

Divine King 551

Chapter 551: Bizarre Request

Bathed in the golden light, Wu Fenglan felt her originally weak soul origin actually recover a significant amount.

She was extremely startled in her heart.

What in the world was this golden light that could restore her weakened Soul Power?

And who exactly was this youth?

How could he wield such formidable strength,

to the extent that even an Evil Spirit of the Three-star Battle Emperor Level was no match for him?

"Hum!"

The golden light dissipated.

Xu Nian's soul also returned to its original appearance.

In fact, Xu Nian himself did not know what this golden light truly was.

But he did know that, with the state of his soul now, he could only harness the power of a single golden character.

Perhaps as his Soul Power continued to grow, the golden characters he could control would increase as well.

"Senior, are you alright now?" Xu Nian saw Wu Fenglan's soul become much more solidified and a smile also appeared on his face.

"Yes, thank you for saving my life, I am much better now," nodded Wu Fenglan in response.

Hearing this, Xu Nian also let out a sigh of relief.

Finally, it was resolved.

In this way, a great merit was accomplished.

"Now that you have recovered, I will take my leave," Xu Nian said.

After speaking, he flew directly out of Wu Fenglan's Mud Ball Palace and returned to his own body.

Outside, the Luotian Pope was waiting anxiously.

Several times, she could not help but want to leave her body and rush into her Master's Mud Ball Palace.

But in the end, she gave up.

Because a voice in her heart told her to trust Xu Nian.

"Hum!"

Feeling the return of Xu Nian's Soul Power, Yan Sha hurriedly asked in anxiety, "How is it? How is my Master now?"

Xu Nian slowly opened his eyes and, looking at Yan Sha with a smile, said, "Do you think I would fail when I step in?"

Yan Sha, upon hearing Xu Nian's words, finally relaxed her tense expression and took a deep breath.

"Really? So my Master is okay?" Yan Sha then asked excitedly.

"Yes, she's fine now. Her Soul Power has also recovered a lot and there are no serious issues," Xu Nian said with a smile.

To tell the truth, the reason he was willing to help,

was actually because he was moved by the concern Yan Sha showed.

From the beginning, when Yan Sha risked her life to come with him to the Death God Domain for her Master, Xu Nian was touched by Yan Sha's sentiment.

This made him think of the joy of reuniting with his own mother.

Therefore, he also wanted Yan Sha to be able to reunify with her Master.

Fortunately, everything turned out just as he wished: the Wordless Heavenly Scripture displayed its mighty power.

At this moment, seeing Yan Sha's excited expression, Xu Nian also felt an exceptional peace in his heart.

Yan Sha looked at her Master, her face filled with excited tears.

At this moment, Wu Fenglan had already opened her eyes, and her gaze had become clear and bright.

"Master!"

Yan Sha could no longer hold back and rushed over.

"Shasha!"

Wu Fenglan also excitedly embraced Yan Sha, not caring about the chains that bound her, and hugged Yan Sha tightly.

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

In this moment, Xu Nian's determination towards his cultivation became even more firm.

Only by becoming strong enough could he protect the ones important to him.

Now he had found his mother, but Murong Xue was on a distant continent.

Thus, Xu Nian needed to continue his cultivation, for only when he was powerful enough would he be worthy to see Murong Xue again.

Wu Fenglan and Yan Sha clung to each other for a long while and conversed for much time.

The decade of separation meant they had much to say to one another.

Xu Nian didn't rush them.

After all, there was no hurry at this point.

After a lengthy two hours of catching up,

Yan Sha had also unlocked Wu Fenglan's shackles, and they approached together.

"Xu Nian, thank you!" Yan Sha knelt on one knee before Xu Nian.

This gave Xu Nian quite the shock.

If the people of Rom City knew their revered Luotian Pope knelt before him, they might go mad.

Yet Yan Sha looked resolute.

"Stand up, we are friends after all. Helping an elder is just a simple favor, please stand up," Xu Nian hastily said.

Yan Sha nodded, stood up, yet still firmly said, "My previous promise still stands. Whatever you ask, I will agree."

Hearing this, Xu Nian couldn't help but swallow hard, then he started coughing violently.

During this, he glanced subconsciously at Yan Sha's Master.

To his surprise, the latter's face bore a faint smile.

This left Xu Nian utterly speechless.

It must be said, the Pope certainly had tremendous charm.

The maturity of a woman mixed with the noble air of the Pope.

Add to that her nearly perfect figure and face, she was the goddess of every man's dreams.

To say Xu Nian was unmoved would be impossible.

Of course, Xu Nian also knew he didn't harbor much romantic feeling toward Yan Sha.

Although he could completely take advantage of the situation and leave without a trace,

He just couldn't do it.

"Agree to anything, you say?" Xu Nian cleared his throat and asked.

"Yes, whatever your request, I will agree," said Luotian Pope Yan Sha, her gaze steadfast.

Xu Nian chuckled and said, "Give me your scepter."

Yan Sha looked puzzled but still handed the scepter to Xu Nian.

"Turn around," Xu Nian continued to instruct.

Yan Sha was even more perplexed.

She didn't understand what Xu Nian wanted her to do.

She had long been ready to present herself to Xu Nian.

But she didn't expect Xu Nian to make such a peculiar request.

Could it be in front of her Master?

That would be too embarrassing.

However, Yan Sha still turned around.

Just as Yan Sha was considering whether to wait until her Master was absent next time to let Xu Nian make a request,

a scepter was fiercely smacked onto her behind.

Yan Sha felt a sting in her buttocks and her face flushed with both shame and annoyance.

Xu Nian, on the other hand, was thrilled; he threw down the scepter and bolted.

Using a scepter to whack the Pope's buttocks, surely that was something no one else could manage.

Yan Sha's cheeks were so red they looked ready to drip, and she felt incredibly awkward inside.

Wu Fenglan, standing by, suppressed her laughter.

This brought Yan Sha's embarrassment to its peak.

Yet, she also felt a slight sigh of relief inside.

Although she had been mentally prepared for 'that,' deep down, she still resisted.

So when she realized Xu Nian's actions were merely a cheeky request, she felt embarrassed but also a sense of release.

But, that request was definitely a bit too odd!

Looking towards the direction of Xu Nian's escape, Yan Sha's lips revealed a light smile.

In her heart, she fiercely cursed, "Cowardly rogue."

Xu Nian ran to a large rock and sat down abruptly.

He was panting heavily.

That's right, he was a rogue at heart but a coward in action.

Although he didn't dare to do 'that' thing, he couldn't just let such an opportunity go to waste.

So on a whim, he came up with that absurd idea.

Suddenly, Xu Nian furrowed his brows, murmuring to himself with a hint of complaint, "Such resilience, why did I use the scepter instead of my hand? What a waste. Should I go back and make another request?"

Chapter 552: The Secret of the Death God Domain

After a brief adjustment, Xu Nian returned to Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan's side.

Xu Nian and Yan Sha had an unspoken understanding and did not mention what had just happened.

Wu Fenglan, however, couldn't help but laugh, although she didn't say anything.

In fact, Wu Fenglan did not oppose the possibility of Yan Sha being with Xu Nian.

Although the rules of the Luotian Sect dictate that the Pope is not allowed to engage in romantic relations,

Yan Sha was, after all, brought up by Wu Fenglan herself.

Therefore, she still hoped that Yan Sha could find her own love.

After all, a life without emotional attachment is incomplete for a woman.

And through previous observations and interactions, Xu Nian was definitely an excellent candidate.

Moreover, Xu Nian's previous act of risking his life for the snake gallbladder had greatly increased Wu Fenglan's favorable impression of him.

Of course, she also knew that such matters depended on the fate between Yan Sha and Xu Nian.

If fate had not arrived, it could not be forced.

Regarding this matter, her choice was to not intervene and let nature take its course.

How could Yan Sha not know what was in Wu Fenglan's mind?

However, she also had an indescribable feeling toward Xu Nian.

Originally, it was just to repay a debt.

If Xu Nian were truly to make that kind of request,

She would certainly agree without hesitation, but deep inside, there would still be some resistance.

But Xu Nian's actions just now had touched a chord in her heart that had never been stirred before.

Somehow, she found Xu Nian's escape earlier rather endearing.

The thought startled her the moment it occurred to her.

"Let's continue on," Xu Nian said quickly, hoping to ease the awkward atmosphere.

Yan Sha nodded in agreement.

