

However, at that moment, the Luotian Pope pointed in another direction and spoke.

Hundreds, even thousands of white bones all gathered atop another, forming a gigantic white bone skeleton towering a hundred meters high.

Xu Nian nearly popped his eyeballs out at this sight.

Not only here but also behind where they had walked,

over ten Skull Giants had formed and had started charging crazily towards Xu Nian.

As these Skull Giants rampaged, each step they took caused the earth to quake and mountains to shake.

The rampage of a dozen Skull Giants created a sound that shook heaven and earth.

Most importantly, the aura emitted by these white bones was indistinguishable from that of a Saint Peak.

"Wentian Demon Sovereign said, "Xu Nian, this is the White Bone Immortal Locking Formation. You shouldn't fight it head-on. The more white bones you shatter, the more energy these bones absorb, making them even stronger."

"Why didn't you say so earlier?" Xu Nian said, exasperated.

He hadn't realized that these white bones were formed by a Great Formation, and that their power originated from his previous attacks.

"I didn't realize it either until just now. But it's not too late to tell you. You can still handle these Battle Saint Level white bones, as long as you don't shatter them, no Battle Emperor Level white bones will appear," communicated Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"How should we break the formation? Why have I walked twenty li but am still within the range of these white bones?" Xu Nian quickly asked.

Since it was a Great Formation, there must be a method to break it.

Only by breaking the Great Formation could they walk out of its influence.

"Breaking the formation will be difficult. You must find the core of the formation. Only by extinguishing the Array Core can you possibly get out of here," communicated Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Array Core? What would that be?" Xu Nian continued to inquire.

"If I'm not mistaken, it should be a skeleton. Among this Skull Army, there should be a Skull General controlling the army. If you can find it, you've completely succeeded," said Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian felt no relief.

Finding a Skull General controlling the skeletons among the Skull Army was no easy task.

If this Skull General looked different, it might be okay.

But if it looked the same, who could tell which one it was?

"You're spacing out, act now," the Luotian Pope said angrily, seeing Xu Nian lost in thought.

He then moved to activate his Light Magic Wand to annihilate the leading Skull Giant.

"Don't kill it, don't kill it. These skeletons will absorb our attack power; killing it will only make them stronger. Help me fend off their attacks first while I find the Skull General. Only by extinguishing it can we possibly get out," Xu Nian urgently advised.

The Luotian Pope paused, hesitant for a moment, but ultimately trusted Xu Nian's words.

He directly converged a Light Barrier using his spatial scepter.

"Boom!"

A Skull Giant punched fiercely towards the Light Barrier.

The entire Light Barrier shook violently, but it did not shatter.

The force from the Light Barrier blasted the Skull Giant away.

Seeing this, Xu Nian didn't hesitate at all.

He immediately activated the Gray Dragon Eye and began searching around.

With the Gray Dragon Eye activated, the entirety of the Skull Army had nowhere to hide.

However, finding one different skeleton among a million would take some time.

"Boom, boom, boom!"

The Skull Giants kept attacking the barrier and were repeatedly deflected.

The Luotian Pope maintained the barrier.

Although she was a Battle Emperor Level powerhouse,

facing the combined attack of over a dozen Saint Peak Level powerhouses without the ability to retaliate,

she still felt immense pressure.

"Have you found it?" the Luotian Pope turned and asked Xu Nian.

With her strength, she could only maintain the barrier for another 15 minutes.

After 15 minutes, the Light Barrier might shatter.

"I found it!"

Suddenly, Xu Nian's lips curled into a cold smile, his eyes fixed intently in one direction.

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Xu Nian's eyes flickered with a blue light.

Under his gaze, a small skeleton of about a hundred and six foot was hiding behind the Skull Army at that moment.

Xu Nian hadn't noticed it at first.

After all, just from its appearance, this skeleton had no differences from ordinary skeletons.

But soon, Xu Nian perceived something unusual.

This skeleton seemed extremely agile, several times more so than the other skeletons.

And its movements did not seem to be the mindless surging forward.

Instead, it darted around in the midst of the Skull Army without ever deliberately approaching Xu Nian and the others.

After noticing its anomaly, Xu Nian immediately locked on to it.

Sure enough, upon closer observation, he found that its eyes were not the green flames of other skeletons but were a golden pupil.

With this discovery, Xu Nian instantly determined that it was the Skull General.

"How interesting, I didn't expect the Skull General to look like this," Xu Nian mused with a light chuckle in his heart.

The appearance of this Skull General greatly differed from what he had imagined.

In his mind, the Skull General should be clad in golden Battle Armor, with a majestic aura.

Clearly, this Skull General was much more low-key than he had envisioned.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, the Luotian Pope also breathed a slight sigh of relief.

If Xu Nian didn't find that Skull General soon, she might have to step in and crush those Skull Giants.

"Boom!"

However, before Xu Nian and his companions could act, a loud noise resounded.

Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope immediately looked in the direction of the sound.

But the scene that met their eyes sent a sharp jolt through their hearts.

They saw that the dozen or so Skull Giants had actually begun to slaughter each other.

