

Divine King 571

Chapter 571: Overwhelming Strength

"Uh, he has a Talent Phenomenon too?"

The crowd around Xu Nian looked at the Immortal King Laurel Map behind him, with surprise etched across their faces.

They hadn't expected that Xu Nian would also possess a Talent Phenomenon, and judging by the looks of it, it was quite a powerful one.

Li Tiancheng frowned when he saw the Talent Phenomenon behind Xu Nian.

He hadn't anticipated that Xu Nian was also of a special constitution.

Mo Hen seemed a bit surprised too, but thinking it over, Xu Nian's extraordinary talent made sense.

If he weren't of a special constitution, that would actually be somewhat abnormal.

But Bull Demon King beside him let out a light chuckle and said to Mo Hen, "Don't rush; the good part is still to come."

Mo Hen was puzzled, not understanding why Bull Demon King would say that.

But he soon understood.

Xu Nian gave a slight smile, and a buzzing sound once more emanated from his body.

Another Talent Phenomenon emerged behind him.

"What? Two Talent Phenomena? How is that possible?"

The people around them all widened their eyes when they saw a giant sword Talent Phenomenon appear behind Xu Nian,

their faces wearing expressions of disbelief.

Li Tiancheng was stunned too.

Xu Nian actually had two Talent Phenomena.

Mo Hen was also extremely astonished.

"Buzz!"

However, at that moment, Xu Nian's aura suddenly surged.

A third Talent Phenomenon emerged behind him.

"Thump!"

Everyone felt their hearts skip a beat.

Li Tiancheng was completely dumbfounded.

Xu Nian actually had three Talent Phenomena.

How was that possible?

Xu Nian looked at the shocked gazes of the crowd and his lips curled into a cold smirk.

"No way, does he have another one?"

The people around saw the cold smirk at the corner of Xu Nian's mouth and their eyes filled with terror.

"Boom!"

Sure enough, while everybody's eyes were wide with disbelief, Xu Nian's fourth Talent Phenomenon roared into existence.

Everyone felt dizzy all of a sudden.

"F*ck, other people dream of having one Talent Phenomenon, and this guy has four? Isn't this just ridiculously overpowered?"

"Yeah, I've never even thought that you could play with Talent Phenomena like this, so showy? My heart is about to leap out of my chest."

"My mom asked me why I'm kneeling to watch this fight. Damn it, I don't want to be kneeling, but my legs just went soft!"

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The disciples of the Beast Taming Sect were all inwardly crying out.

Now they finally believed that the rumors from the outside world were true.

And even though those rumors were actually understated.

A person with four Talent Phenomena, no wonder he could possess such terrifying battle strength before even reaching twenty.

This talent was truly heaven-defying.

Mo Hen was equally taken aback.

He had never imagined Xu Nian's talent to be like this.

To actually have four Talent Phenomena, what kind of physique was this?

At this moment, Li Tiancheng's face was extremely uncomfortable.

He had thought that by releasing his Talent Phenomenon, he could regain a bit of the face he had lost.

But now, Xu Nian had slapped him in the face again.

This filled his heart with intense anger and envy.

"How useful it is to have so many Talent Phenomena, strength is key. I really want to see how much of a boost these Talent Phenomena give you," Li Tiancheng roared.

Then a giant axe appeared in his hand.

As he swung the huge axe, a terrifying roaring sound emanated through the air.

It was as if primeval beasts were howling.

The giant axe contained the powerful Earth Power Profound Argumentation.

The surrounding disciples all scurried back, afraid of being injured by the fluctuations from the massive axe.

They all watched the scene intently,

yet dared not look down on Xu Nian any longer, but as for Xu Nian's true strength...

They still harbored a shred of doubt in their hearts.

After all, Li Tiancheng's Earth Profound Argumentation had already reached the Insight Realm, only a step away from the Profound Argumentation Threshold.

The power of that axe stroke was absolutely terrifying.

Xu Nian saw this scene, yet he merely smiled faintly.

He didn't even bring forth any weapon but began to directly stimulate the Earth Power Profound Argumentation.

"Eh, he has actually grasped the Earth Profound Argumentation as well, and it seems to be at a higher level?"