However, Wu Fenglan frowned and said, "Do you plan on infiltrating the heart of this Death God Domain?"

Yan Sha looked at Xu Nian.

She was searching for her Master, and now that her Master had not been found,

There was naturally no need for her to venture deeper into the domain.

However, she knew that Xu Nian's goal might still be unachieved.

Upon hearing Wu Fenglan's words, Xu Nian also seriously nodded, "Yes, there is something I need in the depths of this domain, and I must go there."

However, Wu Fenglan's brows furrowed even tighter.

"This place is too dangerous, a death trap for anyone who enters. You've already seen the Evil Spirit that almost killed me, she's just a Little sidekick here in this Death God Domain. Deeper inside, there resides a truly terrifying Demon King; even at the Peak of Battle Emperor, one would certainly meet their demise. So, I advise you to give up," Wu Fenglan earnestly said.

When it came to that Demon King, a subconscious look of fear flashed in her eyes.

"Demon King? Senior, have you seen that Demon King?" Xu Nian pressed with urgency.

Wu Fenglan seemed pained by Xu Nian's question, recalling with great agony, "I've never seen the Demon King, but I have encountered the Demon King's Envoys. They are two extremely terrifying individuals; they were the ones who performed the sacrifice on me. I heard from that Evil Spirit that their Demon King was sealed deep within this domain, and should he break through the seal, the entire continent would fall under his rule."

"Eh? A Demon King sealed?" Xu Nian was surprised.

He hadn't expected that this Death God Domain was actually the Sealed Land of a powerful Demon King.

The Wentian Demon Sovereign had never mentioned this to him.

And moreover, could Wentian Demon Sovereign have brought him here for another purpose?

"Kid, are you doubting my intentions? That's right, I brought you here because I do have some self-interest, but it's not to your detriment. Deep within the Death God Domain, a Little Demon is sealed. If I can devour it, I will recover a great deal of my strength. Of course, deep in here, there is indeed something you need," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

"Little Demon?" Xu Nian was taken aback.

This Demon King, mentioned by the senior Wu Fenglan, had become a Little Demon when referenced by Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"But with my strength, I'm afraid I can't possibly deal with this Demon King, can I?" Xu Nian quickly asked.

"Rest assured on that account; it's just a mere Demon. Although I am a Soul Body, killing it is still easy," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

Xu Nian nodded.

If it was as Wentian Demon Sovereign had said, it would indeed be beneficial for both of them.

"What exactly do I need in the depths of this place? Senior, can you be more specific?" After thinking it over, Xu Nian still asked.

"Boy, you really are suspicious. So be it, let me tell you. Hidden deep in this place is a Divine Demon corpse. Although it's only the lowest level of Divine Demon, for someone like you undergoing Divine Demon Refining Body, it is absolutely priceless," Wentian Demon Sovereign answered.

"Divine Demon corpse?"

Xu Nian was astonished.

He had not expected that there would be a Divine Demon corpse within this place.

According to the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique.

A true member of the Divine Demon Clan is born at the Vajra Realm level.

Equivalent to the Zifu Level of Spirit Cultivator.

It's a level above the Battle Emperor.

When Wentian Demon Sovereign spoke of the lowest level Divine Demon corpse, he was referring to a Divine Demon of the Vajra Realm.

On this continent, the appearance of Cultivators at the Zifu and Vajra Realm levels was extremely rare.

If Xu Nian could obtain the Bloodline from that Divine Demon corpse, it might not be impossible for his Body Refining Cultivation to break through to the Battle Emperor Realm.

Thinking that his Physical Strength could break through to the Battle Emperor, Xu Nian felt his entire blood boiling.

"That Little Demon is likewise in a soul state, currently sealed. The Divine Demon corpse was prepared for him. He wants to break through the seal and use the Divine Demon flesh to resurrect. Once he truly merges with the Divine Demon body, he will indeed be difficult to deal with. So kid, you must act quickly," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice rang out again.

Xu Nian suddenly realized.

So that was the situation.

If it was as Wentian Demon Sovereign had said, then it was certainly worth a try.

"But what use is this Great Brightness Stone, after all?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"In the deepest parts of this demonic domain, there is a terrifying Dark Vortex. Only the power of the Great Brightness Stone can counteract the power of the Dark Vortex. Although this girl's strength isn't high, she's correct in saying that her use of the Great Brightness Stone is more beneficial than yours. Now that her Master is also here, the power of the Great Brightness Stone is even greater," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian felt helpless.

He had wanted to send them back and go to the depths alone.

But now it seemed he had no choice but to take them with him on this adventure.

"Are you really sure you want to go to the depths?" Wu Fenglan asked again.

"Sure!" Xu Nian nodded.

"Alright then, this old woman will accompany you on this journey. After all, you saved my life. Shasha, you go back first," Wu Fenglan said decisively.

"No, Master, I'll go with you. It wasn't easy to reunite, and I don't want to part so soon," Yan Sha said decisively.

"Alright then, let's go together," Wu Fenglan nodded.

Xu Nian was taken aback.

He had just been thinking about how to ask them to accompany him.

Unexpectedly, they had taken the initiative to suggest it, which perfectly aligned with Xu Nian's wishes.

Chapter 553: Seeing Lin Ruolan Again

Xu Nian and his two companions proceeded toward the depths of the central region.

As they advanced, they soon reached the edge of this central territory.

There, Xu Nian saw the Dark Whirlpools that the Wentian Demon Sovereign had spoken of.

Those terrifying black whirlpools spread throughout the space.

The dreadful Dark Whirlpools filled with the fearsome devouring power.

The space around them was even twisted by the horrifying Dark Whirlpools.

If someone were to walk into them, they would certainly be sucked in by this terrifying force and ultimately torn to shreds.

"What a terrifying suction, I'm afraid even Body Emperor Level powerhouses wouldn't dare to forcefully enter this domain," Yan Sha exclaimed in surprise.

As Battle Emperor Level powerhouses, they could distinctly feel the dreadful Dark Devouring Power emanating from these whirlpools.

This fearsome Dark Devouring Power was so formidable that even they, as cultivators with the Light Attribute, felt fear.

"Yan Sha sister, senior, we'll have to rely on your help from here on out. These Dark Whirlpools can only be resisted with the power of the Great Brightness Stone," Xu Nian turned to the two and said.

"Mhm, the power of the Great Brightness Stone can indeed neutralize this Dark Devouring Power. However, for the three of us to pass together, my power alone is insufficient. Yan Sha, work with me to activate the Great Brightness Stone. With the strength of us both, we should be able to make it," Wu Fenglan said.

"Okay!" Yan Sha nodded in agreement.

But in her heart she thought about Xu Nian's address of her as 'Yan Sha sister.'

From 'Sister Pope' at the beginning to now 'Yan Sha sister,' this guy sure has a smooth tongue.

Xu Nian, seeing their agreement, also showed a smile on his face.

Then, Yan Sha and her master started to activate the Great Brightness Stone together.

And as the Great Bright Stone was activated, a powerful brilliance enveloped the three of them.

Under this brilliance, the Dark Devouring Power surrounding them was also repelled.

"Let's pass quickly! With our power, we can only maintain this for the duration of 15 minutes," Wu Fenglan said hastily.

Xu Nian and Yan Sha both nodded their heads.

Then the three of them hurried towards the depths of the central region.

The Dark Devouring Power around them continuously tore at the protective light.

However, with the maintenance by Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan, both of Battle Emperor Level, the Great Brightness Stone kept emitting Light Power, sustaining the protective light.

Thus, the Dark Devouring Power could not harm Xu Nian.

However, just as Xu Nian and his companions were about to cross through the region filled with Dark Whirlpools,

suddenly, a hand stretched out fiercely from one whirlpool and instantly shattered the protective light, grabbing hold of Xu Nian.

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan were also blown out of the Dark Whirlpool area by this sudden force.

But Xu Nian, plucked from protection and stripped of the Light Power, was suddenly pulled into the whirlpool.

Xu Nian immediately felt a strong tearing force coming from all directions.

Then his entire being was twisted, being rushed toward the center of the whirlpool.

"Xu Nian!"

Yan Sha was shocked and hurriedly tried to rush into the Dark Whirlpool to save Xu Nian.

However, a woman in a black dress stepped out from a black whirlpool void and blocked Yan Sha's path.