One Skull Giant directly smashed another with a punch and absorbed the fallen giant's power in the process.

The same scene happened repeatedly.

As other Skull Giants were killed, the giant committing the slaughter became increasingly powerful.

Not only did the giant's stature grow much taller, but its bones also began to turn a dark gold color.

"Buzz!"

A powerful Emperor Level presence burst forth from the Skull Giant, astonishingly formidable.

Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope were both shocked beyond measure.

"Damn it, that Skull General must know we've found him, so he wants to kill us with this Emperor Level Skull Giant," Xu Nian cursed.

The Luotian Pope also frowned slightly.

She could feel that the aura emanating from the Emperor Level Skull Giant was terribly formidable, not even inferior to her own.

"Roar!"

The Emperor Level Skull Giant let out a roar and then swung its terrifying fist at Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope.

Its movements were not the slightest bit sluggish due to its massive size but were even more fierce.

The power of this punch was absolutely terrifying.

Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope quickly retreated.

"Boom!"

Just as Xu Nian and the others had barely retreated,

The Skull Giant's fist slammed ferociously into the ground.

A huge pit formed instantly where the ground had been impacted.

Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope were also blasted back by the fist force's shockwave.

"I'll handle this Skull Giant; you go after that Skull General," the Luotian Pope transmitted to Xu Nian as she steadied herself.

Then her graceful body instantly shot out, wielding her scepter brilliantly, and launched an attack on the Skull Giant.

As the scepter's light burst out time and again, the Skull Giant's fists were also blocked over and over.

The Luotian Pope continuously used her Body Skill and the scepter to start a zigzagging fight with the Skull Giant.

Seeing this, Xu Nian no longer hesitated.

Xu Nian directly summoned the Immortal Sword and turned his head to strike at the Skull General.

The Skull General, seeing Xu Nian charging at him, quickly used the Skull Army to block his path.

However, Xu Nian was relentless, with the Immortal Sword slashing out in his hand.

A single sweep of the blade sent bones flying everywhere.

Soon, Xu Nian had made it to the Skull General's front.

The Skull General, realizing there was nowhere to dodge, burst forth with a powerful golden light from his body.

At this moment, his entire skeleton turned dazzlingly golden, as if it had been coated with a layer of gold.

"Clang!"

Xu Nian's Immortal Sword struck the Skull General, producing a sound akin to the collision of fine iron.

"Eh, how can this be, such hard bones?" Xu Nian thought in shock.

At this moment, the Skull General's bones were comparable to Divine Iron.

Xu Nian's Immortal Sword had only managed to leave a scratch on the Skeleton's bones and was unable to cut through.

Keep in mind, Xu Nian wielded an Immortal Sword infused with the power of the Dimension Blade, yet it merely injured the Skull General.

"Hum!"

Caught off guard by his astonishment, the Skull General immediately threw a punch at Xu Nian.

The fist was amassing a terrifying power and was incredibly fast.

Xu Nian was alarmed and quickly parried with his sword held sideways.

"Clang!"

The Skull General's fist collided with the flat of Xu Nian's sword.

Immediately, the sound resonated like a meteor crashing into a gong, a deep and thunderous bell tone.

Xu Nian also felt an incredibly terrifying force transmitting through the Immortal Sword in his hands.

Sent uncontrollably flying backward at high speed.

"What immense strength, this Skull General is truly adept at hiding his skills, his head is not large, yet his strength is hardly less than that of the Emperor Level Skull Giant," Xu Nian cursed inwardly.

The Skull General's punch had caused his arms to go numb.

If Xu Nian had been only a Spirit Cultivator, perhaps even if he had managed to withstand the punch, his arms would have been rendered useless.

Moreover, the most terrifying aspect was that the Skull General clearly possessed considerable intelligence.

"Hum!"

Just as Xu Nian was inwardly cursing.

A tremendously powerful wave suddenly came from behind.

The Skull General had taken the opportunity to circle behind Xu Nian, looking to deliver a fatal blow.

Seeing this, a strong rage surged in Xu Nian's eyes.

The Power of the Twelfth Rank Ancestor Vein and four Talent Phenomena erupted together, while a formidable Power of Earth instantly converged on his right hand.

The Blood-colored Dragon Scale Armor materialized at once, and he met the Skull General's punch with his own.

All these actions were carried out in one fluid motion.

"Boom!"

A thunderous noise like a clap of thunder.

Xu Nian's fist collided with the Skull General's.

Terrifying forces erupted, immediately scattering all the skeletons within a thousand-meter radius.

And Xu Nian, under the impact of this terrifying force, staggered back dozens of steps.

"So strong!"

Xu Nian thought to himself with a silent exclamation.

The very instant his fist met the Skull General's, it was as if he had punched an indestructible steel.

His entire arm was now intensely numb.

However, this wasn't what Xu Nian found most concerning.

What worried Xu Nian the most was.

All the energy released by his attacks had been absorbed by the surrounding skeletons, funneling into the Skull General before him.

That is to say, the Skull General grew stronger with battle!

While he was steadily depleting!