"It's not that it seems higher, it is indeed higher—this Earth Profound Argumentation has clearly crossed into the Profound Argumentation Threshold."

The crowd around watched the fluctuations surging around Xu Nian's fist, expressions of surprise on their faces.

They hadn't expected Xu Nian's comprehension of Profound Argumentation to have reached such a high degree.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian threw out a punch casually.

The Axe Light that Li Tiancheng had slashed out was instantly shattered.

Not only that, but a terrifying wave of Earth Power formed a ferocious blast that struck right in the middle of Li Tiancheng's chest.

"Puh!"

Li Tiancheng spewed out blood violently, his body flying backward in direct flight.

His figure smashed several hundred yards away, directly crashing into the distant palace walls.

The massive hall's walls collapsed under the impact.

The crowd around was stunned.

Xu Nian was just too strong.

In every aspect, he had completely outclassed Li Tiancheng.

They had never seen the Young Sect Master being brutalized so miserably before.

"Wow!"

Li Tiancheng's blood was spewing unceasingly, his eyes filled with shock and unwillingness as he looked towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian had actually brought his understanding of the Earth Power to the level of the Profound Argumentation Threshold.

This was completely beyond his expectations.

"I'll ask you one last time, release my brothers." Xu Nian asked coldly again.

"Pah, don't even dream of seeing those two beasts again in your life, because I have already killed them." Li Tiancheng spat out a mouthful of blood and sneered.

Killing Intent surged instantly in Xu Nian's eyes.

This Li Tiancheng was simply incorrigible.

Although he knew that Xu Yu and the rest were still alive, Li Tiancheng's attitude provoked a surge of Killing Intent in his heart.

"Since you refuse to hand them over, then go to your death!"

Xu Nian snorted coldly, his figure swooping towards Li Tiancheng.

"Do not harm our Young Sect Master!"

Another Elder finally couldn't restrain himself at this moment and burst out with a booming aura.

The aura surging around his body was actually at the Half-Emperor Realm.

This Half-Emperor Senior person slapped his palm towards Xu Nian.

A terrifying fluctuation exploded from his palm, seemingly intending to deliver a fatal strike to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian saw this scene and let out a cold laugh.

The Earth Profound Argumentation was activated once again.

The azure Spiritual Energy within his body wound around Xu Nian's arm like the Azure Dragon, merging with the yellowish soil-colored Earth Power, forming an Earth Light Circle.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian punched out.

He directly collided with the Elder's palm.

"Splurt!"

In an instant, that old Half-Emperor Senior person's arm exploded under the collision of this punch.

"This..."

The crowd around was dumbfounded.

A Half-Emperor Senior can't even block a punch from Xu Nian?

Li Tiancheng, watching the scene from afar, also displayed a shocked expression.

But what followed shook him even more to the core.

Xu Nian formed a knife with his hand, turning his figure into a lingering shadow.

He appeared in front of the Half-Emperor Elder in an instant.

He didn't give the Elder any chance to react.

A swift hand-knife stroke, like lightning, pierced straight through the chest of the Half-Emperor Senior.

"Splurt!"

Blood splattered.

An arm pierced through from the Elder's back.

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Spectators all around beheld the blood-drenched scene.

Each of them took a deep breath of cold air.

A Half-Emperor Senior was slain in seconds!

Just how strong was Xu Nian?

Mo Hen was also stunned.

The strength Xu Nian displayed far exceeded his expectations.

If he wasn't mistaken, Xu Nian's current strength definitely reached the One-star Battle Emperor Level.

Otherwise, it wouldn't have been so easy to kill a Half-Emperor Level Senior.

A warrior at the Battle Saint Peak Level actually possessed the strength of a One-star Battle Emperor; just how heaven-defying was this youth?

Li Tiancheng was also taken aback.

Although he could once battle a Half-Emperor Senior, it was only by exerting all his methods to barely manage a draw.

Yet Xu Nian had directly killed a Half-Emperor Level Senior, which was truly horrifying.

"Speak, where is my brother now?"

Xu Nian walked towards Li Tiancheng step by step.

Although he moved slowly, his footsteps contained a unique vibration.

Each step caused the earth to shudder,

Exerting a strong pressure on Li Tiancheng's heart.

"Puh!"