"Who are you? Why did you ambush me? Get out of the way," Yan Sha stared fixedly at the black-dressed woman who had suddenly appeared.

On this black-dressed woman, she felt an intense Dark Aura.

This Dark Aura was exceedingly similar to that of the Dark Whirlpools around them.

However, the woman did not heed Yan Sha's question, and instead, she turned to look at Xu Nian, who was about to be torn into the whirlpool, and smiled, "Little junior brother Xu Nian, we meet again."

Xu Nian cursed inwardly at that moment.

Right when this person had made their move, Xu Nian had already recognized the aura.

Who else could it be but the Desolate Hall Master, Lin Ruolan?

Xu Nian hadn't expected that Lin Ruolan had comprehended the Upper-class Profound Argumentation of the Dark Attribute, the Dark Devouring.

And evidently, she had reached the threshold level of Profound Argumentation.

Thus, these dark vortexes not only posed no impediment to her, but they were more like a fish swimming into the water.

It was she who had pulled Xu Nian into the vortex.

At this moment, the tearing force atop the vortex was already causing Xu Nian excruciating pain.

Xu Nian felt his body would be torn apart in the next moment.

"Buzz!"

Instantly, Xu Nian didn't hesitate to activate his Dragon Scale Armor.

In an instant, his whole body was covered by the Blood-colored Dragon Scale Armor.

Once the armor appeared, the tearing force eased considerably.

However, Xu Nian was still being drawn towards the dark center of rotation.

If he was swept into the dark vortex, then even if Xu Nian's body wasn't torn apart, he would fall into the endless Dark Abyss.

He would forever sink within, never to see daylight again.

This was not the outcome Xu Nian desired.

"Thinking of devouring me? Dream on," a fierce glint flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

At that moment, he directly stimulated the Black Jade Pendant within his Dantian.

Immediately, a terrifying devouring force surged out from the Black Jade within Xu Nian's Dantian.

When it came to devouring, what could compare to the devouring of Kun Cave?

So quickly, the dark force of the black vortex was completely devoured by the Kun Cave.

Xu Nian's body was naturally saved, and he fell from the vortex.

"Eh, you actually resolved the dark vortex?" Lin Ruolan's face showed a look of surprise when she saw Xu Nian escape from the dark vortex.

"Sorry to disappoint you," Xu Nian said coldly, looking at Lin Ruolan.

He hadn't expected this woman to appear here.

And he had nearly died at the hands of this woman just now.

"Oh, Xu Nian, little junior brother, are you angry? Senior sister was just playing a joke on you. So, how was the power of the dark vortex?" Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

Her smile was bewitching.

Xu Nian's brow furrowed.

Lin Ruolan was truly a demoness.

There was never anything good whenever he saw her.

This time, he had nearly been killed by her, and given the chance, he truly wished he could slay the demoness with a single sword stroke.

"Hmph, what are you doing here?" Xu Nian asked coldly.

He knew Lin Ruolan was not easy to deal with.

Because within her body, it was not the real Lin Ruolan.

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan, standing alongside, also heaved a sigh of relief seeing Xu Nian was unhurt.

Likewise, they looked at this suddenly appeared woman with hostility.

In Lin Ruolan, they all felt a sense of threat.

"What am I doing here? Naturally, I have the same purpose as you, junior brother. How about we join forces? I want the soul of the Demon Lord, and the Divine Demon's body will be yours, how about it?" Lin Ruolan proposed with a smile.

Her smile exuded a strong bewitching charm.

"No..." Xu Nian was about to refuse when Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice came into his mind.

"Kid, agree to her. This woman is very peculiar, and you all might not be her match if you were to directly confront her. It might be better to utilize her strength to deal with that Demon Lord together," advised Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Xu Nian, however, furrowed his eyebrows tightly.

Chapter 554: Xu Nian's Strength (Extra 15)

Xu Nian hadn't expected the Wentian Demon Sovereign to propose such a thing to him.

Indeed, Lin Ruolan was not an easy opponent to deal with.

But wouldn't cooperating with her be even more dangerous?

Who knows if she'd stab you in the back.

Moreover, wasn't the soul of the demon lord what the Wentian Demon Sovereign wanted?

If they really did cooperate with Lin Ruolan, wouldn't the final prize, the soul, be snatched away by her?

Seeming to have read Xu Nian's thoughts, the Wentian Demon Sovereign opened his mouth and said, "Rest assured on this matter. She doesn't know of my existence. Let her make her move first, I'll wait to reap the rewards at the end, she'll definitely not be able to steal the soul of that demon lord."

Upon hearing the words of the Wentian Demon Sovereign, Xu Nian pondered for a moment before agreeing, "Okay!"

"How about it? Junior Brother, have you decided?" Lin Ruolan asked with a smile.

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan both shook their heads at Xu Nian, clearly thinking that Lin Ruolan was very dangerous.

Cooperating with her was definitely a risk.

"Fine, I agree to cooperate with you," Xu Nian said, disregarding their objections and agreeing directly.

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan frowned at this.

Lin Ruolan's face, however, revealed a seductive smile as she said, "Junior Brother Xu Nian is indeed a smart person."

But Xu Nian simply gave a cold smile.

He transmitted his voice to Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan, "Sister Yan Sha, senior, take care later. This demoness is very strong and has many tricks. She has been possessed by a powerful old monster, so be extremely wary of her."

"If it's so dangerous, why did you still agree to her?" Yan Sha quickly asked.

"I think Xu Nian is right to do this. We cooperate with her to borrow her strength first, then we'll concentrate our power to deal with her later," Wu Fenglan, undoubtedly a seasoned fighter, was clearly more mature than Yan Sha in her thinking.

"Exactly, with our strength alone, it's very difficult to defeat that final demon lord, so we need her strength. But don't worry, I have methods to counter her, she won't succeed when the time comes," Xu Nian continued to transmit his voice.

After hearing his words, Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan were finally reassured.

Then, the group of four proceeded into the depths of the territory.

Soon they arrived at the deepest part of this territory.

Located here was a massive palace.

The entire palace was permeated with a powerful evil aura.

If Xu Nian's guess was correct, this palace should be the location sealing the demon lord.

And the corpse of that Divine Demon was probably also within this grand hall.

However, outside the hall stood four figures.

These figures each exuded a strong aura of malevolence, each of which was quite formidable.

Two of them were of One-star Battle Emperor Level, while the other two were surprisingly Three-star Battle Emperors.

Their eyes were pitch-black, clearly, they had been possessed by Evil Spirits, just like Wu Fenglan had been earlier.

Feeling the approach of Xu Nian and his group, the Four Evil Spirits controlling the Battle Emperors also looked towards Xu Nian and the others.

"Intruders, this is not where you belong, get out!" one of the Three-star Battle Emperors bellowed.

Xu Nian and the others all frowned.

"It looks like if we want to enter this palace, we have to go through a big battle first. How about it, there are exactly four of them, with one of the Three-star Battle Emperors for me, and the rest for you, how does that sound?" Lin Ruolan said with a smile.

Xu Nian did not object.

This was the best arrangement.

"I'll take on the other Three-star Battle Emperor," Wu Fenglan declared.

Xu Nian and Yan Sha exchanged glances and both nodded.

The remaining two One-star Battle Emperors were naturally one for each of them.

"Move!"

Lin Ruolan let out a light cry, her figure was the first to spring out, confronting a Three-star Battle Emperor Expert.

Wu Fenglan naturally also made a move, taking on another Three-star Battle Emperor.

The two One-star Battle Emperors then charged towards Xu Nian and Yan Sha.

"Be careful!" Yan Sha tossed this word to Xu Nian, then immediately swung her Scepter charging towards a One-star Battle Emperor.

Xu Nian, however, faced the charging One-star Battle Emperor, took a step forward, Dragon Energy instantly surged, and Blood-colored Dragon Scales suddenly emerged.

"I'll use you to test just how strong this body of mine really is," Xu Nian roared and threw a punch at the One-star Battle Emperor.

Although that One-star Battle Emperor had been possessed by an Evil Spirit, the spirit also possessed its own consciousness.

So, when he saw that Xu Nian's aura was actually that of a Nine-star Body Saint, his eyes clearly flashed with a hint of disdain.

He directly summoned the malevolent energy within his body to meet Xu Nian's punch head-on.

"Boom!"

A loud explosion sounded.

The Battle Emperor only felt an incredibly terrifying force pouring down from his arm, then the malevolent energy on his fist instantly dispersed, and he was thrown backward in an instant.

