

Divine King 541

Chapter 541 Subduing the Netherworld King

Xu Nian took a deep breath.

Under the scrutiny of his Gray Dragon Eye,

he could clearly feel

a force continuously transferring from the earth into the body of the Skull General.

"It seems I'll need to think of a way to end this in one move," Xu Nian murmured to himself.

If the fight continued in this manner, the strength of the Skull General before him would become even more terrifying.

By that time, Xu Nian would truly only be left to be tormented.

"Clang, clang!"

At this moment, however, the Skull General knocked on its own arm, producing a metallic collision sound.

At the same time, it cast a mockingly human expression towards Xu Nian.

"Indeed, it possesses wisdom," Xu Nian cursed inwardly upon seeing this scene.

This Skull General was truly arrogantly audacious.

To actually dare mock him.

"Do you really think you've got me figured out?" Xu Nian asked with a cold laugh as he looked at the Skull General.

He knew the Skull General could definitely understand him.

Yet, the Skull General turned around and provocatively raised its pelvis towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was at once amused and exasperated.

This Skull General was actually using such a ridiculous method to show contempt for him.

Such a gesture was usually something only a child would do.

However, the underlying contempt in the gesture also sparked a grudge within Xu Nian's heart.

"It looks like I have to teach you a lesson or you'd really think I'm as helpless as a sick cat," Xu Nian's gaze turned icy in an instant.

A powerful vibration emanated from behind Xu Nian.

Then, the massive form of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast crawled out from the void behind Xu Nian.

Upon seeing the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, the Skull General's golden pupils initially showed a trace of surprise, then once again a look of disdain.

Xu Nian saw this and could not help but sneer.

"Whoosh!"

Suddenly, the Skull General's figure shot out at high speed, becoming a golden blur, and charged straight for Xu Nian.

Its speed was actually a bit faster than before.

"Hum!"

The Skull General swung its fist, directly shaking the surrounding space.

With that punch, even if Xu Nian could take it, his arm would likely be crippled.

"Boom!"

However, before it could reach Xu Nian,

the Undying Devouring Sky Beast slammed down with a palm, brutally smashing the Skull General into the ground.

The Skull General was taken aback by this sudden attack from the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

As it climbed out of the pit, it shook its head and then glared at the Undying Devouring Sky Beast with anger in its eyes.

Xu Nian watched this and let out a cold laugh.

"How about it? Can't accept it? This is my avatar," Xu Nian said with a slight smile.

Upon this, the Skull General erupted with rage, shooting up and directly attacking the avatar of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The bloody eyes of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast flashed with a hint of chilliness.

And it blasted out with a punch.

"Boom!"

The body of the Skull General was instantly sent flying by the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The Skull General was hurled a thousand zhang away before stopping.

Yet before it could stand up, a huge claw of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast pressed down on it harshly,

instantly rendering it immobile.

The Skull General attempted to struggle, but no matter what, it couldn't break free from the hold of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The Skull General's combat strength was close to that of a One-star Battle Emperor Level.

But it was still somewhat inferior to an actual One-star Battle Emperor.

In the presence of an Undying Devouring Sky Beast, comparable to a One-star Battle Emperor Level,

the Skull General naturally stood no chance.

"Do you submit?" Xu Nian asked with a cold sneer.

The Skull General arrogantly turned his head to one side.

Xu Nian saw this scene and a faint smile appeared on the corner of his mouth.

Then, a terrifying fluctuation began to emerge from the palm of his hand.

As the fluctuation from Xu Nian's palm spread out, the Skull General's expression finally changed.

He looked at Xu Nian with a face full of horror.

Xu Nian slightly smiled.

At this moment, the fluctuation contained within Xu Nian's palm was his Soul Power.

And this Soul Power was naturally lent to him by the Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Xu Nian kept moving his palm towards the Skull General.

The Skull General's eyes became filled with immense fear.

"Don't kill me, don't kill me."

However, just as Xu Nian's palm was about to press onto its head,

A childish voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian paused, and the hand that was about to press down on the Skull General's head also stopped.

"Are you the one talking?" Xu Nian asked, surprised, looking at the Skull General.

"Yes, it's me talking; please don't kill me. I'm so scared of the fluctuations in your hand," the Skull General's childish voice rang out again.

Xu Nian was speechless.

This Skull General's voice sounded just like that of a child.

"Hmph, I won't kill you, but how do we get out of this formation?" Xu Nian asked coldly.

"Just let me go, and I can dispel the formation," the Skull General hastily replied.

"Why should I believe you? What if I let you go and you go back on your word afterward?" Xu Nian questioned again.

"That won't happen; I, the Netherworld King, always keep my word and absolutely will not renege," the Skull General communicated telepathically.

"Netherworld King?" Xu Nian was taken aback.

This Skull General actually gave itself a name like Netherworld King; it seemed really full of itself.

"Xu Nian, subdue it; keeping it may be very useful," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian was startled; he had not expected Wentian Demon Sovereign to suddenly say this.

"This little fellow might be weak now, but it has developed Spiritual Wisdom, which shows it's extraordinary. Perhaps it won't become the Netherworld King now, but one day, if it grows strong enough to open the Hell Gate, it could truly become the Netherworld King. Then you would have the entire Netherworld army at your disposal," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice continued in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian was astonished.

This little fellow is this powerful?

If this little fellow could really become something like the Netherworld King, then perhaps taking it in would be a good choice.

So Xu Nian immediately said to the Skull General, "I can let you go, but you must recognize me as your master."

The little guy hesitated, but when Xu Nian pressed his palm down a little,

It agreed without hesitation.

"Buzz!"

A strand of Spiritual Sense fluctuation came forth, flying into Xu Nian's mind.

Suddenly, Xu Nian's mind was connected with the Skull General.

As long as Xu Nian wished it, he could utterly disperse the soul of the Skull General.

"Netherworld King pays respects to the master!"

Xu Nian released the Netherworld King, and it immediately knelt down before him.

"Hmm, first dispel this formation," Xu Nian said while looking up at the Luotian Pope still battling in the sky.

"Yes, master!" The Netherworld King immediately responded.

Following that, a flash of golden light shone from its eyes, and then all the surrounding Skull Soldiers fell to the ground.

The Skull Giant also dissipated accordingly.

Peace returned to the surroundings.

The distant Luotian Pope also breathed a sigh of relief upon seeing this scene.

"Buzz!"

However, just then, a green light burst from Xu Nian's Dantian.

The green light directly entered the Netherworld King's forehead.

And formed a green lotus flower in its brow.

At this moment, the Netherworld King had reverted to its skeletal appearance.

Golden pupils, with a blooming green lotus at the forehead.

The Netherworld King looked exceptionally eerie at this moment.

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Xu Nian looked at the Green Lotus on the Netherworld King's forehead with a look of astonishment.

He couldn't understand why this was happening.

The beam of green light had definitely flown out from his Dantian, but it was not under his control.

Moreover, with the appearance of the Green Lotus mark, Xu Nian didn't feel any change in himself.

When he asked the Netherworld King, the king also said he felt no change.

This made Xu Nian somewhat baffled.

How could the Green Lotus mark appear out of nowhere?

Regarding this, Xu Nian consulted the Heavenly Demon Sovereign Wentian.

Even the Heavenly Demon Sovereign Wentian didn't know but was sure that it was caused by the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus Battle Technique.

Xu Nian thought long and hard, but couldn't figure it out.

In the end, he chose to give up.

If Emperor Ye Tian were conscious now, he might be able to explain a thing or two.

After all, Emperor Ye Tian had a certain understanding of the cultivation technique created by the Green Emperor.

Not being able to comprehend it, Xu Nian could only suppress the doubts in his heart.

Up to now, there were many secrets on his body that he couldn't figure out.

Such as the Kun Cave in the Black Jade, the Wordless Heavenly Scripture that merged into his soul,

And the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus Battle Technique.

Even the true power of his Divine Demon Refining Body Technique had not been fully unearthed.

All these questions could only wait to be unraveled as his cultivation gradually grew stronger.

At this moment, the Luotian Pope had already flown over.

When he saw the Netherworld King standing by Xu Nian's side, his eyebrows subconsciously furrowed.

The Netherworld King abruptly hid behind Xu Nian.

Clearly, the aura of Great Brightness from the body of the Luotian Pope made it somewhat fearful.

The Netherworld King was, after all, a product of evil.

Its life stemmed from these bone-like Yin spirits and belonged to the attribute of darkness.

Thus, the Luotian Pope's brightness was the exact constraint for it.

Of course, the Netherworld King's aura of darkness also gave rise to an unpleasant feeling in the heart of the Luotian Pope.