Xu Nian had taken only three steps before Li Tiancheng vomited blood from the shock.

Li Tiancheng was incredibly alarmed; Xu Nian's mastery of the Earth Power Profound Argumentation far surpassed anything he could imagine.

He was certain that if Xu Nian kept walking,

His heart would likely burst from the pressure and kill him.

"Father, save me!"

Unable to endure any longer, Li Tiancheng bellowed towards the depths of the Sect.

Xu Nian's brows furrowed, a glint of coldness flashing in his eyes.

He then hastily lunged towards Li Tiancheng.

"How dare you!"

However, just as Xu Nian was less than a meter away from Li Tiancheng,

A figure transformed into an afterimage, appearing directly in front of Xu Nian.

A terrifying force fiercely struck towards Xu Nian's chest.

Without a moment's hesitation, Xu Nian activated his Earth Fist.

"Boom!"

Fist clashed with palm,

Emitting a thunderous explosive sound.

The ground violently sunk.

The terrifying power turned into a storm that swept the surroundings.

Xu Nian was knocked back dozens of meters by this ferocious force.

After regaining his stance, Xu Nian looked up in the direction of Li Tiancheng.

There stood a dignified middle-aged man.

This man exuded a strong imperial aura.

Clearly, the middle-aged man before him was a One-star Battle Emperor Level power.

However, it appeared he had not been at this level for very long.

If Xu Nian wasn't wrong, this middle-aged man should be Li Tiancheng's father,

The Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect.

As Xu Nian sized up the Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect, the Sect Master was also observing Xu Nian.

Although the Sect Master did not use his full strength in that palm, he had exerted about seventy percent.

Such a palm strike was not something a Battle Saint Level expert could withstand.

Yet the youth before him not only blocked his attack.

He also hadn't sustained a single injury.

This was definitely not something a Battle Saint Level expert could achieve.

"Are you that Xu Nian? Did you kill Yuan Ba?" Li Kuanglan asked Xu Nian with a cold voice.

"Yes, I killed him. What, you want to avenge your son?" Xu Nian responded with a cold smile.

Li Kuanglan's eyebrows furrowed slightly. Clearly, Xu Nian's tone displeased him.

"Kid, you've killed so many people from my Beast Taming Sect, made a scene here, and now you speak to me in this tone – don't you think you're being overly arrogant?" Li Kuanglan said coldly.

He had never seen such an arrogant youth before.

"Arrogant? Your Beast Taming Sect captured my brothers, intending to enslave them. Now I am here to demand their release, and you find me arrogant?" Xu Nian retorted with a cold laugh.

"Your brothers?" Li Kuanglan was momentarily taken aback and turned to look at Li Tiancheng.

"Father, I did capture two Demon Beasts, both of which possess Super Divine Beast Bloodlines, so I tried to make them recognize a master. But unexpectedly, they had already signed a contract with this Xu Nian," Li Tiancheng also stood up and spoke frankly.

"Super Divine Beast Bloodline? I see," Li Kuanglan nodded.

Then he looked at Xu Nian, his gaze filled with killing intent.

"What, you want to kill me to break the contract on me?" Xu Nian asked with a sneer.

He and Xu Yu had bound themselves with a contract.

Only by killing Xu Nian could this contract be broken.

Of course, the premise was that Xu Nian didn't destroy Xu Yu and the others before his demise.

"Release the contract, and I can overlook the matter of you killing my son and let you leave," Li Kuanglan said to Xu Nian with a cold voice.

Hearing this, Xu Nian began to laugh.

"Ha-ha, Li Kuanglan, do you think I'd be afraid of you since I had the courage to come here? Want me to release the contract? You might as well give up on that idea. On the contrary, I must remind you to release my two brothers. I can ensure the safety of your Beast Taming Sect. But if you insist on not returning them or if you harm them, then today shall be the day your sect is eradicated," Xu Nian said to Li Kuanglan.

The onlookers all showed a look of surprise.

Had Xu Nian lost his mind?

He was actually threatening a Battle Emperor Level expert.

Did he truly believe that he had the capability to stand against a Battle Emperor?

Mo Hen's brow furrowed tightly. Although from the battle just now, Xu Nian did seem to have the strength to contend with a Battle Emperor.