"How is this possible?"

The Battle Emperor was clearly surprised; he hadn't expected that this youth, with merely the cultivation of a Nine-star Body Saint, could burst forth with such frightening power.

"To be surprised now is a bit early, isn't it?" Xu Nian said with a light laugh.

His figure instantly turned into a blood-colored afterimage, appearing directly in front of the Battle Emperor.

The Battle Emperor was visibly startled, hastily daring not to show the slightest negligence.

He directly mobilized all the malevolent energy in his body and struck towards Xu Nian with a palm.

Xu Nian, seeing this, flashed a hint of a light smile.

He directly grabbed hold of the Battle Emperor's wrist, jerking the arm.

At the same time, his knee fiercely struck out.

"Pfft!"

Xu Nian's knee directly hit the Battle Emperor's abdomen.

Making the Battle Emperor's eyes bulge, blood sprayed wildly from his mouth.

However, Xu Nian did not stop there; he directly threw another punch.

With the enhancement from the Scale Armor, the punch became unimaginably terrifying. With one blow,

the Battle Emperor's flesh immediately bulged, and he was sent flying like a kite with its string cut.

Xu Nian, watching the Battle Emperor fly backward, had an excited smile on his face.

After the breakthrough in his Body Cultivation, he had felt his strength surge considerably.

But at that time, there had been no fighting, so he couldn't fully experience it.

Now, he had finally seized an opportunity.

Yet unexpectedly, he hadn't even used his full strength,

and this One-star Battle Emperor had been battered to the point of having no strength to fight back.

It had to be said, in this moment, Xu Nian felt all the more how incredibly powerful the force granted by this Blood-colored Armor was.

"Pfft!"

The Battle Emperor spat out another mouthful of blood, his eyes looking towards Xu Nian filled with boundless rage.

"I'm going to kill you!"

A dense malevolence burst out manically from his body.

Xu Nian, seeing this, not only didn't show a hint of fear, but rather revealed an excited smile.

Looking at the Battle Emperor Expert, he said, "Come on then, let me see how much of my real strength you can withstand."

Xu Nian's words were extremely arrogant, but they carried a strong sense of confidence.

Now, if he were to encounter that old Taoist again, he could beat him down with his fists alone until he called him grandpa.

"Seeking death!"

The Battle Emperor roared in anger.

Then he charged rapidly towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian merely smiled faintly, as a dense Power of Earth gathered on his arm, forming a halo.

"Earth Fist!"

Xu Nian let out a ferocious shout, and his fist shot out in an instant.

The Battle Emperor hadn't even approached when he was struck by Xu Nian's punch.

"Boom!"

There was only a loud explosion.

That One-star Battle Emperor was crushed into a pulp!

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The One-star Battle Emperor was instantly killed.

Xu Nian looked at the Battle Emperor who was now reduced to a pile of flesh and couldn't help but reveal a brilliant smile on his face.

That Battle Emperor Expert was obviously just at the initial stage of the Battle Emperor Level.

His strength wasn't much better than that of an average One-star Battle Emperor.

Therefore, he couldn't withstand Xu Nian's full-powered punch.

However, under the Dragon Transformation State, using the Earth Fist, the power was indeed extraordinary.

"With just the strength of my body, One-star Battle Emperor Level experts are no match for me at all. My strength should be close to that of a peak One-star Body Emperor, but still a bit inferior to a Two-star Battle Emperor," Xu Nian mused to himself.

Being able to defeat Battle Emperor Level experts with Body Saint Level cultivation was a very difficult feat.

The gap between Holy Realm and Emperor Realm powerhouses is extremely vast.

Ordinary people simply can't bridge that gap.

The fact that Xu Nian was able to overpower a One-star Battle Emperor Level expert was indeed terrifying.

Xu Nian turned his head to look around and found that all the people around were in battle.

The advantage held by the Battle Emperor Experts controlled by Evil Spirits wasn't great at all.

They were basically being suppressed by Wu Fenglan and others.

However, what surprised Xu Nian was that Lin Ruolan was actually able to suppress and fight against a Three-star Battle Emperor.

And she even seemed to do it with ease.

This made Xu Nian even more certain of the words previously spoken by Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Lin Ruolan was not easy to deal with. Her strength was continuously recovering.

It looked like she should have at least Four-star Battle Emperor Level strength.

If they had really made a move against Lin Ruolan earlier, they probably wouldn't have gained any benefits and would've been heavily damaged instead.

That would be extremely disadvantageous for them.

But even if they were to temporarily cooperate with Lin Ruolan, they would inevitably face a battle with her sooner or later.

"Buzz!"

Yan Sha's Light Magic Wand erupted with a powerful annihilation beam, directly piercing through the chest of that One-star Battle Emperor Level expert.

Yan Sha hurriedly utilized Star Purification during this opportunity, completely eliminating the One-star Battle Emperor's Evil Spirit.

And like that, four Battle Emperors were directly eliminated, two of them gone.

On the other fronts, Lin Ruolan also suddenly unleashed her power, killing the Three-star Battle Emperor she was fighting against.

As for the last Three-star Battle Emperor who saw the situation going south and wanted to flee back to the grand hall,

he was struck by Wu Fenglan's annihilation beam directly through the head and killed on the spot.

The four Battle Emperor Level experts were easily eliminated by Xu Nian and his group.

It wasn't that these Battle Emperor Experts were too weak, but rather that Xu Nian and his group's overall strength was higher than theirs.

Naturally, dealing with them was much easier.

The four came to the front of the grand hall.

They knew that the real battle was just starting.

In this hall, they could feel a strong Evil Power.

"Let's go, let's go inside," Xu Nian said.

After that, he walked towards the interior of the grand hall.

Lin Ruolan and the others didn't object and followed Xu Nian towards the inside of the grand hall.

As the hall doors were pushed open, the scene that met their eyes shocked them to their core.

In front of them was a gigantic Blood Pool.

The Blood Pool was filled with bright red blood, and above the Blood Pool floated a vivid red heart.

"Thump, thump, thump!"

The heart was still beating, resounding continuously like the beating of drums.

And within this heart, a powerful Evil Power pervaded.

However, at this moment, the heart was covered with a layer of peculiar patterns.

It was clear that these patterns were the seal that bound the heart.

Xu Nian could feel that this heart had its own consciousness.

If he was not mistaken, this heart was that of the sealed Demon King.

Xu Nian's gaze swept around and finally rested on a huge Ice Coffin in front of him.

Inside the Ice Coffin lay a corpse.

This corpse was obviously in humanoid form, but its entire body was crimson red, possessing an incredibly strong physique.

The muscles all over its body were as hard as steel, and even its bones were as hard as Divine Iron.

"Is this the Divine Demon Body?"

Xu Nian looked at the corpse, standing three meters tall, with a look of surprise on his face.

The body before him could be considered the most powerful he had ever seen.

Such a terrifying body was absolutely a killing machine.

He really did not know if this corpse was alive now.

Merely with its Physical Strength, they might all be unable to contend with it.

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan were also looking at the beating heart with surprise.

Obviously, the strong dark aura emitting from the heart made them feel very uncomfortable.

However, Lin Ruolan looked at that heart with a greedy expression.

"Tianyao, it's you, you're actually still alive."

Just then, a voice of surprise came from within the heart.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian and the others were taken aback, then turned their heads to look at Lin Ruolan.

Tianyao?

This name was very unfamiliar.

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan were from the Luotian Sect and were unlikely to have any connection with this Demon King.

Therefore, the only one who could call out Tianyao was one person.

"Aren't you alive as well? Black Meteorite, to think we would meet again," Lin Ruolan also sneered.

Listening to Lin Ruolan's words, Xu Nian finally understood her true name.

Tianyao!

"Hmph, if it weren't for your betrayal of the Dark Church, secretly harming me, and sealing me here, my Dark Church would have informed the entire continent a long time ago, and it wouldn't have ended up in such a state," the voice from within the heart snorted coldly.

Xu Nian and Yan Sha exchanged glances with others.

They suddenly understood the identity of the heart's owner.

The last Dark Pope of the Dark Church in those days, Black Meteorite.

It was just unexpected that the once immensely powerful Dark Church would end up in such a plight.