"Do you want to keep it?" the Luotian Pope asked with furrowed brows.

"Yes!" Xu Nian nodded affirmatively.

"It was born from the Yin spirits within these dry bones and goes against the natural order. If you keep it, it will harm your fortune and bring calamity," the Luotian Pope said.

Fortune, though ethereal, always existed.

This is the reason why there is good end for the kind and retribution for the wicked.

It all involved fortune.

Doing good deeds accumulated merit, and fortune would become stronger.

Committing evil deeds would bring sins, and fortune would gradually be consumed by these sins.

"No worries, my fortune doesn't fear being consumed," Xu Nian said with a smile, yet his tone was incredibly firm.

He believed in fortune, but at the same time, he didn't.

Having decided to keep the Netherworld King, he wouldn't worry about it harming his own fortune.

Seeing Xu Nian disregarding her advice, the Luotian Pope frowned.

In the end, she let it be.

Since Xu Nian himself didn't care, why should she persist?

"Should we continue forward?" the Luotian Pope looked toward the edge of the basin that had begun to reveal itself in the distance.

With the disappearance of the formation, the edge of this bone-burial land also emerged.

"Let's go!" Xu Nian nodded.

However, before they had taken a few steps, Xu Nian felt someone tugging at the hem of his robe.

"Eh?" Xu Nian turned his head to look and saw that it was the Netherworld King who was tugging at him.

The Netherworld King looked at Xu Nian with a fearful expression and asked, "Master, do you plan on going deeper?"

"Yes, is there something wrong?" Xu Nian asked.

The Luotian Pope also looked toward the Netherworld King, his eyes filled with bewilderment.

"The master had best not go. It's extremely dangerous inside. There are a few especially fierce guys in there. With the master's strength, he's absolutely no match for them. Going there would be a death sentence," the Netherworld King said outright.

Xu Nian's expression became serious upon hearing this.

Clearly, to make the Netherworld King so afraid, there must have been unimaginable dangers lurking deep within.

"Netherworld King, who are these few guys you're talking about?" Xu Nian asked.

"I also don't know. They have been there since I was born. They are terrifying. Several times I tried to approach, I was scared away by their presence. I can confirm that it would be a piece of cake for them to kill me. So, Master, you must not go any further," the Netherworld King said with a worried face.

Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope exchanged glances.

Their eyes became grave.

To have existed since the Netherworld King's birth, hadn't they been around for a very long time?

Despite the Netherworld King's child-like mentality, he had been here for thousands of years, his mind simply developing more slowly.

Naturally, Xu Nian couldn't possibly abandon his intention to delve deeper just because of the Netherworld King's words.

After all, having made it this far, there was no reason not to press forward.

"Netherworld King, don't be afraid. Stay behind me, and I'll make sure no harm comes to you," Xu Nian said to the Netherworld King.

The Netherworld King nodded.

However, his face still bore a trace of worry.

Xu Nian chuckled and exchanged a glance with the Luotian Pope, then continued to sweep toward the depths.

With the Netherworld King's warning, Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope also became more cautious.

After all, the Netherworld King's formations had already given them headaches for quite some time.

They naturally had to be more careful now.

"Whoosh whoosh!"

However, as Xu Nian and the others soared over the basin for not too long,

they were stunned by the scene that met their eyes.

In front of them was a colossal mountain range.

In the center of the mountain range, there was a gap.

And this gap was the only path leading to the depths.

Yet, at this moment, the gap was thoroughly blocked.

Blocking the gap was an immense white shape.

This white entity, hundreds of meters in length and nearly three meters in diameter, coiled there like a small mountain.

Its entire body was white scale armor, rigid as if cast from steel.

Although this giant snake was sleeping at the moment, the aura it emitted was incredibly terrifying.

A dense imperial might wafted from the white snake.

"A One-star Holy Realm Peak Level Emperor Level Demon Beast, and it also possesses Divine Beast Bloodline of the Red Water Emperor Snake?" the Luotian Pope exclaimed in shock.

Xu Nian also displayed a surprised look.

It was his first time seeing an Emperor Level Demon Beast.

Moreover, within this giant snake coursed the Bloodline Power of the Taigu Nether Dragon.

Such a fearsome creature's strength was definitely no less than that of an average Two-star War Emperor.

"It seems there really is some trouble," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

Now the path was blocked by the giant snake.

They were unable to fly, so this gap was the only way they must pass through.

But to defeat such a giant snake, even if Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope joined forces, they would likely have a slim chance of victory.

The Netherworld King even took a few steps back, scared.

Clearly, the aura of the Red Water Emperor Snake made him feel a strong sense of dread.

"Buzz!"

Yet, just as Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope were feeling perplexed,

the previously motionless giant snake slowly opened its eyes, its cold and bloodthirsty pupils reposed chillingly on Xu Nian and the others.

At that moment, Xu Nian suddenly felt as if being engulfed by darkness, making their scalps tingle.

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Chapter 543 Red Water Emperor Snake

Red Water Emperor Snake.

It is a descendant of the Taigu Blood Dragon, which is ranked sixth among the Nine Great Ancestor Dragons.

Among the Demon Beasts, it is an extremely terrifying existence.

This Demon Beast is particularly daunting, especially its body, which is as hard as metal.

Xu Nian's Dragon Scale Armor was transformed from the Dragon Energy of the Taigu Blood Dragon.

At present, Xu Nian has four types of Dragon Energy in his body.

They are the Ice Frost Giant Dragon ranked fifth, the Taigu Blood Dragon ranked sixth, the Taigu Dragon ranked seventh, and the Taigu Nether Dragon ranked ninth.

The ability given to Xu Nian by the Ice Frost Giant Dragon is the control of Xuan Ice.

This ability isn't very strong for Xu Nian at the moment.

However, once Xu Nian comprehends the Water Attribute High-level Profound Argumentation Ice Domain, the Xuan Ice ability bestowed by the Ice Frost Giant Dragon will be greatly enhanced.

As for the Taigu Blood Dragon, it granted Xu Nian the hard armor.

However, due to the still rarefied Dragon Energy, it currently only covers the range of one arm.

As for the Taigu Dragon, it granted Xu Nian a pair of Gray Dragon Eyes.

With subsequent strengthening, the Gray Dragon Eyes will undergo a sharp change and will possess more power.

Regarding the Taigu Nether Dragon, it granted an enhancement to Xu Nian's Gang Qi.

However, because Xu Nian's cultivation improved too quickly, the boost from the Taigu Nether Dragon has become extremely weak.

So now, if Xu Nian wants these Dragon Energies to function, he must absorb more Dragon Energy.

Clearly, the Red Water Emperor Snake before him is like a large tonic herb for Xu Nian.

Of course, all this is predicated on whether he can kill this Red Water Emperor Snake.

"Hiss!"

The Red Water Emperor Snake spat out a snake-shaped tongue, and after scanning Xu Nian and Luotian Pope with a pair of blood-red eyes, its gaze fell back on Xu Nian.

There was a moment of astonishment, followed by a surge of greed in its eyes.

Xu Nian, with his Nine Dragons Supreme Body, naturally possesses a powerful deterrent to the Demon Beasts of the Dragon Clan.

But it is also a fatal attraction.

Devouring Xu Nian would greatly purify their bloodline.

They might even transform into a True Dragon as a result.

Therefore, upon its first sight of Xu Nian, the Red Water Emperor Snake felt the Dragon Energy emanating from him.

Although this Dragon Energy induced an instinctual fear, it aroused even more greed in its heart.

"Buzz!"

The massive body of the serpent began to transform, taking on the form of a middle-aged man dressed in white.

The middle-aged man was tall and slender, but his body exuded a wildly feral aura.

It was as if standing before him wasn't flesh and blood but a War God forged from metal.

"I, Taro, have waited so many years, and to think I would encounter such an intruder. Human boy, I can feel the rich Ancestor Dragon Energy within you, a force that makes my blood boil. I bet your flesh is exceedingly delicious," the middle-aged man said to Xu Nian.

As he spoke, he flicked his crimson tongue, conveying a ferocious impression.

"You want to eat me?" Xu Nian's eyes flared with anger, and suddenly the power of the Nine Dragon Supreme burst forth as he bellowed, "Kneel before me!"

As Xu Nian's momentum erupted,

The middle-aged man in front suddenly felt a thick terror welling up from deep within his bloodline.

His legs went weak, and he knelt on one knee on the ground.

Xu Nian smiled upon seeing this scene.

It seemed that the Power of the Nine Dragons Supreme was still effective.

However, his smile soon froze.

Because he saw that the Red Water Emperor Snake was slowly standing up again, its face bearing a brilliant and savage smile.