But a Battle Saint was still a Battle Saint; no matter how extraordinary, he might not necessarily be an opponent for a Battle Emperor Level expert.

"Since you refuse to comply, I have no choice but to kill you," Li Kuanglan snorted coldly.

Having said that, the aura of a Battle Emperor burst forth from him instantaneously, and his figure turned into a rapid blur as he swept towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian watched Li Kuanglan speeding towards him and a chill smile curled on his lips.

"I never thought your Beast Taming Sect would be so stubborn. Since that's the case, don't blame me for being ruthless," a hint of killing intent flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

Immediately after, an Immortal Sword appeared in his hand.

"Mixed Element Slash!"

With a loud shout from Xu Nian, the Immortal Sword in his hand made a slash.

"Buzz!"

The space around them was instantly torn apart.

The rapidly approaching Li Kuanglan saw this and his face dramatically changed.

Without any hesitation, he drew out a Spiritual Weapon and mobilized all his power to defend.

However, the might contained in this slash was truly too dreadful.

"Clang!"

A sound akin to a crisp clang was heard.

Then everyone saw Li Kuanglan, along with his sword, sent flying out.

And the grand hall he was in was cleaved into two halves by the Sword Radiance.

A gigantic sword mark of a thousand meters presented itself before the crowd.

Those disciples of the Beast Taming Sect had their eyes wide open, and their jaws dropped in disbelief.

Initially, they thought Xu Nian's fist and foot strength were already formidable.

But now it seemed that compared to his Swordsmanship, those previous displays were nothing at all.

Chapter 573 Bloodthirsty Crocodile

Li Tiancheng stared at the enormous sword scar before him.

His face was completely expressionless.

The Sword Radiance in front of him was a thousand meters long and two meters deep.

Such a terrifying strike had actually been caused by Xu Nian.

The most crucial point was that even his father had failed to block this strike.

"Father..."

As if thinking of something, Li Tiancheng hastily looked towards the far end of the ruins.

"Cough cough!"

A couple of coughing sounds came through.

From within the ruins, a figure emerged.

This figure was obviously disheveled, with clothes already somewhat tattered.

There were multiple cuts on his body and face.

Not only that, the middle-aged man also had a trail of fresh blood at the corner of his mouth.

Everyone was surprised as they watched the figure, their faces filled with disbelief.

This person before them was the Sect Master of their Beast Taming Sect, a One-star Battle Emperor Level powerhouse.

Yet now he looked so wretched after a fight with Xu Nian.

Had they not seen it with their own eyes, even if they were beaten to death, they wouldn't believe that all this was real.

Mo Hen was also extremely shocked as he witnessed this scene.

Only now did he understand why the youth before him dared to attack the Beast Taming Sect like this.

Even if this single strike couldn't annihilate the Beast Taming Sect,

It was absolutely impossible for the Beast Taming Sect to captivate him.

However, the one who achieved all this was just a Nine-star War Saint Level youth.

Li Kuanglan was also incredibly astonished in his heart.

The power of this strike was no less than the full-force blow of a One-star Battle Emperor Level mighty being.

Had he not timely used his Spirit Sword to block most of the power,

It would have been more than just a minor injury.

What shocked him the most was that this was done by a Battle Saint Level youth.

"This child must die, otherwise my Beast Taming Sect will definitely face a formidable enemy," Li Kuanglan muttered to himself.

He was now wholly intent on killing.

If Xu Nian had killed Li Yuanba, he might not have been too shaken.

But seeing the strength Xu Nian displayed, he could no longer sit idle.

A Peak-Level War Saint with such power.

If he broke through to a Battle Emperor, how terrifying would his strength be?

Moreover, he had already grasped the threshold of Profound Argumentation, so breaking through to Battle Emperor was only a matter of time.

Hence, he absolutely could not let him leave today.

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Just as Li Kuanglan was harboring killing intent,

On the highest mountain peak of the sect's entrance at the Beast Taming Sect.

There stood two elderly men who looked exceedingly proud.

Their auras were restrained, yet they gave off a feeling of being one with heaven and earth.

It was certain that these two were extremely skilled masters.

One of them was even clad in a Star Robe.

If Xu Nian were here, he would surely recognize this person as none other than the Star Daoist who once pursued him.