"Informing the continent? Black Meteorite, you are too ignorant. If I hadn't killed you back then, your end would have been even more miserable than today. Today I come back to borrow the power, to restore my strength to its peak state and to complete the true great cause of the Dark Church for you," Lin Ruolan said disdainfully with a cold snort.

"You're dreaming. Even at your peak, you were no match for me, only managing to seal me here. Now your strength isn't even one percent of what it was before, and yet you still wish to take my power? It's a joke. Besides, do you really think your seal can still hold me?" the voice of the Dark Pope Black Meteorite rose.

The voice carried a ferocious tone.

Soon, the crowd saw cracks appearing in the patterns on the heart, and a wave of immensely powerful fluctuations radiated from the heart.

"He's going to break the seal."

Yan Sha and Lin Ruolan both frowned deeply.

If this Dark Pope were to break out of the seal, an unimaginable disaster would likely occur.

"We must not let him break the seal, nor let him merge with that Divine Demon Body. Otherwise, we will all die. Xu Nian, I know you hold animosity towards me, but right now we must join forces with all our might," Lin Ruolan said to Xu Nian, her eyes also showing a deep seriousness.

Xu Nian nodded, and his eyes became sharp as well.

Lin Ruolan was right, the most pressing enemy at the moment was this Dark Pope.

All other things could wait until after they killed this Dark Pope.

Chapter 556: The Powerful Dark Pope

Even though this Dark Pope had only his heart left,

it still seemed that killing him would not be an easy task.

Based on Xu Nian's estimation, the Dark Pope at his peak was at least at the level of the Peak of Battle Emperor, if not having already stepped beyond the threshold of the Battle Emperor.

Back then, Lin Ruolan, even at her peak, only managed to seal him.

Now, killing him would be no easy feat.

"Buzz!"

While Xu Nian was pondering these things, the Dark Pope finally broke through the sealing completely.

The heart began to speed toward the direction of the Ice Coffin.

Clearly, the Dark Pope intended to merge his heart with the Divine Demon Body.

Once merged, the Pope would truly become invincible.

"Quick, stop him!"

Lin Ruolan immediately shouted, her figure taking the lead to strike.

A powerful surge of dark energy burst forth from her palm, creating a dark whirlpool around the heart of the Dark Pope.

A forceful tearing power directly pulled at the Dark Pope, attempting to drag him into the dark vortex.

"Hmph, if you had used Dark Devouring in your peak, I might have feared you. Now, your power is too weak," a cold snort came from the heart of the Dark Pope.

Then, the Pope's heart erupted with a strong burst of light.

And the dark whirlpool that Lin Ruolan had condensed was completely shattered under this fluctuation.

"Ugh!"

Lin Ruolan was also sent flying by the rebounding force.

"Not even worth a blow!" the cold voice of the Dark Pope came again.

He prepared to move toward the Ice Coffin once more.

"Buzz!"

However, before he could act, a sacred radiance enveloped him.

This fluctuation formed a Light Barrier, blocking the Dark Pope's heart's path.

"Light Power? Are you people from the Light Church?" the Dark Pope sounded somewhat surprised.

But a cold sneer quickly followed.

"Are the followers of the Light Church so weak now? You think such a weak attack could stop me? Seeking death!" The Dark Pope laughed angrily, and a powerful dark fluctuation burst forth from his heart once again.

Instantly, the Light Barrier that Yan Sha had formed with the Great Brightness Stone shattered under the exposure to this dark light.

"Pff!"

Yan Sha also suffered backlash in an instant, spitting out a mouthful of fresh blood.

"Buzz!"

Yet, it wasn't over. A ray of light containing a powerful surge shot straight at the Dark Pope's heart.

But the ray pierced through the Dark Pope's heart without causing even the slightest harm.

"Huh, it's actually Dark Concealment?"

Wu Fenglan exclaimed in surprise.

In that instant, the Dark Pope's heart hid within a crevice of darkness.

So, in reality, her light had not hit the Dark Pope's heart, but merely his shadow.

"Haha, is this all you've got? Then wait for death!"

The Dark Pope's laughter rang out, and then he dashed straight toward the Ice Coffin.

However, just as the Dark Pope was about to touch the Divine Demon Body, the entire Ice Coffin bizarrely disappeared.

"What's going on, where's the body?" a roar came from the heart of the Dark Pope.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's lips curled into a slight smile.

From the beginning, he had tasked the Undying Devouring Sky Beast with covertly using Space Profound Argumentation.

It was at that moment, using Space Shuttle Profound Argumentation, that he had directly taken the Divine Demon Body into his storage ring.

To prevent the Dark Pope from claiming his heart, the best method was to snatch away the Divine Demon Body.

The Dark Pope wanted to snatch the Divine Demon Body, and the only way to do so would be to kill him.

"Kid, is it you? Was it you who stole my physical body?" The Dark Pope wasn't foolish.

When he felt the cold smile at Xu Nian's lips with his Spiritual Sense, he knew it was this youngster in front of him pulling the strings.

He had originally thought that this young man was just an ordinary Saint-level youth, not worthy of his attention.

But he hadn't expected that the youngster would ruin his plan.

"It was me, but to be honest, this doesn't seem to be your body either, and I need it quite badly," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"You're courting death!" The Dark Pope was instantly enraged.

His heart transformed into a beam of light, hurtling viciously towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian saw this and a trace of ruthlessness flashed in his eyes as well.

The Blood-colored Dragon Scale Armor came into view, and the Power of Earth was instantly activated.

"Earth Fist!"

With a loud cry from Xu Nian, his fist, carrying the terrifying fluctuations of the earth, shot out.

The moment the fist was thrown, the entire space violently shook.

Xu Nian's fist collided with the strong wave of darkness.

"Boom!"

The force suddenly burst.

Xu Nian was sent flying backward, a trace of blood spilling from the corner of his mouth.

It had to be said, the power of the Dark Pope was terrifyingly formidable.

"Hand over the Divine Demon Body, and I'll spare your life," the Dark Pope said coldly, hovering in his heart.

"In your dreams!" Xu Nian had already stood up, looking coldly toward the Dark Pope's heart as he sneered.

"You're courting death!" The Dark Pope was furious.

A powerful fluctuation emanated from the Pope's heart, and the Blood Pool next to it started to churn.

A dense blood power surged forth from the Blood Pool, all of it converging towards the heart.

"Buzz!"

As this blood power continued to converge, eventually a physical body was condensed.

A middle-aged man appeared before everyone.

He was dressed in a black robe, with a stern appearance, especially his eyes which gave off an incomparably cold feeling.

"Is this the true face of the Dark Pope?"

Xu Nian and the others showed surprised expressions as they saw the middle-aged man.

It was unexpected that the Dark Pope would condense a new body in such a manner.

This made killing the Dark Pope seemingly more difficult.

However, this body was clearly not as powerful as the Divine Demon Body, which was a bit of good luck for Xu Nian and his companions.

"Boy, hand over the Divine Demon Body, submit to me, and I will spare your life. Otherwise, your death will be miserable," the Dark Pope said with a cold look at Xu Nian.

"What I hate most is being threatened by others. If you want the Divine Demon Body, you'll have to kill me," Xu Nian replied with a cold laugh.

He looked disdainfully at the Dark Pope's haughty attitude.

The Dark Pope was furious beyond measure.

A mere Saint-level worm daring to be so disrespectful to him.

"Then die!"

With a cold snort, the Dark Pope's figure transformed into a shadow and weirdly appeared in front of Xu Nian.

"So fast!"

Xu Nian was shocked and quickly tried to counterattack.

However, before he could strike, the Dark Pope's palm had already landed on his chest.

"Boom!"

In an instant, Xu Nian felt as if he'd been struck by a giant hammer, and his body was sent flying.

He crashed through the palace walls and was thrown hundreds of meters away.

Chapter 557 Hell Netherworld Fire

"Cough, cough!"

Xu Nian clutched his chest, violently coughing up mouthfuls of fresh blood.

Although the palm strike had not shattered his Scale Armor, it had caused his internal organs to shake violently.

It nearly shattered them.

Had it not been for the great enhancement of his physical body from devouring that Emperor Snake,

that palm strike would likely have cost him his life.

Additionally, the dragon scale had absorbed most of the force, allowing him to cling to life.

But even so, the pain was immense, and his injuries were not light.

"He's not dead?" Seeing that Xu Nian had actually withstood his own palm strike and was still alive,

the Dark Pope's face showed a hint of surprise.