"Truly, the bloodline of the Dragon God Supreme. I have no idea how a human could possess such a bloodline, but soon yours will nourish my transformation into a dragon," said the middle-aged man excitedly.

Xu Nian's brow furrowed.

He had not expected that even his Nine Dragon Supreme Bloodline would not be able to suppress the Red Water Emperor Snake.

One reason was that Xu Nian's bloodline had not yet fully awakened.

The second reason is that the Red Water Emperor Snake had already broken through to the Emperor Realm, and with imperial might within it, it could now neutralize most of the bloodline suppression.

It seemed that relying solely on bloodline suppression was completely ineffective against the Demon Emperor before them.

The Luotian Pope at the side also furrowed her brows tightly.

Although she didn't know what exactly attracted the Demon Snake in front of her to Xu Nian,

she could hear that the Demon Snake had set its sights on Xu Nian.

This was not good news for her.

There was an alliance between her and Xu Nian; if Xu Nian were to be killed, she would likely not escape disaster either.

The only option now was a tough battle.

"Buzz!"

The Great Brightness Stone was activated, and a strong holy light emanated from the Scepter of Light.

Instantly, it enshrouded the Luotian Pope in a layer of sacred gauze.

This Light Guardian Gauze from the Great Brightness Technique of the Luotian Sect provided extremely powerful defense.

Clearly, the Luotian Pope was not adept at close combat.

So if her opponent suddenly closed in on her, it would be over.

The middle-aged man saw the light fluctuations around the Luotian Pope and revealed a slight smile.

"Human woman, rest assured, I will not harm you, you're quite attractive. I have been here for thousands of years and haven't tasted a woman in a long time. After I devour this boy, let's celebrate properly," said the middle-aged man, looking at the Luotian Pope with a light laugh.

A greedy look appeared in his eyes.

The Luotian Pope's beauty and stunning figure had long tempted him.

It was just that the temptation from Xu Nian was greater, which is why he hadn't shown his intentions from the start.

Hearing these words, the Luotian Pope's gaze also turned ice-cold in an instant.

The saying that snakes are inherently lustful was not wrong at all.

If she couldn't kill this Demon Snake, her fate would likely not be much better than Xu Nian's.

It could even be more miserable.

"Let's attack together, with all our strength," said the Luotian Pope.

"That goes without saying," Xu Nian's eyes also surged with a strong will to fight.

An Immortal Sword appeared in his hands, and a fierce Profound Argumentation spread from his sword.

The Luotian Pope's Scepter also erupted with blinding light.

A palpitation-inducing fluctuation came through.

Upper-class Profound Argumentation of the Light Attribute, Light Annihilation.

Capable of exploding with extreme energy beams, piercing through everything.

"Buzz!"

As the Scepter surged, an energy beam shot out in an instant, speeding towards the middle-aged man.

"Seeking death!"

Seeing this, the middle-aged man's mouth curled into a sinister grin.

His legs bent slightly, and his muscle meridians instantly swelled.

"Boom!"

With a loud noise, the ground beneath his feet burst open.

His entire figure turned into a violent wind, charging at an extreme speed toward the Luotian Pope.

The speeding light beam was directly dodged by his formidable physique in mid-air.

The terrifying beam hit a distant mountain wall, causing an earth-shattering explosion.

It blasted a huge hole in the mountain wall.

However, before the Luotian Pope could launch a second attack, the Demon Snake's figure had already reached her.

The Luotian Pope was startled and quickly retreated.

With a cold laugh, the Demon Snake's right hand transformed into terrifying claws, reaching for the Luotian Pope.

"Clang!"

However, the claws were fiercely blocked by a sharp sword.

As it turned out, Xu Nian's figure had already appeared in front of the Luotian Pope.

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"Clang!"

Claws struck against Xu Nian's Immortal Sword, emitting a sound like colliding fine iron.

Xu Nian was also sent flying by the terrifying force transmitted from the claws.

However, this process also bought some time for the Luotian Pope to retreat and once again widen the distance from the Demon Snake.

The plan between the Luotian Pope and Xu Nian was simple: one would engage in close combat and the other would attack from a distance.

Clearly, Xu Nian's task was to hold off the Demon Emperor.

While the Luotian Pope was to use Light Annihilation on the Demon Snake, hoping to seriously injure it.

"Just with you also think to stop me? Since you want to die first, then I shall fulfill your wish," the Demon Snake coldly huffed. Its pair of blood-red vertical pupils fixed on Xu Nian, directly charging towards the retreating Xu Nian.

This time, it swung its fist, bringing terrifying power as it smashed toward Xu Nian.

The might contained in the fist caused the entire space to tremble violently.

A single punch like this could explode a mountain.

Feeling the terrifying aura bearing down on him, Xu Nian didn't dare to be the slightest bit negligent.

He used all of the Four Great Innate Phenomena and Twelfth Rank Ancestor Vein Power.

His momentum soared to the extreme.

Because this place belonged to the spatial cracks of the world, already outside the bounds of the Tianhen Continent.

Thus, the Emperor's restrictions did not bind the Demon Snake at all, and it could attack Xu Nian as it pleased.

"Mixed Element Slash!"

Xu Nian bellowed, and his Immortal Sword immediately struck down.

Without any hesitation, Xu Nian used the strongest sword technique he had.

Sword light cleaved through the air, instantly turning into a cyan Sword Radiance.

The middle-aged man, seeing the surging Sword Radiance, was also stunned for a moment.

Obviously, he did not expect Xu Nian to unleash such a terrifying sword technique.

However, he didn't dodge at all but directly punched towards Xu Nian's Sword Radiance.

"Boom!"

An earth-shattering explosion.

Sword Radiance was directly shattered under the middle-aged man's punch.

Although the middle-aged man had caught the sword, the force of Xu Nian's Sword Radiance pushed him back.

The middle-aged man's body flew backward rapidly; the white Scale Armor on his fist showed a fracture line.

This fracture was caused by Xu Nian's sword, but it did not reach his bloodline.

"Light Judgment!"

However, before the middle-aged man could steady himself, he heard the Luotian Pope's roaring voice.

Then he saw an enormous Light Sword descending rapidly from the sky, striking directly at his abdomen.

"Boom!"

The huge Light Sword with the middle-aged man crashed to the ground, and the earth instantly collapsed.

The surrounding mountains and soil were annihilated under the influence of this terrifying shockwave.

The horrific light energy transformed into a terrifying energy storm, rippling outwards like ripples.

Even Xu Nian was pushed back several steps by the terrifying energy fluctuation.

The power of this sword was absolutely terrifying.

If his true self took this sword head-on, he would undoubtedly be dead.

However, Xu Nian's face showed no sign of relaxation.

It was impossible for the Demon Snake to be so easily killed, despite the horrifying power of the sword.

As expected, as the energy dissipated,

A massive crater appeared in front of Xu Nian and the others.

But the middle-aged man was standing in the middle of it.

His clothes were a bit tattered, yet his body was covered with an extremely tough white Scale Armor.

At this moment, the surface of the Scale Armor was also scarred, but not shattered.

Only a faint trace of blood hung at the corner of his mouth.

"It seems that it didn't sustain heavy injuries."

Both Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope's expressions changed upon witnessing this scene.

They hadn't expected that their strong attack would fail to inflict substantial damage on the Demon Snake.

"Not bad, the attack was indeed powerful. Had my Scale Armor not been incredibly tough, that strike would have actually killed me," the middle-aged man said with a vicious smile.

He gently wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth, his eyes gleaming with amusement.

Xu Nian and the Luotian Pope, however, had serious looks in their eyes.

It appeared that their opponent was even more difficult to deal with than they had imagined.

"Boom!"

However, at that moment, a beam of golden light suddenly burst out from the soil beneath the middle-aged man's feet.

Then, a fist smashed directly into the middle-aged man's abdomen.

"Pugh!"

Before the middle-aged man could protect himself with his Scale Armor, he was blasted away by the punch, blood spurting from his mouth.

His body slammed into the mountain wall behind him, creating a large crater.

The golden light that had struck didn't hesitate but rapidly pursued the middle-aged man.

It sought to inflict further damage while he was injured.

Indeed, this golden light that had suddenly emerged from underground was none other than the Netherworld King whom Xu Nian had just subdued.

Xu Nian had anticipated that killing this Demon Snake wouldn't be easy.

Thus from the very beginning, he had instructed the Netherworld King to burrow underground and wait for the right moment to attack.

To Xu Nian's surprise, the Netherworld King's strike was successful.

Without its Scale Armor for protection, the Demon Snake's body, strong as it may be, still suffered at the hands of the Netherworld King's quasi-One-Star Level attack.