And the old man by his side is none other than the former Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect, Li Bagang.

At this moment, the two stood on the peak of the mountain, looking down upon the Sect plaza below.

They had witnessed the entire battle that just took place.

"Xingchenzi, you've brought quite some trouble to our Sect this time. You said that this kid was only at the Peak of Nine-star War Saint, but you didn't mention he had the strength of a One-star Battle Emperor?" Li Bagang said, looking at Xu Nian's figure below.

"It seems that the trouble didn't come from me. It was clearly your grandson who captured his two brothers. I just happened to hear about it and came," Xingchenzi replied with a slight smile.

"But why didn't you tell me about his real strength from the start and caused my Sect to lose many of its experts?" Li Bagang obviously was dissatisfied.

Xingchenzi heard this and could only offer a bitter smile in response.

"It's not that I didn't want to say it, but rather I had no idea. When I was chasing Xu Nian, he was merely a Four-star Battle Saint with strength at most at the Half-Emperor Level. It's only been a short month, and I didn't expect him to grow this much," Xingchenzi said helplessly.

"Oh? Are you suggesting that he jumped from a Four-star Battle Saint to the Nine-star War Saint Level in just one month?" Li Bagang showed a trace of surprise on his face.

"Exactly, if I'm not mistaken, he must have had some extraordinary encounters during this month. You must understand; this kid carries the dragon vein and possesses great fortune," Xingchenzi said.

Upon hearing this, Li Bagang's brow also furrowed.

As a powerhouse at the Peak of Two-star War Emperor, he wasn't afraid of a young man having extraordinary talent.

However, what he did fear was the terrifying fortune the youngster carried.

After all, those who bear a great fortune usually possess incredible luck.

Eliminating them would undoubtedly be extremely difficult, as anything could happen in the process.

"Kuang Lan has only broken through to Battle Emperor less than two years ago; I believe he may not be a match for this Xu Nian," Li Bagang said.

"Don't worry, you won't need to make a move. If your son can't beat him, I have ways to deal with Xu Nian. But you'll have to help me keep an eye out; if he uses Blood Escape, you must help me stop him. Last time he got away using it," Xingchenzi said.

"Alright," replied Li Bagang.

He knew that he was now in the same boat as Xingchenzi.

If they didn't kill Xu Nian today, it was very possible that their Beast Taming Sect would face a catastrophe.

While Xingchenzi and Li Bagang were discussing how to deal with Xu Nian,

Xu Nian and Li Kuanglan had already entered a standoff.

"How about it, Sect Master Li? Aren't you going to hand over my brothers? Do you really want to see your Sect destroyed?" Xu Nian looked at Li Kuanglan and scoffed.

Li Kuanglan's eyes narrowed as well, a thick killing intent radiating from them.

"Xu Nian, I admit that your talent is indeed the most extraordinary I've ever seen. Not even twenty, yet you possess strength comparable to that of a One-star Battle Emperor. Such a feat is unprecedented in the history of the entire continent. However, you have underestimated our Beast Taming Sect," said Li Kuanglan.

As he spoke, someone appeared behind him.

To be precise, this should be a Demon Beast that had taken human form.

Once this Demon Beast appeared, the aura around it instantly became ferocious.

What was most terrifying was that this Demon Beast was also at the One-star Battle Emperor Level.

"Eh, isn't that the Sect Master's personal Demon Beast? I didn't expect the Sect Master to summon it as well?"

The people around were all surprised to see this figure who had suddenly appeared.

It seemed the Sect Master planned to use two Battle Emperors to surround and attack Xu Nian.

Xu Nian looked at the Demon Beast, his face showing a slight surprise.

The true form of this Demon Beast turned out to be a Bloodthirsty Crocodile.

And such Bloodthirsty Crocodiles were descendants of Ancient Blood Crocodiles.

Not only were they formidable in attack, but their defense was terrifying as well.

It could be said that this type of Demon Beast was the king of slaughter.

Moreover, given its brutal nature, any Cultivator encountering it would likely be on a path to death.

Unexpectedly, the Beast Taming Sect's Sect Master had managed to subdue it.

Chapter 574 I'm More Brutal than You

"Roar!"

The moment the Bloodthirsty Crocodile appeared, it let out a deafening roar.