Clearly, he had not expected the young man's body to possess such a strong capacity for endurance.

His Cultivation might not have reached the peak, but he certainly possessed strength comparable to a Five-star Battle Emperor.

That palm strike, even a normal Second and Third Stars Battle Emperor would not be able to withstand.

Yet this young man had only sustained injuries, how could it not surprise him?

Xu Nian also regarded the Dark Pope with gravity.

The Pope's strength was too great; it was a stroke of luck that he managed to block a hit.

To confront him would certainly not be easy.

"Senior Wentian, what should we do next?" Xu Nian quickly communicated with the Wentian Demon Sovereign via soul power.

At this moment, only the Wentian Demon Sovereign could help him.

Even if he sacrificed the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar, it would be of no use.

After all, the avatar was no match for this Dark Pope.

"Don't panic. That girl won't just let it go; she's bound to act against this so-called Dark Pope. Since she's here, she surely has come prepared," the Wentian Demon Sovereign responded.

Hearing this, Xu Nian said no more.

He hoped that everything Wentian Demon Sovereign said was true.

"Hum!"

Sure enough, at this moment, Lin Ruolan had also managed to stand up again.

A powerful wave of dark energy emanated from her body.

The Dark Pope's attention was drawn by the fluctuation radiating from Lin Ruolan, turning his head to look at her.

"Do you really want to fight me? You know very well that you're no match for me right now. If you're willing to submit to me, perhaps I could spare your life," the Dark Pope said to Lin Ruolan.

Currently, Lin Ruolan's strength was at most on par with a Four-star Battle Emperor, nowhere near powerful enough to be his opponent.

Thus, Lin Ruolan posed no threat to him at the moment.

"Who says I'm not your opponent? Do you really think I'd come here to find you without being certain of my strength?" Lin Ruolan said with a cold laugh.

Then, everyone saw a black flame mark emerge from between her eyebrows.

And as this black flame mark emerged,

A stream of black flames surged out of Lin Ruolan's body; as soon as this black flame appeared, the surrounding temperature dropped sharply.

Indeed, it dropped.

The flames bore no heat whatsoever but rather exuded an intense feeling of cold.

And with the appearance of this cold, everyone nearby felt their souls shudder.

"How could this be? How do you control Hell Netherworld Fire?" The Dark Pope's complexion changed abruptly.

Clearly, the black flames emanating from Lin Ruolan made him feel intense fear.

"Hell Netherworld Fire, a terrifying dark flame said to be capable of contending with the Great Brightness Stone, existing only in Nine Nether Hell," Wu Fenglan said in surprise.

Being the former Pope of the Luotian Sect, she was naturally extremely familiar with dark powers.

Xu Nian's face also revealed a hint of astonishment.

He'd never expected Lin Ruolan to control such a power.

"This Hell Netherworld Fire is something I specifically prepared to deal with you. How about it, do you still think I can't handle you?" Lin Ruolan said with a sneer.

Hearing Lin Ruolan's words, the Dark Pope's eyes filled with raging anger,

and his gaze towards Lin Ruolan was filled with endless Killing Intent.

The Hell Netherworld Fire was the nemesis of all soul power, and his current body was not a true body of flesh and blood.

If he were hit by Lin Ruolan's Hell Netherworld Fire, it would likely cause him great harm.

"Hmph, even if you have the Hell Netherworld Fire, it won't be easy to kill me. Tianyao, today I will settle things with you once and for all," the Dark Pope snorted coldly and charged directly at Lin Ruolan.

Lin Ruolan looked at the approaching Dark Pope, yet a slight smile of mockery appeared in her eyes.

Her palms transformed, and streaks of black flames surged out from her hands.

These black flames became petals of flames, enveloping the Dark Pope.

"Break!"

The Dark Pope roared, and dark energy pulsated rapidly in his palm.

He faced the black flames head-on.

"Boom!"

The black flames kept exploding, creating a terrifying storm of flames.

The Dark Pope's hands, filled with dark power, tore the fiery tempest apart.

A palm violently grasped towards Lin Ruolan.

However, Lin Ruolan was not panicked in the slightest; instead, a sly triumphant smile flashed across her face.

"Buzz!"

Suddenly, Lin Ruolan struck out with her palm, crashing directly against the Dark Pope.

At the same time, a horrifying wave of energy was felt.

Then, a powerful fire burst forth from Lin Ruolan's body.

In a flash, the fire transformed into a black fire serpent.

The black fire serpent immediately coiled around the Dark Pope's arm.

"Ahhh!"

The Dark Pope let out a miserable scream.

His entire right arm was quickly consumed by the black flames.

"Hmph!"

But the ordeal was far from over.

Lin Ruolan summoned another four Flame Giant Snakes behind her, which darted towards the Dark Pope.

The Dark Pope was horrified and hastily retreated in terror.

The Hell Netherworld Fire was indeed too dreadful.

With his strength, he could not resist it at all.

Yet, he was still a step too late.

A Hell Netherworld Fire serpent wrapped itself around the Dark Pope, enveloping him completely.

"Ahhh!"

The Dark Pope screamed continuously.

The body, formed out of blood, was instantly incinerated by the horrific flames.

"Whoosh!"

A fresh red heart burst through the flames, rapidly streaking towards Xu Nian.

"Xu Nian, be careful!"

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan also urgently warned.

Clearly, the Dark Pope had been driven to desperation, and he was considering taking possession of Xu Nian's body.

Lin Ruolan was also startled, apparently not expecting the Dark Pope to make a move against Xu Nian.

If the heart penetrated Xu Nian's body, Xu Nian's flesh would be instantly controlled by the Dark Pope.

At that time, the effectiveness of his Hell Netherworld Fire against the Dark Pope would be greatly reduced.

"Boy, your body is impressive, I'll take it," the voice of the Dark Pope came from the heart.

The heart turned into a rapid streak of light, shooting towards Xu Nian.

However, just when everyone thought Xu Nian would be taken over by the Dark Pope, the corners of Xu Nian's mouth curled into a cold smirk.

His eyes suddenly turned pitch black.

Xu Nian abruptly extended a hand and firmly grasped the streaking heart.

Chapter 558: Dark Pope

"What?"

The people around were all taken aback at the sight.

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan were also stunned, but their brows were furrowed tight.

It was because they felt an incredibly terrifying dark power surging from Xu Nian's body.

The intensity of this dark power was even stronger than that of the Dark Pope.

At that moment, Lin Ruolan, who had originally intended to pounce on Xu Nian, also froze, looking at Xu Nian, who was radiating a strong dark power, with a face full of surprise.

Xu Nian at this moment felt very unfamiliar to her, it could be said that the Xu Nian at this moment was completely like a different person.

The dark power was so intimidating that even she felt an immense palpitation.

Of course, the most terrified at this moment was the Dark Pope.

The Dark Pope was now completely grasped in Xu Nian's hands, unable to move at all.

What's more, he could feel the dark power accumulated in his heart being continuously devoured by the youth in front of him.

Especially the terrifying aura emanating from the youth was like a giant mountain, oppressively looming over him.

"Who... who are you? How could you possess such a terrifying dark aura?" The Dark Pope's voice came from his heart, filled with panic.

The heart in Xu Nian's hands was pounding, making a sound like a large drum.

Hearing the Dark Pope's words, Xu Nian's lips curled into a cold smirk.

"Who I am, you do not have the right to know. A mere Battle Emperor, who hasn't even reached the Zifu Realm, dares to be arrogant in front of me. You're simply courting death, trying to seize my disciple's body," Xu Nian said with a cold snort.

Hearing this, the Dark Pope became even more panic-stricken.

Just the phrase "a mere Battle Emperor, who hasn't even reached the Zifu Realm," was enough to show that the person in front of him was far above the Zifu Realm.

The Dark Pope couldn't comprehend why such an existence would appear here.

"Please spare my life, Lord. I did not know that it was the body of your disciple. Even if I had ten guts, I wouldn't dare," the Dark Pope begged for mercy in a hurry.

The young man in front of him felt too powerful, or rather, the force behind the young man was too frightening.

Yan Sha and the others, as well as Lin Ruolan, all wore faces of surprise.

They never imagined that Xu Nian would have such a master.

"Thinking of begging for mercy now is already too late. I'll take your power," Xu Nian snorted coldly.

After speaking, his palm suddenly clenched, and he directly crushed the heart.

"No!"

The Dark Pope let out a cry of extreme reluctance.