However, the Demon Snake's injuries weren't too severe; it looked at the attacking Netherworld King, anger flashing in its bloody pupils.

Scale Armor surged forth from the Demon Snake's arms.

Then, pulling his body out of the crater, the Demon Snake threw a punch at the oncoming Netherworld King.

"Boom!"

A loud noise echoed.

The Netherworld King was no match and was sent flying by the overpowering force behind the punch.

Yet, the Demon Snake didn't seem to want to let things go and roared before leaping up and swinging its fist down towards the Netherworld King as it flew backward.

The force of this punch was enough to shatter the Netherworld King's skull.

However, at the critical moment, an arrow tore through the air, piercing straight through the Demon Snake's chest, nailing its body back against the mountain wall.

"Thud!"

The Demon Snake's right chest was penetrated, and the Xuan Ice Sword injured its lung.

It couldn't help but cough up a few mouthfuls of blood.

The bright red blood also stained its white scales.

Xu Nian, who was at a distance, saw this scene and a hint of a smile appeared in his eyes.

He had been waiting for this arrow for a long time.

Although the Ice Arrow he used was just an ordinary one.

But don't forget, this Ice Arrow was infused with the soul of a dragon.

Otherwise, the mere power of the Netherworld King Bow and Xuan Ice Arrow wouldn't be enough to penetrate the Emperor Level Demon Beast's Scale Armor.

The sword containing the True Dragon Soul carried with it a powerful Soul Attack Effect.

The Demon Snake let out a wail, clearly in immense pain from the dragon soul's assault.

But it quickly expelled the dragon soul from its body and forcibly pulled out the Ice Arrow lodged in its chest.

Looking at Xu Nian again, a thick Killing Intent could be seen in its eyes.

A mere human had managed to injure it to this extent.

This was beyond the scope of what it could tolerate.

"Human, if I don't eat you alive today, I swear not to be a snake," roared the Demon Snake.

Then, the full aura of a One-star Demon Emperor Peak burst forth, and it rapidly lunged towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian watched the incoming Demon Snake with no trace of fear in his eyes.

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"Meet your doom!"

The Demon Snake roared, swinging its fist with terrifying power.

In that punch, it harbored the immense force of the Destruction Tide.

Indeed, the Red Water Emperor Snake was a Water Attribute Demon Beast.

And the power it had comprehended was precisely the Water Attribute Destruction Tide Profound Argumentation.

When deployed at this moment, its power was naturally immense.

"Xu Nian, be careful!"

The Luotian Pope hastily warned.

The punch from the Demon Beast was so terrifying that even she might not be able to fend it off with all her might.

However, Xu Nian showed no fear whatsoever.

Just as the fist of the Demon Beast was about to strike Xu Nian,

a beast claw suddenly reached out from the Void and blocked the punch of the Demon Snake.

"Boom!"

A thunderous sound shook the heavens.

The immense force of the collision instantly sent the Demon Snake reeling back.

Meanwhile, beside Xu Nian's original form, a massive Demon Beast stepped forth.

The Demon Snake, observing this suddenly appearing huge beast, also had a serious look in its blood-red vertical pupils.

Indeed, the one who intervened was the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

Among all of Xu Nian's methods, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast undoubtedly had the strongest power.

Had Xu Nian released the Undying Devouring Sky Beast from the start, the Demon Snake would have been cautious.

How could Xu Nian possibly take advantage of the Demon Snake's underestimation to injure it?

Only by initially concealing the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, first striking the Demon Snake, then letting the Undying Devouring Sky Beast take action, was there a chance to defeat the Demon Snake.

Thus, each step of this battle was within Xu Nian's plan and was perfectly proceeding according to his scheme.

Against a weak enemy, one may crush them effortlessly,

but facing a strong one and relying on brute force alone was literal suicide.

"Unexpectedly, you still have a Demon Beast avatar, what a powerful beast; its bloodline is probably not inferior to that of a True Dragon," said the middle-aged man as he looked at the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, also with a greedy light in his eyes.

He hadn't expected this human before him to possess such a Demon Beast avatar.

Whether eating this human or this Beast Avatar,

he could possibly evolve into a True Dragon.

If he devoured both, he might even become stronger.

"Hmph, a True Dragon? Even the Ancestor Dragon can't measure up to me, let alone you, a mere snake, thinking of devouring me?" The Undying Devouring Sky Beast snorted coldly in response.

Although the soul of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast was Xu Nian, it had inherited the arrogance of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

Thus, in its eyes, the Red Water Emperor Snake was naturally a lowly existence.

Hearing the words of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, the Demon Snake's eyes also flashed with anger.

"Hmph, no matter how strong your bloodline is, if you haven't broken through to Emperor level, you are still destined to become a meal in my belly, meet your end!" The Red Water Emperor Snake shouted angrily.

Then, it attacked the avatar of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast once again.

This time, it directly transformed into its true form, its colossal snake body rapidly moved forward, opening its huge maw to bite at the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

Seeing this, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast's cold eyes flashed with a fighting spirit.

Its wings flapped, and it dashed forward in an instant.

Those sharp claws reached fiercely for the seven-inch spot of the Demon Snake.

Striking a snake at its seven-inch spot is never wrong.

Clearly, Xu Nian intended to attack the Demon Snake's weak point.

However, the Demon Snake was quite cunning, never exposing its back to the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

Using its nimble Body Skill, it continuously skirmished with the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

Thus, the advantage of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast was completely negated, its claws striking only shallow marks on the scales of the Demon Snake, unable to break through.

Of course, the attack of the Demon Snake couldn't break through the Scale Armor of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

So it continuously whipped the Undying Devouring Sky Beast with its tail to try to inflict shock damage.

Both Demon Beasts fought fiercely together.

However, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast was not gaining the upper hand.

Seeing this scene, Xu Nian's eyes also flashed with a hint of solemnity.

If the Undying Devouring Sky Beast were to be defeated, then he would have no choice but to use the "Earth God Devouring Sky."

But in doing so, his true body would need a long time to recover from the injuries.

"Xu Nian, I can cast the Light Attribute 'Light Enhancement' Profound Argumentation, which can enhance the strength of your avatar. Do you need me to cast it?"

However, just at that moment, the voice of the Luotian Pope rang in Xu Nian's mind.

Xu Nian was stunned.

Light Enhancement?

That was a low-level Profound Argumentation of the Light Attribute.

Though it was a low-level Profound Argumentation, its power was not small.

Once cast, the caster's speed, strength, and agility would receive a tremendous boost.

Xu Nian was just surprised that the Luotian Pope knew this third kind of Light Profound Argumentation.

"Cast it quickly, but not on my avatar, use it on my true body," Xu Nian quickly responded.

The Luotian Pope was stunned.

The strength of Xu Nian's true body was not comparable to that of his avatar. If it had been cast on his avatar, it might have surpassed the Demon Beast.

But to cast it on his true body seemed like a total waste!

However, when she saw the look in Xu Nian's eyes, she chose to trust him.

She began silently activating the Light Enhancement Profound Argumentation.

What Xu Nian didn't expect was that the Luotian Pope's comprehension of Light Enhancement Profound Argumentation was not low, having already reached the Profound Argumentation Threshold.

With the addition of the Great Brightness Stone,

Suddenly, a powerful beam of light cast itself upon Xu Nian.

Xu Nian only felt a warm surge through his body, followed by a strong force welling up from deep within.

It was as if the hidden potential within him had suddenly been unearthed.

The vast majority of Spiritual Energy he had exhausted by casting Mixed Element Slash was now also replenished.

At this moment, Xu Nian felt himself filled with endless power.

Even greater than the enhancement he had received from activating the Four Great Innate Phenomena and Twelfth Rank Ancestor Vein Power.

"Buzz!"

Without hesitation, Xu Nian once again stimulated his Talent Phenomenon and Ancestor Vein Power.

In an instant, Xu Nian's aura skyrocketed to a terrifying level.

Now, Xu Nian was certain.

His power no longer fell short of a One-star Battle Emperor; in fact, it surpassed that of a typical One-star Battle Emperor.

"Amazing, this is Light Enhancement, it actually doubled my strength again and without any side effects," muttered Xu Nian in awe, a joyful expression appearing on his face.

"Xu Nian, Light Enhancement can only last for 15 minutes," the Luotian Pope transmitted to Xu Nian as a reminder.

"15 minutes? That's enough!" Xu Nian grinned lightly and immediately grabbed the Immortal Sword in his hand and swept toward the giant snake.

At that moment, the avatar of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast was firmly entangled by the giant snake.

It could not move at all.

"Buzz!"

However, just then, a Sword Radiance directly slashed down from the sky.