The roar shook the heavens and the earth.

The crowd around them all felt a deep-seated fear; the roar of this Emperor Level Demon Beast made them tremble from within.

Li Tiancheng watched this scene, his eyes brimming with excitement.

He had always envied his father for having such a powerful Demon Beast at his side.

That's why he had gone to great lengths to try to subdue Xu Yu and Black Wind when he saw them.

Their Beast Taming Sect had a Cultivation Technique that allowed one to form a Lifebound Contract with a Demon Beast.

The stronger the Demon Beast, the greater the benefit to one's own Cultivation, nourishing the Cultivator from within.

And this Bloodthirsty Crocodile was his father's Lifebound Demon Beast.

It was precisely because of the Bloodthirsty Crocodile's breakthrough that his father could advance so quickly to the Battle Emperor Realm.

Bull Demon King and Mo Hen both furrowed their brows.

They had not expected the Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect to have a Demon Beast ally as well.

Xu Nian might be able to handle a Battle Emperor, but two Battle Emperors would likely pose some difficulty.

However, Xu Nian's face showed not a hint of panic; on the contrary, there was a faint smile on his lips.

"You have a helper, and you think I don't?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

After he spoke, a gigantic Demon Beast strode out of the void behind him.

"What? What kind of Demon Beast is this?"

The crowd looked at this Demon Beast, their faces showing surprise.

Even the Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect wore a look of curiosity.

They had never seen the Demon Beast before them.

However, they could feel that the Demon Beast was extraordinary.

"This is also your Demon Beast?" the Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect asked the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The Demon Beast in front of him gave off a powerful vibe, but its aura was of the Holy Realm.

Could it be that Xu Nian intended to match a Holy Realm Level Demon Beast against his Bloodthirsty Crocodile?

"Sorry, I forgot to tell you, this is not a Demon Beast I've tamed; it's my avatar," Xu Nian explained with a smile.

"An avatar?" the crowd all showed surprised expressions.

They hadn't expected Xu Nian to have a Demon Beast avatar.

Li Kuanglan also wrinkled his brow, not expecting that this bizarre Demon Beast was actually Xu Nian's avatar.

He didn't believe that Xu Nian's true form could be so heaven-defying.

And now this avatar seemed to follow suit.

"Bloodthirsty Crocodile, go, tear this giant beast apart for me," Li Kuanglan commanded directly.

"Yes, Master!" The Bloodthirsty Crocodile responded immediately and transformed into a beam of light, rushing towards the avatar of Xu Nian's Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The Bloodthirsty Crocodile's claws were covered with a terrifying glow as they lashed out at the Scale Armor of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

"Clang!"

However, at the moment everyone thought the Undying Devouring Sky Beast would be wounded by the Bloodthirsty Crocodile's sharp claws, something unexpected occurred.

When the Bloodthirsty Crocodile's claw struck the Undying Devouring Sky Beast's Scale Armor, it failed to cause even the slightest reaction.

"How... how is that possible?"

The crowd all showed expressions of utter surprise.

The claws of the Bloodthirsty Crocodile were ferocious, capable of tearing through even exotic metals.

Yet now, it couldn't breach the scales of this Demon Beast.

"Hmph!"

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast let out a cold snort and then, with a flick of its massive paw, instantly sent the Bloodthirsty Crocodile flying.

"Boom!"

The Bloodthirsty Crocodile's body crashed into a distant building, causing the entire structure to collapse.

The crowd inhaled sharply once again.

They had thought Xu Nian's original form was already against the natural order.

But now, this avatar appeared to be an even more fearsome existence.

This defense—it could even withstand attacks from an Emperor Level Bloodthirsty Crocodile?

What kind of monstrous Demon Beast was this?

Li Kuanglan also watched the scene with furrowed brows.

Such a demon beast with perverse defense, he, as the Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect, had never seen before.

Li Tiancheng, on the other hand, clenched his fists, his eyes filled with deep jealousy.

"Roar!"

The Emperor Level Bloodthirsty Crocodile seemed to be enraged by the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

With a hiss, it transformed into its real form and charged towards the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

Its massive tail lashed straight at the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

However, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast feared nothing; its scorpion-like tail instantly turned into a beam of light, piercing through the Emperor Crocodile's scale armor and into its neck.