However, as the heart burst, its soul also turned into a mist of black fog.

Blood mist and black fog enveloped the surroundings, but Xu Nian was not negligent.

A powerful suction force came from the storage ring, directly absorbing the black fog and blood mist completely.

From afar, Lin Ruolan saw this scene, her brows instantly tightened.

She had expended so much effort just to obtain the power of the Dark Pope.

But now, it had been completely devoured by this suddenly-appeared formidable being.

Didn't that mean all her efforts had been in vain?

Xu Nian seemed to sense Lin Ruolan's thoughts and looked up at her.

"How about it, little girl, were you also thinking of using some sort of flame against me?" 'Xu Nian' said with a cold laugh.

Hearing this, Lin Ruolan's gaze suddenly became startled.

Clearly, that was indeed what she had been thinking.

In her plan, this time she was supposed to take the power of the Dark Pope for herself.

She could also take Xu Nian's body back with her and strip away his Origin Power.

In doing so, not only could she return to her peak strength, but she might even break through to greater heights.

However, she had calculated everything except for the possibility that Xu Nian had such a powerful figure hidden behind him.

With this development, she truly hesitated to take action.

The presence of this powerful being filled her with a deep sense of crisis.

If she really was to take action, she feared she might likely suffer a terrible defeat.

"What is senior talking about? Since you need this power, how could I, a junior, compete with you for it? However, I do not know where you come from, as I have never heard Junior Brother Xu Nian mention that he had such a Master." Lin Ruolan thought for a moment and said with a smile.

"Little girl, you don't need to fish for information from me. I'm not afraid to tell you the truth; I come from the Demon Realm. Even though I am but a Residual Soul, you should understand that I could easily kill you, Residual Soul or not. So, put away your little schemes—I've crossed more bridges than you've walked on roads," 'Xu Nian' responded with a cold laugh.

"The Demon Realm?" Lin Ruolan was visibly taken aback.

The Demon Realm was synonymous with Upper-class beings from a superior plane.

This level was far beyond her imagination.

She truly hadn't expected Xu Nian to have such a terrifying power hidden beside him.

"Junior follows senior's guidance with respect. Since senior has spoken, I will not disturb you further. Our Desolate Hall would welcome your visit," Lin Ruolan said.

After finishing her words, a dark vortex suddenly appeared behind her.

Lin Ruolan dived into it and disappeared into the darkness.

"She sure escaped quickly!" 'Xu Nian' said with a slight smile.

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan, standing by, still furrowed their brows in deep concern.

It was clear they had not expected Xu Nian to have such a powerful demon by his side.

"Don't worry, he is just a senior I encountered; there won't be any trouble," Xu Nian, who had regained his clarity, assured them as he saw their surprised and wary expressions.

However, Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan weren't reassured by Xu Nian's words.

Instead, they cautioned him, "Xu Nian, aren't you afraid of keeping such a demon by your side..."

Xu Nian heard this and laughed.

At first, he had been afraid.

But as time passed and he interacted more with the Wentian Demon Sovereign,

he realized that not all demon lords were utterly depraved.

Among those who practiced demon cultivation, there were the good and the bad.

Not all demon cultivators were evil.

As long as they didn't resort to cruelly taking others' lives as a means for cultivation,

demon practitioners weren't intolerable to the Heavenly Dao.

"Alright, I have a sense of measure in my heart. Now that everything here is resolved, I think we can leave," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan both nodded.

They hadn't expected to inadvertently enter the heartland of the Death God Domain.

It seemed that the Death God Domain was not as dangerous as they had imagined.

Thus, Xu Nian, Yan Sha, and Wu Fenglan made their way back the way they had come.

However, shortly after they left, a figure slowly emerged from the Blood Pool within the great hall.

This figure was identical to the Dark Pope from before.

And the aura emanating from him was noticeably much stronger than before.

"Fortunately, I had already hidden my true self deep within the Blood Pool. Otherwise, today would have been difficult to escape," the Dark Pope said.

Watching the direction in which Xu Nian and the others had departed, a fierce killing intent arose in his eyes.

Chapter 559 Golden Blood

Xu Nian quickly returned to Rom City, following Yan Sha and Wu Fenglan.

After returning to Rom City, Xu Nian went straight to his residence.

He needed to carefully study the Divine Demon Body he had brought back.

"Buzz!"

With a flick of his sleeve,

the Divine Demon Body that Xu Nian had previously placed in the Ice Coffin appeared in the hall.

"Buzz!"

The shadow of Wentian Demon Sovereign also materialized as a dark figure beside Xu Nian.

At this moment, the figure of Wentian Demon Sovereign was clearly much more solid than before.

"Senior, have you devoured all the power of that Dark Pope?" Xu Nian asked in surprise upon seeing Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Yes, but it wasn't as useful as expected. If I'm not mistaken, the Dark Pope we killed earlier was not his true self, so the real Dark Pope should still be alive," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

As an old monster who had lived for many years, how could he be fooled by such a trivial trick?

It's just that he hadn't previously taken the time to thoroughly investigate the palace.

After rethinking it upon his return, he understood what had happened.

The Dark Pope had performed a classic deceiving tactic, hiding his true power from them.

"So, what should we do? Should we go back and slay the Dark Pope?" Xu Nian asked.

Wentian Demon Sovereign shook his head, "No need, although I've recovered some strength, I'm still in a soul state. The Dark Pope's methods are not weak, something I underestimated before. Moreover, by now he has probably already left the Death God Domain."

Xu Nian nodded.

He hadn't expected the Dark Pope to actually escape.

This meant that the Dark Pope would probably not rest until he had his revenge.

Perhaps, one day, after obtaining a powerful body, he would come seeking vengeance against him.

"You don't have to worry about this. Unless the Dark Pope is absolutely certain, he won't make a move against you. My presence should deter him for some time. Right now, your most important task is to extract the Divine Demon Bloodline from this Divine Demon Body," said Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Senior, if this Divine Demon Body is so powerful, why don't you use this body yourself?" Xu Nian asked Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Wentian Demon Sovereign laughed upon hearing this.

"To you, this Divine Demon Body may be considered powerful, but to me, it's practically rubbish. If my soul were to merge with it, my future achievements would likely be severely limited. So, you don't need to worry about helping me reshape my body for now," Wentian Demon Sovereign said with a smile.

Xu Nian felt a bit embarrassed.

He hadn't expected that what he saw as the strongest body was considered trash in the eyes of Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Then how do we extract the Divine Demon Bloodline?" Xu Nian asked.

"It's quite simple. It might be difficult for others to extract it, but you practice the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique. As long as you activate the technique, you can draw out the Divine Demon Bloodline from within this Divine Demon Body," Wentian Demon Sovereign replied.

Xu Nian nodded, understanding.

Without any hesitation, he began to activate the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique.

And with the operation of the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique, Xu Nian felt as though he was resonating with the Divine Demon Body.

A rumble of thunder began to echo within the body of the Divine Demon.

"Quick, cut open his skin!" Wentian Demon Sovereign instructed.

Without delay, Xu Nian took out the Immortal Sword to cut the skin of the Divine Demon Body.

However, to Xu Nian's surprise, the Immortal Sword was actually unable to cut through the skin of the Divine Demon.

Having no other choice, Xu Nian had to call upon the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation.

Only after the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation enveloped him did Xu Nian manage to cut open the Divine Demon Body with difficulty.

And, as soon as the skin was cut open,

a stream of blood, like a water snake, poured out from the wound of the Divine Demon Body.

What Xu Nian didn't expect was that the blood of the Divine Demon Body was actually a pale gold color.

Although the gold was rather diluted, one could still make out those traces of gold.

Within this golden blood was a secretly powerful and incomparable Demonic Qi.

"The real Divine Demon blood is golden. The one before you should be one of the lowest ranked Divine Demons, which is why its blood is the lightest and most diluted shade of gold. It is said that the royals among the Divine Demons possess Purple Gold Blood, born with incomparable strength," Wentian Demon Sovereign seemingly noticed Xu Nian's confusion and explained.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's face also revealed a look of astonishment.

He hadn't expected the blood of the Divine Demon to be golden.

He had thought that all creatures' blood was red.

"Then as my cultivation becomes stronger and stronger, will my blood also turn golden?" Xu Nian asked.