"Boom!"

With a loud noise, the scales on the giant snake immediately burst open.

Blood gushed, skin and flesh split open.

The giant snake let out a painful cry, turning its head to look up at the sky.

When it saw Xu Nian's figure actually standing in mid-air, its eyes instantly emitted a fierce light.

Chapter 546: Mad Devouring

Xu Nian's figure stood in mid-air.

Although this space could not predict flight,

he could still manage to keep himself suspended in the air for a short while with the help of the wind force.

Looking at the wounds he had inflicted on the Demon Snake, a smile also appeared on Xu Nian's lips.

"The power of Kun Cave really works well. Next, I'm going to let you taste the agony of lingering death," Xu Nian thought coldly to himself.

Looking down at the huge snake below, a dense killing intent flashed in his eyes.

His cultivation had now reached the peak of Eight-star War Saint, so naturally, he could draw more power from Kun Cave than before.

Moreover, his previous sword strike had also incorporated the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation.

It could be said that its power was absolutely terrifying.

The scale armor of the Demon Snake, no matter how strong, absolutely could not withstand it.

This was also the reason Xu Nian had the Luotian Pope strengthen his main body instead of his clone.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian swung down another sword.

With a swing of his sword,

the Demon Snake's scale armor was once again torn apart by Xu Nian.

Brutally tearing a huge gash across the scale armor, blood flowed profusely.

"Roar!"

The Demon Snake let out a pain-filled roar.

Its eyes filled with endless fury as it looked at Xu Nian.

Then, the Demon Snake prepared to abandon its attack on the Undying Devouring Sky Beast and turned to charge toward Xu Nian himself.

However, before it could launch forward, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast bit down on the giant snake's body.

Simultaneously, Space Binding was deployed, firmly keeping the Demon Snake's form in place.

"Roar!"

The Demon Snake roared, trying to break free from the spatial binding.

However, the Space Binding was too strong, and it was impossible to break free in a moment.

"Good chance!"

Seeing this, Xu Nian immediately turned into a streak of light, swiftly moving towards the seven-inch area of the Demon Snake.

The Immortal Sword in his hand shimmered, and an unprecedented sharp aura emitted from the sword.

The power of Kun Cave overlapped with the Mixed Element Slash.

This was definitely the strongest and most terrifying strike Xu Nian had ever delivered.

"Pfft!"

The Immortal Sword slashed across the snake's seven-inch area, cutting several feet into the neck of the giant snake and leaving a deep, bone-visible gash.

"Roar!"

The giant snake went into a rage, howling up at the sky.

This strike had almost ended its life.

Blood streamed incessantly from the wound, causing it immense pain.

"Once more!"

Seeing this, Xu Nian's eyes lit up.

With one more hit, he could sever the head of this giant snake.

By then, even if it were a Battle Emperor Level powerhouse, it definitely could not survive.

"Enough, you're looking for death!"

However, just as Xu Nian charged towards the giant snake, it suddenly went into a frenzy.

A terrifying water attribute force burst forth from its body.

Even the Undying Devouring Sky Beast was sent flying by the horrifying water wave.

The Spatial Binding on the giant snake naturally shattered at this moment.

The giant snake, looking at the charging Xu Nian, flashed a hint of malice in its eyes.

A tail whipped fiercely.

In an instant, Xu Nian was flung away.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's body directly slammed into a wall.

Creating a huge deep pit.

His body felt as if it were falling apart in pain.

A tail lash from a Battle Emperor Level Demon Beast was not to be taken lightly.

"I'm going to eat you."

However, before Xu Nian could recover, the giant snake had already reached him.

Opening its huge gaping mouth, it swallowed Xu Nian in one bite.

Xu Nian only saw darkness before his eyes, then his body was quickly compressed by a strong oppressive force as it moved deeper into the snake.

"Damn, I've actually been swallowed."

Xu Nian quickly realized what was happening.

He hurriedly mobilized Spiritual Energy to form a Defensive Light Shield.

Because he could feel a sticky substance corroding his body.

However, the Defensive Light Shield was useless, as it was directly corroded by the sticky substance, creating a large hole.

Xu Nian wanted to swing the Immortal Sword, but the space was too cramped, he couldn't even lift his arm, let alone swing the sword.

"No, at this rate, I'll be completely corroded," Xu Nian anxiously muttered to himself.

But now, trapped inside the belly of the Demon Snake, his body was tightly compressed, leaving him completely immobile.

And that sticky substance had begun to corrode his body, causing him a painful sensation.

"Damn, what should I do?" Xu Nian pondered to himself.

Suddenly, Xu Nian thought of a plan.

He directly summoned the God King Tripod.

As soon as the God King Tripod appeared, the snake's belly was forcibly expanded.

Xu Nian also felt his body suddenly loosen up, giving him some space to maneuver.

But only for a moment.

The Demon Snake seemed to understand Xu Nian's intention and tried to squeeze out the God King Tripod.

"Now is the moment!"

Xu Nian immediately mobilized the Kun Cave Power and slashed with his sword.

"Puchi!"

The Demon Snake's abdomen was instantly slit open, revealing a huge wound.

Outside, the Luotian Pope, seeing Xu Nian being swallowed, hurriedly prepared to take action.

However, before she could act, she saw the giant snake writhing in pain on the ground.

This left her momentarily stunned.

Xu Nian had slit the belly of the great snake but did not crawl out.

Instead, from that wound, he pulled out a blood vessel.

"Hmph, since you dared to swallow me, I'll make you pay the price," Xu Nian sneered coldly and bit directly into the snake's blood vessel.

The blood vessel burst open, and blood sprayed wildly.

Xu Nian did not dodge, instead, he began to guzzle it voraciously.

Inside his body, the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique was operating at full speed.

In just a moment, Xu Nian had consumed a large amount of the Demon Snake's blood.

The power within the blood was rapidly assimilated by Xu Nian using the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique.

The giant snake, in pain, continuously rolled, causing rocks to shatter under the lash of its tail.

Yet, the giant snake was powerless against Xu Nian.

At this moment inside its body, it could only mobilize Spiritual Sense Attack.

However, Xu Nian was protected by the Heavenly Gang Pearl, completely unaffected.

In this way, the giant snake could do nothing but watch helplessly as Xu Nian devoured its vital blood, bit by bit.

This state lasted for a full ten hours.

Finally, the giant snake, completely exhausted, collapsed.

Throughout, it begged Xu Nian for mercy countless times, yet Xu Nian was relentless.

In the end, the snake's vital blood was completely drained by Xu Nian.

But Xu Nian was cultivating the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique, which digested rapidly.

Otherwise, the energy within the blood would have been enough to burst his body.

After a fierce suction lasting ten hours, Xu Nian's body turned incredibly crimson.

Inside his body, the Blood Qi roared like a hundred thousand thunderstorms, endlessly rolling.

His Divine Demon Refining Body Cultivation soared rapidly.

It skyrocketed from the peak of Four-star Body Saint directly to the peak of Nine-star Body Saint.

Not only that, the Taigu Blood Dragon Qi inside the giant snake was also absorbed by Xu Nian.

At this moment, the trace of Blood-colored Dragon Energy inside Xu Nian had grown from the thickness of a carrot hair to that of a little finger.

"Roar!"

Terrifying dragon roars continuously emanated from within Xu Nian.

And Xu Nian felt a force swelling within him, as if something was about to burst forth.

"Ah!"

Finally, amid Xu Nian's painful screams,

A ferocious Blood-colored Scale Armor surged out from within his body.

The Blood-colored Scale Armor covered Xu Nian's entire body, even completely covering his face.

"Puchi!"

With a fierce tear of Xu Nian's dragon claw, the wound on the Demon Snake was instantly ripped open further.

Xu Nian then crawled out from the belly of the giant snake.

Upon seeing the Scale Armor on his own body, Xu Nian was also stunned.

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He saw a blood-red scale armor perfectly fit his body.

It didn't affect his movements at all, and the scale armor had grown from inside his body.

It was just like a part of him.

Not only that, but the hardness of the scale armor was also far tougher than before.

According to Xu Nian's estimate, its toughness probably wasn't inferior to the white snake scales of the Emperor Level Demon Beast.

The Luotian Pope, watching from a distance, showed an extremely surprised expression on his face seeing Xu Nian covered in blood-colored dragon scales.

When Xu Nian had just emerged, he thought he was some kind of monster.

A closer look revealed it was Xu Nian.

But how could Xu Nian have dragon scales on his body?

And these dragon scales seemed terrifyingly powerful.

Standing there, he caused a strong visual impact, almost like an extremely fearsome killing machine.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian clenched his fist, directly causing the air to burst.