"Roar!"

The giant crocodile let out a painful roar as blood spurted from its back.

The people around were dumbfounded.

This Emperor Level Bloodthirsty Crocodile was one of the top existences among demon beasts of the same level, but in front of Xu Nian's avatar, it was as if it didn't stand a chance.

Its supposedly impervious scale armor was as though merely paper, easily penetrated.

"Spurt!"

Yet, as the crowd was still in shock,

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast extended a claw, piercing straight into the Bloodthirsty Crocodile's abdomen.

"Roar!"

The giant crocodile cried out in immense pain.

It opened its massive jaws and bit fiercely onto the sturdy leg of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

But its razor-sharp teeth could not pierce the scale armor of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

Instead, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast seized the opportunity, thrusting both claws into the abdomen of the crocodile.

"Spurt!"

With force, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast tore off an arm of the Emperor Level Bloodthirsty Crocodile.

Blood splattered, flesh flew.

The onlookers were completely speechless in shock.

The giant crocodile seemed to realize the terror of the demon beast in front of it and began to consider retreating.

However, before it could move, the lethal claws of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast viciously stabbed towards its head.

Those sharp claws emitted a powerful, invisible fluctuation.

"Stop!"

Li Kuanglan quickly realized something was amiss and wanted to intervene.

But Xu Nian let out a cold laugh and immediately slashed out with his sword,

Blocking Li Kuanglan's figure.

"Spurt!"

The claws of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast pierced straight through the giant crocodile's head, retrieving its Demon Core from inside.

With the Demon Core removed, the giant crocodile was completely devoid of life.

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast then tossed the Demon Core into its mouth and swallowed it down.

The crowd, witnessing this scene, and seeing the Emperor Crocodile thoroughly lifeless, felt their minds go blank.

An Emperor Level demon beast, one with extremely powerful defensive and offensive capabilities, had just been killed like that.

"Spurt!"

Li Kuanglan, standing by, was also spewing blood, his presence weakening rapidly.

He and the Emperor Crocodile were bound by a Lifebound Contract.

Although the death of the Emperor Crocodile wouldn't cause his own death, it would injure his Origin.

His strength was now greatly damaged.

Probably no match for Xu Nian.

Mo Hen stood aside, watching this unfold, his heart filled with shock.

He hadn't expected that Xu Nian alone could defeat the Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect.

Xu Nian's mouth, however, revealed a slight smile.

His gaze turned icy when it shifted to Li Kuanglan and Li Tiancheng.

"Release my brother," Xu Nian said with a cold, threatening tone.

His voice echoed throughout the entire Sect.

Chapter 575: Battle with Xingchenzi

Xu Nian's words hit the ground with resounding force.

They sent a chill down the spine of everyone present.

It has to be said that from the beginning until now, Xu Nian has brought them far too many shocks.

The strength Xu Nian displayed left them repeatedly astonished.

It was one thing for his original body to be powerful, but to also have such a heaven-defying clone was another.

At this moment, Mo Hen had no more words to say.

Initially, he had been somewhat worried that their trip would result in their demise.

But now, his worries had greatly subsided.

He even felt a sense of exhilarating satisfaction.

After all, these past few months, he had been skulking about like a lost dog due to the Beast Taming Sect's actions.

Now seeing the Beast Taming Sect being suppressed so miserably,

especially with the Sect Master spitting out blood, greatly eased Mo Hen's heart.

"Haha, what a useless Beast Taming Sect, I see they're nothing much after all," Bull Demon King laughed arrogantly.

Seeing the horrified eyes of the surrounding Beast Taming Sect disciples, he felt full of pride.

Although he wasn't the one doing it, following Xu Nian made him feel like he had great face.

"I'm asking you one last time, where exactly is my brother?" Xu Nian looked towards Li Kuanglan and demanded in a fierce tone.

"Hmph, Xu Nian, don't be so arrogant. Even if you possess the Cultivation of a One-star Battle Emperor, let me tell you that my Beast Taming Sect is not something you can just destroy as you wish," Li Tiancheng retorted coldly.

Clearly, Xu Nian's arrogant demeanor had ignited fury in his heart.

Li Kuanglan's gaze was also immensely haughty, showing no fear of Xu Nian's threat.