"Correct, your Divine Demon Refining Body Technique is actually transforming you bit by bit into something as powerful as a Divine Demon, so with the enhancement of your cultivation, your blood color will also gradually change to gold. However, this change probably won't happen until you breakthrough to the Vajra Realm," the Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

Xu Nian nodded and continued to extract the Divine Demon Essence Blood.

Soon, all of the Divine Demon's essence blood was extracted.

A fist-sized sphere of golden blood floated in front of Xu Nian.

While ordinary blood is abundant in most beings, essence blood is exceedingly rare.

It was quite impressive for the Divine Demon to yield a sphere of essence blood the size of a fist.

Xu Nian could feel the extremely powerful energy contained within this golden blood.

If he absorbed the power of this Divine Demon essence blood, his body would definitely break through to the Battle Emperor Level.

At that time, his strength would rise to a terrifying extent.

"Don't be in a hurry to absorb it. The power within this essence blood is too strong. Once you absorb it, I'm afraid it will summon the Heavenly Tribulation, which, if I'm not mistaken, should be at least a Second Level Forbidden. Unless you want to destroy the entire city, don't absorb it here," the Wentian Demon Sovereign advised.

"A Heavenly Tribulation above the Second Level Forbidden?" Xu Nian wondered in surprise.

But it made sense—he had summoned a First Level Heavenly Prohibition the last time he broke through to the Battle Saint level.

Now, as he was about to break through to Battle Emperor, and it was a Divine Demon Refining Body breakthrough at that,

he would undoubtedly violate a Heavenly Prohibition, which would certainly bring about the Heavenly Tribulation.

With so many mortals in Rom City, calling down the Heavenly Tribulation could easily result in harming these people.

"It seems it's time to leave this place," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

He had been here for quite some time now.

Although he was sure that Xu Yu and the others were still alive,

he was still somewhat uneasy.

Thus, he wanted to visit the Southern Wilderness County to check on them.

And there was that old Taoist who had been hunting him.

If they crossed paths again, he would surely make him understand what it means to regret.

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Xu Nian bid farewell to Yan Sha and the others the very next day, leaving Rom City.

Yan Sha and the others were somewhat surprised by Xu Nian's departure.

Although they felt a sense of loss, they still chose to respect Xu Nian's decision.

As for Hua Gesang, Xu Nian did not inform her.

However, Hua Gesang still learned of the news, but she did not show herself.

She simply watched from a distance as Xu Nian left.

After leaving Rom City, Xu Nian headed south.

His destination this time was Southern Wilderness County.

After parting with Xu Yu and the others last time, he had felt that Xu Yu and the rest had gone to the Southern Wilderness.

Xu Nian had signed a soul contract with Xu Yu and Black Wind, and there was a soul connection between them.

However, due to the distance being too great, they could only sense a general area and not the precise location.

So now, Xu Nian could only head to the Southern Wilderness to search for them.

In theory, Xu Yu and the others should have followed the connection to find Xu Nian.

But after so long, the location of Xu Yu and the others had not moved much at all.

Xu Nian guessed that Xu Yu and the others must have encountered some trouble.

Of course, the most important thing at the moment was to find a place to absorb the Divine Demon Essence Blood.

Finally, Xu Nian stopped on a hill in the desert.

"This will do!" Xu Nian muttered to himself.

Then, he sat down in the desert with crossed legs and took out the Divine Demon Essence Blood.

"Buzz!" As the Divine Demon Essence Blood appeared, Xu Nian instantly felt a vast amount of energy emanating from it.

Looking at the golden blood, excitement surged in Xu Nian's eyes.

Without hesitation, Xu Nian opened his mouth and inhaled, swallowing the Divine Demon Essence Blood.

As the Divine Demon Essence Blood entered Xu Nian's body, he felt a powerful force burst forth from the blood and surge through his limbs and bones.

The Divine Demon Refining Body Technique was immediately put into operation.

Every cell in Xu Nian's body seemed to come alive, frantically devouring the power.

And yet the blood continued to shine with unending energy.

The powerful force surged within Xu Nian's body like a mighty dragon, causing his body to swell continuously.

Xu Nian could feel a painful sense of swelling brought on by this force in his flesh.

It was as if all the cells in his body were about to burst at once.

Despite the pain, Xu Nian clenched his teeth and kept operating the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique, consuming the force.

And as this force was continuously consumed, Xu Nian clearly felt his physical body becoming even more powerful.

The strength and regenerative capabilities of his cells were many times greater than before.

Time ticked by.

Xu Nian's body underwent continuous changes.

Soon, Xu Nian's cultivation had already reached the peak of Body Saint.

He was merely a step away from the Body Emperor Realm.

"Break for me!" Xu Nian roared in his heart, pushing the operating speed of the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique to the max.

"Boom!" Finally, with a sound like muffled thunder.

Xu Nian's body broke through to a whole new realm.

An unprecedented feeling of strength welled up from the depths of Xu Nian's heart.

"What a powerful feeling!"

Xu Nian muttered to himself.

At that moment, he felt as if he could shatter the heavens and the earth with a single punch.

His body was filled with endless strength, and his physical might had increased by a great deal compared to the past.

"Buzz!"

The Immortal Sword appeared directly in Xu Nian's hand.

Xu Nian picked up the Immortal Sword and slashed a wound on his wrist.

However, as he made the cut, the blood that flowed out contained a thin streak of gold.

"Is this Divine Demon blood?" Xu Nian thought excitedly to himself.

Once his blood completely turned gold, his body would become terrifyingly strong.

Not only that, the wound Xu Nian had made was healing at a speed visible to the naked eye.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian threw a punch casually.

The space around him trembled violently.

A gigantic crater appeared in the distant sand sea, sand filling the sky.

"So strong, this casual punch of mine is even more powerful than when I used the Dragon Blood Armor and unleashed the Earth Fist before," Xu Nian exclaimed excitedly to himself.

Now his strength, without using the Dragon Blood Armor or the Earth Fist, was enough to fight a Peak Two-star Battle Emperor.

If he went all out, he could even fight a Three-star Battle Emperor.

"Buzz!"

But soon, a piece of information emerged in Xu Nian's mind.

He then felt an extremely strong restraint from the heavens and the earth around him.

"Is this the Emperor's Mandate?"

Xu Nian murmured to himself.

Having broken through to the Body Emperor level now, it was natural for the heavens and the earth to exert a powerful restraining force on him.

Xu Nian could clearly feel a strong repulsion from the world around him.

"Rumble!"

Just then, a powerful rumbling noise came from a distance.

With this rumbling, a powerful oppressive force weighed down on Xu Nian.

Rolling dark clouds surged toward him, enveloping the skies within a hundred-li radius.

"Such an intense pressure—this Heavenly Tribulation is at least ten times more powerful than when I broke through to Battle Saint, it must be at least the Second Level Heavenly Restriction," Xu Nian thought to himself, amazed.

Although he had broken through to the Body Emperor level, the oppressiveness that permeated the air still made Xu Nian's heart pound with fear.

At this moment, in Rom City, everyone was startled by the powerful Heavenly Tribulation clouds.

Wu Fenglan and Yan Sha stood at the highest point of the Luotian Temple, watching the surging tribulation clouds in the distance.

"Such a powerful celestial might, who has triggered the Heavenly Tribulation?" Yan Sha asked in surprise, looking at the distant clouds.

Despite being thousands of miles away, she could still feel the oppressive might of the celestial force.

"Who else could it be? Besides that youngster, who would trigger a Heavenly Tribulation upon breaking through to the Emperor Level?" Wu Fenglan spoke.

Although her tone was calm, her eyes betrayed a hint of surprise.

"Are you saying Xu Nian? He broke through?" Yan Sha's eyes widened in disbelief.

"Yeah, I felt the fluctuation of the Emperor Realm from the desert just now. If I'm not wrong, that kid has probably made a breakthrough with his Body Cultivation. A nineteen-year-old Battle Emperor, he must be the only one in the entire Tianhen Continent," Wu Fenglan said with emotion.

Hearing this, Yan Sha's gaze drifted off into a daze.

A nineteen-year-old Battle Emperor?

That was astounding news.

She had relied on all of Luotian Sect's resources, with the aid of the Great Brightness Stone, to break through to the Battle Emperor Realm at the age of thirty.

But Xu Nian had broken through to a One-star Body Emperor at nineteen?

If she hadn't witnessed Xu Nian's monstrous talent herself, she might not have believed that there could be such a gifted individual in the world.