At this moment, he felt filled with limitless strength.

Rising from a Four-star Body Saint to the peak of Nine-star Body Saint was a tremendous leap.

Xu Nian was eager to try out his own strength.

He slightly bent his legs, and his body shot out like an arrow leaving its bow.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian punched towards a mountain wall.

A thunderous roar echoed as the entire mountain wall exploded instantly.

The mountain collapsed thunderously.

The Luotian Pope, watching this scene from a distance, was dumbfounded.

How had Xu Nian's strength suddenly increased so much?

Right now, Xu Nian's heart was also filled with immense excitement.

Now his physical strength was incredibly powerful, so strong that it made him feel an urge to roar up at the sky.

If he were to face the Demon Emperor at this moment, Xu Nian believed that even in hand-to-hand combat, he wouldn't fall under.

"What would the power be like if I use the Earth Fist in this state?" Xu Nian muttered to himself.

However, he gave up on trying it out.

The Earth Fist was extremely powerful; if he used it in this state, he feared a single punch might split the earth.

After all, this was the Death God Domain, and Xu Nian didn't want to cause too much commotion.

"Did your body cultivation suddenly break through to Five Stars?" asked the Luotian Pope, flying next to Xu Nian, incredulously.

"Yeah, my physique is a bit special. I can absorb the Dragon Clan's bloodline to enhance my physical strength. I just absorbed all the bloodline power of this Demon Snake. A breakthrough to Five Stars with an Emperor Level Divine Beast Bloodline Demon Beast shouldn't be too shocking, right?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

He didn't hide it from the Luotian Pope.

But he also didn't tell the whole truth.

The Luotian Pope looked utterly astonished.

So there really was such a physique in the world, no wonder the Demon Snake desperately wanted to eat Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, however, paid no attention to the Pope's expression and walked over to the giant snake.

At this moment, the giant snake was already breathless.

Having its bloodline power fully consumed by Xu Nian, how could it still be alive?

As for its soul power, it had also been absorbed by the Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Thunk!"

Xu Nian directly pulled apart the snake scales and reached his arm into the giant snake's head.

Then, he pulled out the Demon Core.

With the core extracted, it immediately emitted powerful fluctuations.

A Demon Core from an Emperor Level Demon Beast was an invaluable treasure in the outside world.

After all, how many could hunt such a Demon Beast, and even if they could...

Who among such beings would actually sell it?

Xu Nian joyfully stored the Demon Core into his storage ring.

He would keep this Demon Core for now, perhaps it would be of great use when he broke through to the Battle Emperor Realm.

Having seen all this, Xu Nian turned back to the Luotian Pope and said to her, "The body of this giant snake contains many treasures, aren't you going to take some?"

Luotian Pope walked up to the Demon Snake too, taking some snake scales and the snake gallbladder.

Xu Nian smiled slightly. After all, Luotian Pope had accomplished quite a bit.

It was only right that she got her share.

"Can I take some as well?" Netherworld King popped out his head and asked.

"Sure!" Xu Nian nodded with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Netherworld King immediately became overjoyed.

He ran straight to the head of the Demon Snake.

This guy was even more straightforward—he directly dismantled the giant snake's skull.

He absorbed the bone marrow strength from inside the skull.

And as Netherworld King absorbed it, the aura emanating from his body became even stronger.

His bones even became harder, and a faint luster began to emit from their surfaces.

Xu Nian could confirm that Netherworld King had officially ascended to the Battle Emperor Realm.

"Interesting, so this is how you cultivate. It looks like in the future, I'll need to find you more powerful bones to work with," Xu Nian said with a laugh.

On hearing that, Netherworld King hurriedly nodded his head in excitement.

His bare white teeth were revealed in what seemed to be a smile, but it gave off a spine-chilling vibe.

Xu Nian laughed helplessly and put away his own dragon scales.

But just as he took them back, Xu Nian felt something was off.

He looked down and felt a chill.

Looking ahead, he saw Luotian Pope staring at him with a stunned expression.

"Oh no, I forgot my clothes were corroded." Xu Nian cursed silently in his mind.

He hurriedly took out a new set of clothes from his storage ring and got dressed.

Luotian Pope also felt her face growing hot.

Although she was in her thirties, she had never been involved in romantic affairs.

She hadn't even touched a man's hand.

Now, seeing Xu Nian's body, she was somewhat at a loss.

No matter how she tried to divert her attention, the image would still pop up in her mind.

She really hadn't expected that part of a man to look like that.

And it seemed a bit... large!

Xu Nian got dressed and was also somewhat unable to look Luotian Pope in the eye.

For a moment, the atmosphere became quite awkward.

However, Xu Nian took this opportunity to dismantle the giant snake's body and store it piece by piece in his storage ring.

After finishing all this, Xu Nian turned to Luotian Pope and asked, "Shall we continue moving forward?"

Luotian Pope had regained her composure by then and nodded, "Yes, my spiritual energy has recovered, we can move on."

Xu Nian nodded and led the way with Netherworld King at the front.

Luotian Pope followed behind Xu Nian.

Netherworld King, after the recent battle, seemed a bit bolder.

He wasn't scared anymore.

He even took the initiative to lead the way.

The journey onward was quiet.

When Xu Nian and his party passed through the mountain gorge, the scene before them once again stunned them.

There was a massive altar ahead.

Countless iron chains were twisted around the altar.

And on those chains was a person bound.

This person was sitting cross-legged, with disheveled hair, tattered clothes, and unmoving.

However, a strong aura emanated from this person's body.

It was certain; this person was a supremely powerful being.

"Master... Master?" Luotian Pope stared intently at the person, excitedly calling out.

Xu Nian was also startled.

Was this Luotian Pope's master?

The former pope of the Luotian Sect?

Chapter 548: Yan Sha's Promise (Extra Fourteen)

Xu Nian looked at the Luotian Pope beside him with a surprised face.

He had never expected the situation to be like this.

If the beggar-like figure before him was really the previous generation's Luotian Pope, then the state of the Luotian Pope was simply too miserable.

At this moment, the Luotian Pope was also extremely agitated, her eyes becoming moist.

Then she rushed forward.

Xu Nian hurriedly tried to hold her back.

However, he was shaken off by the Luotian Pope.

"Master!"

The Luotian Pope hurried over.

But just as the Luotian Pope was about to reach the prisoner,

The prisoner suddenly looked up and struck the Luotian Pope in the abdomen with a palm.

The Luotian Pope was instantly sent flying backward.

Xu Nian quickly caught the Luotian Pope.

At this moment, the Luotian Pope had a trickle of fresh blood spilling from the corner of her mouth.

But she did not care about her own injuries and stared at the prisoner in front of her, pleadingly asking, "Master, it's Shasha, don't you recognize me?"

"Roar!"

However, a fierce roar was the response she received as the prisoner flailed wildly, as if intending to devour the Luotian Pope.

Xu Nian frowned at this scene.

In that instant, he saw that the pupils of the prisoner before him were white.

She had obviously gone mad.

"Is she really your Master?" Xu Nian asked incredulously.

"I am certain, she is my Master. I have been an orphan since childhood, following her from the age of six. She raised me as her own. In my heart, she is like my mother. So, no matter how she changes, I would recognize her," the Luotian Pope said excitedly.

Xu Nian nodded upon hearing this.

It seemed that the prisoner was indeed the previous Luotian Pope.

But Xu Nian was somewhat puzzled as to how the previous Luotian Pope could have ended up in such a state.

The Luotian Pope also seemed out of sorts, clearly not expecting her own Master to have become a madwoman.

Seeing her Master in this state, she felt a surge of pain in her heart.

"Wentian Demon Sovereign, can you make sense of this?" Xu Nian asked in confusion, turning to Wentian Demon Sovereign for help.

Wentian Demon Sovereign had just consumed the Demon Snake's soul and was in the process of digesting it, thus he hadn't been paying attention to the outside.

Now, hearing Xu Nian's inquiry, he released his soul power to investigate.

"This is a kind of sacrifice. It must be carried out with a powerful life. Once the sacrifice is successful, a powerful evil spirit will be summoned. The evil spirit will descend upon her body, seizing her flesh. Of course, another situation may also occur—if the owner's will is too strong and the evil spirit does not completely devour the sacrificial victim, this sort of stalemate would occur," said Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Sacrifice? Evil spirit? So are you saying that the previous Luotian Pope is currently battling an evil spirit, which is why she seems insane?" Xu Nian asked, astonished.

"Yes, but such resistance is generally futile. Your woman has clearly been holding on for ten years, and she's close to the end of her rope. Once the last bit of her soul is devoured, she will completely turn into an evil being," Wentian Demon Sovereign continued.

Xu Nian's brows furrowed tightly.

He hadn't expected the situation to be so severe.

And it was evident that the Luotian Pope had a deep bond with the previous Pope.

If she hadn't witnessed it, it might have been better, but to see her own Master transformed into an evil entity with her own eyes...

She might not be able to accept it and completely collapse.

This gave Xu Nian a headache.

Although he had only a fleeting association with the Luotian Pope, they had been through two life-and-death experiences together.

He didn't want her will to collapse here.

Besides, she was the one he had brought in, so he had to ensure her safe exit.

"Is there any way to save her?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

The only option was to seek the help of the Wentian Demon Sovereign. With his knowledge, there had to be a way.

"It's difficult to save her. First of all, the fact that she has managed to hold on for ten years is quite rare; her soul has become very weak. Meanwhile, the Evil Spirit has become stronger over those ten years, so she could become demonized at any moment. If we must talk about saving her, the only way is to enter her Mud Ball Palace and help her destroy the Evil Spirit. But even so, her soul is so weak that she might not live much longer," replied the Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Xu Nian frowned upon hearing this.

Enter the Mud Ball Palace, defeat the Evil Spirit?

And still not be certain of reviving the former Pope?

This immediately caused Xu Nian a headache.

After thinking it over, Xu Nian decided to tell the Luotian Pope everything.

"I must save my master; I'll enter her Mud Ball Palace right away."

As expected, upon hearing Xu Nian's words, the Luotian Pope stood up and declared.

"I should be the one to go. Even the Soul Power of your Master couldn't defeat that Evil Spirit; you would only be going to your death," Xu Nian said, holding back the Luotian Pope.

"But your Soul Power is weaker than mine; wouldn't you be going to your death as well? Besides, this is my Master; you don't need to take this risk for me," the Luotian Pope directly refused.

Xu Nian shook his head, "No, since I'm the one who brought you here, I naturally can't let you get hurt. Moreover, if you were to fail, I would still have to face death if the Evil Spirit took control of your Master's body. Also, I have soul-related protective artifacts that have a restraining effect on Evil Spirits. I stand a better chance if I go."

"But..."

The Luotian Pope still hesitated.

Xu Nian simply waved his hand, sat down on the ground, and commanded, "You will be my protector."

Seeing the determined look on Xu Nian's face, the Luotian Pope finally nodded firmly and said to Xu Nian, "If you can save my Master, I'll do anything you ask of me; my life is yours."

Xu Nian was shaken, and sinister images surfaced in his mind.

However, he quickly suppressed them and couldn't help but give the Luotian Pope a white look.

At this time, she was still a distraction.

Then, Xu Nian closed his eyes and began to gather the Spiritual Sense Power.

In fact, Xu Nian's offer to volunteer wasn't because he was very confident.

When it came to dealing with the Evil Spirit, Xu Nian really had no confidence at all.

In truth, he was gambling.

The protection of the Heavenly Gang Pearl was ultimately limited.

What Xu Nian could only hope for was the Wordless Heavenly Scripture.

The Light Characters that had merged into his soul couldn't possibly be useless.

Perhaps this confrontation with the Evil Spirit would uncover some functions of the Wordless Heavenly Scripture.

Then Xu Nian stopped pondering and calmly controlled his Soul Power, rushing towards the brow of the former Pope.

"Om!"

Xu Nian's Spiritual Sense Power turned into a golden light and shot directly into the brow of the former Pope.

Watching this scene, the Luotian Pope also began to pray silently, "Xu Nian, you must succeed. My Master has been like a mother to me, and I absolutely cannot watch her die like this. If you truly can succeed, I, Yan Sha, will definitely keep my word!"

Chapter 549: The Spirit of Evil

Xu Nian's Spiritual Sense Power drilled into the center of the forehead of the previous pope and went directly into it.

The strength of the previous pope had already reached the Three-star Battle Emperor Realm.

That was two levels higher than Yan Sha.

To think that even the soul of such a powerful being was being suppressed by the Evil Spirit.

It was apparent that the Evil Spirit was stronger than the previous pope.

It must be extremely difficult to deal with.

"So cold!"

As soon as Xu Nian entered the previous pope's Mud Ball Palace, he felt a terrifying chill.

This chill made Xu Nian's soul tremble.

Xu Nian looked around and noticed a cold black qi swirling all around.

Seeing this, Xu Nian knew that the condition of his Master Yan Sha was very grave.

The Mud Ball Palace was nearly completely occupied by the Evil Spirit by now.

Probably as soon as he had entered the Mud Ball Palace, the Evil Spirit had detected him.

Xu Nian cautiously made his way deeper into the Mud Ball Palace.

Within the dense black fog, Xu Nian always felt as though a pair of eyes was constantly watching him.

Finally, Xu Nian reached the depths of the Mud Ball Palace.

He saw a platform ahead where an old crone-like woman was sitting cross-legged.

This woman's appearance was identical to that of Master Yan Sha.

Surrounding her was an invisible energy shield.

The dark, evil qi around was continuously attacking the invisible shield, seemingly trying to break through it.

It seemed that after prolonged assault, the shield had become extremely thin and even seemed on the brink of collapse.

It could fall apart at any moment.

The figure inside also seemed somewhat ethereal, and her mental state did not seem very lucid.

Just like Wentian Demon Sovereign had said, Master Yan Sha was close to burning out.

Seemingly sensing someone approaching, the crone struggled to open her eyes.

When she saw that it wasn't an Evil Spirit, but a youth instead, she obviously hesitated for a moment.

"Who... who are you?" the old crone asked with difficulty, her voice carrying a trace of agedness.

"I'm here to rescue you, I'm Yan Sha's friend, and she's right outside," Xu Nian hurriedly replied.

The old crone was already at the end of her strength, her will on the verge of collapsing at any moment.

Once it collapsed, there really would be no hope of saving her.

So when Xu Nian mentioned Yan Sha, it was to encourage her to hold on to her desire to live.

To enable her to endure longer.

Sure enough, when Xu Nian mentioned Yan Sha's name, the old crone's spirits visibly lifted.

Her eyes looking at Xu Nian also became much clearer.

Suddenly, as if she thought of something, the old crone quickly said to Xu Nian, "Go quickly, you're no match for it, tell Yan Sha to leave the Death God Domain, hurry!"

The old crone was very agitated.

Xu Nian frowned upon hearing this.

He hadn't expected the old crone to react so strongly.

"Ha ha, leave? Since I allowed him to come in, how could I possibly let him leave so easily? Feng Lan, originally draining you would have taken a few more days, but his arrival changes everything. As soon as I devour his Soul Power, you'll be completely no match for me."

Before Xu Nian could reply, a strange laughter echoed around.

Then a woman shrouded in black qi appeared beside the old crone, watching Xu Nian with a sinister smile.

Seeing this Evil Spirit, the old crone's eyes immediately filled with a strong fury.

Xu Nian also observed the Evil Spirit.

He could feel an ancient aura emanating from her.

It was clear that she was a Resentful Spirit who had long been dead, summoned back into existence through some sort of sacrificial rite.

Xu Nian didn't know who had set up the ritual, or why they had summoned this evil spirit.

"Is that the evil spirit?" Xu Nian said, looking at the woman shrouded in black smoke.

"Evil spirit? Yes, you could say I am an evil spirit, boy. Do you have any last words before you die?" the woman in black said with a smile, looking at Xu Nian.

In her eyes, the young man before her was merely a delicacy that had come knocking on her door, and soon his soul would become her nourishment.

"Last words?" Xu Nian said with a slight smile.

It seemed that this evil spirit was indeed arrogant, not considering him a threat at all.

But that was understandable. Here he was, a Holy Realm-level warrior, daring to break into the Mud Ball Palace occupied by an evil spirit that even a Three-star Battle Emperor couldn't confront. It was undoubtedly a death wish.

Of course, that was for ordinary Holy Realm warriors.

Based on Xu Nian's soul state, he was indeed only at the level of a Half-Emperor Level soul.

However, with the enhancement of the Heavenly Gang Pearl, Xu Nian's soul power had also reached the level of a One-star Battle Emperor.

Although this was nothing compared to that evil spirit, it was still at an Emperor Level.

Furthermore, Xu Nian's soul had merged with the Wordless Heavenly Scripture. He believed he would definitely not be easily devoured by the evil spirit.

"Kid, you still seem unconvinced. You must understand, it's your honor to become my food. As soon as you arrived here, I had already noticed you. Neither your soul nor that woman outside will manage to escape," the evil spirit said with a cold laugh.

Her smile was particularly hideous.

The former Pope clenched her fists, her eyes filled with endless anger.

She yelled at the evil spirit, "Release them, and I will offer my body entirely to you."

However, upon hearing this, the evil spirit only sneered.

"Are you begging me? It seems you really care about that girl outside. But it's too late to say these things now. I suddenly find the soul of this boy before me very special. I believe that if I can devour him, my soul will certainly become even stronger. So your pleas are useless now," the evil spirit sneered in response.

Hearing this, the former Pope's eyes grew even more angry and resentful.

Xu Nian stood to one side, silent, while he tried to mobilize his soul power, ready to attack.

"Hmph, boy, still trying to resist? You're seeking death!"

The evil spirit suddenly turned towards Xu Nian, her eyes filled with mockery.

Xu Nian's slight movement had not escaped her notice.

The evil spirit transformed into a shadowy silhouette and instantly appeared in front of Xu Nian.

A sharp claw reached straight for Xu Nian's chest.

Xu Nian's face changed, and he condensed a hammer out of Spiritual Sense Power in his hand.

He immediately employed the Ten Thousand Divine Hammer Technique.

"Boom!"

There was an explosive sound.

The hammer in Xu Nian's hand burst instantly, and he was thrown flying backward.

Meanwhile, the evil spirit only took two steps back, steadying her form.

"Kid, you've got some skills, but you're still going to die," the evil spirit snorted coldly.

Then she transformed again into a dark streak of light and attacked Xu Nian.

In her hand was a blade formed out of black soul power.

She slashed at Xu Nian with it.

If this blade struck, Xu Nian's soul might really be split in two.

"Damn, why isn't the Wordless Heavenly Scripture responding?" Xu Nian cursed inwardly.

He had been relying on the Wordless Heavenly Scripture.

If it didn't respond, his only option would be to seek help from the Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Hum!"

But just as Xu Nian was feeling desperate,

a golden light burst forth from within him.

Next, a golden glyph appeared above Xu Nian's head, blocking the evil spirit's black blade.

"What!"

The evil spirit's black blade shattered the moment it struck the golden glyph, and her soul origin was sent flying by the impact of the golden light.

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At this moment, Xu Nian's entire body was enveloped in golden light.

He appeared as holy as if a Buddha had descended to the world.

Xu Nian looked at the golden light surging over his body, his face revealing a delighted expression.

Ever since the last time, when the "light characters" from the Wordless Heavenly Scripture fused into his soul, his soul had undergone a transformation.

The soul origin turned into myriad dazzling colors.

It was also from that time that Xu Nian discovered he had an extremely strong affinity for every attribute.

However, other than this change, there seemed to be no other changes in the soul aspect.

Therefore, Xu Nian was eager to take this opportunity to see what changes had occurred to his soul.

As he had guessed, he wasn't wrong.

The attack of the Evil Spirit triggered the Wordless Heavenly Scripture within his soul origin.

At this moment, Xu Nian could clearly feel the immense power bestowed by the light characters.

With the protection of these light characters, Xu Nian's soul could be said to have gained a thick layer of armor.

There was no need to worry about sustaining even the slightest injury.

Not only that, but he could also feel that under the blessing of these light characters, his soul power had become incredibly strong.

"What's going on here?" The Evil Spirit had already stood up from the ground.

When she saw the golden light flowing over Xu Nian's body, her face displayed an extremely astonished look.

She had already felt that this youngster's soul seemed unusual, but she hadn't expected this sort of situation to occur.

Her attack was not only blocked but she herself had even been blown away.

The face of the former Pope also showed an astonished expression.

It was obvious that he had not expected this young man to be able to withstand the attack of the Evil Spirit.

"Do you still think you can kill me now?" Xu Nian's lips curled into a subtle smile.

At this moment, with the blessing of the golden characters, his soul was filled with endless power.

"Boy, who exactly are you?" the Evil Spirit asked coldly.

At this point, she had already sensed a threat emanating from Xu Nian.

"Who I am is not important, what's important is, you will disappear from this world," Xu Nian said with a faint smile.

Having said that, his figure flashed, and he instantly appeared in front of the Evil Spirit.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's fist, wrapped in golden light, smashed directly into the Evil Spirit's abdomen.

The speed was so fast that even the Evil Spirit did not react in time.

"Boom!"

The body condensed by the Evil Spirit's soul was instantly blown away.

"Damn it, how did this brat suddenly become so strong?" the Evil Spirit cursed inwardly.

However, before she could finish her thought, she saw Xu Nian's figure appear right beside her.

The mocking look on Xu Nian's face sent a chill through her heart.

"Seeking death!"

The Evil Spirit shouted, the Black Blade in her hand condensed, and she directly slashed at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian merely smiled slightly, disregarding the Black Blade completely.

Instead, his fist went straight for the Evil Spirit.

The Evil Spirit was stunned; this kid was actually not defending.

But soon she understood why the youngster in front of her had abandoned defense.

As her Black Blade struck his soul, it was as if it had hit a piece of metal.

It did not bring any harm to the young man at all.

"What?" The Evil Spirit was immensely shocked inside.

But soon, she had no time to be shocked.

Because Xu Nian's fist was already coming straight at her face.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's fist struck the Evil Spirit's soul.

In an instant, the Evil Spirit's soul trembled violently, teetering on the brink of collapse.

Even as a Soul Body, when subjected to such an intense attack, one still felt immeasurable pain.

Moreover, the agony of the soul was clearly much greater than any pain borne by a physical body.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The Evil Spirit was seething with rage inside.

Yet, Xu Nian's fists did not stop, continuously pounding upon the spirit's form, each blow resounding with a vibrating echo.

The former Pope, watching from a distance, wore a look of surprise on her face.

Having struggled against the Evil Spirit for nearly ten years, she was well aware of its formidable strength.

But now, this very spirit was being beaten fiercely by this youth.

How could this not astonish her?

At this moment, Xu Nian also felt an indescribable exhilaration—the power bestowed upon him by the Wordless Heavenly Scripture was indeed too great.

To the extent that his entire soul was in a state of excitement.

"Boom!"

A thunderous Sky Explosion rang out.

The soul-form body of the Evil Spirit before him was directly shattered by Xu Nian, dissipating into black smoke within the Mud Ball Palace.

However, Xu Nian did not let down his guard; he knew the Evil Spirit was not dead.

"Kid, you can't kill me. I have already occupied the entirety of the Mud Ball Palace. Even if you destroy the soul-form body I have consolidated, I can still reconstitute it. And your soul has not received any replenishment—I don't believe you can keep this up with me," the voice of the Evil Spirit echoed throughout the Mud Ball Palace.

Xu Nian subconsciously furrowed his brow.

Indeed, the Evil Spirit had occupied the entire Mud Ball Palace.

Even if its soul was shattered, it could still reform.

Unless its true Soul Origin was found, killing it would indeed be extremely difficult.

"Young man, you should leave. Don't blame me; I believe you have the strength to fight your way out. Tell Shasha for me, I am very happy to have her as a disciple. Take her and leave this Death God Domain," Wu Fenglan said to Xu Nian.

"I promised her I would take you out, and I won't give up until the end. Since his Soul Origin is hiding, then I will ferret it out," Xu Nian decisively answered.

Having said this, he immediately sat down cross-legged on the spot.

As Xu Nian settled into his seated position,

The golden Light Characters from the Wordless Heavenly Scripture once again emerged.

A powerful surge of golden light radiated from Xu Nian's being.

The golden radiance surged outward like a flood in all directions.

As the golden light swelled, all the surrounding black, icy soul mists were dispelled by it.

"How can this be? How can this happen? Stop it now!"

The Evil Spirit's roar resounded within the great hall.

If this black soul mist continued to be dispelled,

Then the Evil Spirit's Soul Origin would be utterly exposed without any place to hide.

And its power would also be greatly diminished.

Xu Nian, hearing the Evil Spirit's roar, revealed a cold smile.

"I'm going all out!"

As the black mist continued to be dissolved,

The Evil Spirit let out a piercing screech, attacking Xu Nian once again.

Seeing this, a clearer smile formed on Xu Nian's face.

Suddenly, a burst of golden light shot from his eyes.

A Golden Sword materialized in his hand.

With a single Sword Stab, it pierced through the Evil Spirit's Soul Origin's chest.

"No..."

The Evil Spirit looked at the Golden Sword piercing through him, its face filled with intense reluctance.

However, the golden light continued to blaze, ultimately obliterating the Evil Spirit's Origin completely.

After a long ten years of struggle, it was unimaginable that it would fail completely, just a single step away from success.

Wu Fenglan also stood in a daze as she released the Defensive Light Shield around her.

But at that moment, a holy golden light fell upon her,

Instantly making her already unstable soul full and vital once more.