Upon seeing this, a trace of murderous intent flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

"If you won't speak, then I have no choice but to kill all of you and find him myself." Xu Nian let out a cold shout, and the Immortal Sword in his hand slashed towards Li Kuanglan.

The Sword Radiance swept out, carrying a terrifying force.

Everyone around was shocked at this sight.

Could it be that their Sect Master was going to die just like this?

"Bzz!"

However, just as Xu Nian's Sword Radiance was about to hit Li Kuanglan,

a Star Array Map suddenly appeared in front of Li Kuanglan.

"Boom!"

The Sword Radiance collided with the Star Array, creating a thunderous noise.

The Star Array shattered, and the Sword Radiance dissolved along with it.

A terrifying wave turned into a storm that swept through the area.

Everyone was stunned.

Yet, a cold smile crossed Xu Nian's mouth.

"So you've finally decided to show up? I've been waiting for you for a long time," Xu Nian said with a cold laugh, looking up into the sky.

A white-haired elder was seen stepping through the air, arriving on the scene.

Behind him followed a burly elder.

To Xu Nian's surprise, this burly elder's Cultivation was above that of Xingchenzi.

"Elder, Father!" Li Kuanglan saw these two figures and was immediately filled with joy, respectfully addressing them.

"Grandson pays respect to Grandfather and Predecessor," Li Tiancheng also excitedly said.

His grandfather was a Peak of Two-star War Emperor level expert, and there was another Battle Emperor level elder.

Even if Xu Nian were formidable, they couldn't do much to him.

Li Bagang and Xingchenzi nodded their heads, then turned to look at Xu Nian.

"Xu Nian, I've been searching for you, and to think you would come out on your own. It seems that during this time, not only has your Cultivation increased considerably, but your confidence has as well," Xingchenzi said to Xu Nian.

"Old Taoist with your fancy tricks, last time you made me suffer so much. I almost died at your hands. I told you, the next time we met I would make you pay back tenfold, a hundredfold. Now's the time to fulfill that promise," Xu Nian said coldly.

Last time, he was terribly tormented by this Xingchenzi.

He was forced to use Blood Escape to flee,

resulting in him lying immobile in the desert for three whole days.

He couldn't swallow this grudge if he didn't avenge it.

"Oh, really? Do you think you have the strength to seek revenge?" Xingchenzi sneered.

"Not enough?" Xu Nian sneered back in response.

"Of course not enough, Xu Nian, I let you escape last time, but today I want to see where you can flee to," Xingchenzi snorted coldly.

With a wave of his sleeve, a Star Light Shield directly enveloped the entire Sect.

Xu Nian looked at the Star Array covering the Sect and a cold smile also appeared on the corner of his mouth.

"Don't worry, I won't run away, because all of you will die," Xu Nian sneered coldly, and then a hint of killing intent flashed in his eyes.

Immediately afterward, Xu Nian transformed into a lightning phantom and charged toward Xingchenzi.

The Immortal Sword in his hand swung as if it were a shadow, slashing out with a terrifying might.

Xingchenzi just let out a cold laugh, materializing a horsetail whisk in his hand.

He swung the whisk out, casting a streak of starlight.

The starlight carried a powerful force within it.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian's Sword Radiance collided directly with Xingchenzi's horsetail whisk.

A violent boom sounded.

Xu Nian's Immortal Sword was once again sent reeling back.

Xingchenzi snorted coldly, watching as Xu Nian was forced back and swung the whisk once again.

"Buzz!"

As the whisk was waved, several Sword Radiance streaked out from it.

These beams of Sword Qi contained powerful starlight and were incredibly formidable.

It can't be denied that Xingchenzi's strength had reached a very high level.

The might of these Star Sword Lights was such that even an ordinary One-star Battle Emperor Expert would not be able to block them.

Xu Nian retreated while swiping his Immortal Sword.

"Clang, clang, clang!"

Sword Qi kept being hacked apart.

These Sword Qi were all blocked by Xu Nian.

Star Sword Lights exploded, emitting a series of blasts.

For a time, Xu Nian and Xingchenzi seemed to be evenly matched.

"It seems that's all the strength you have. If so, I'm afraid you won't be able to avenge your grievances," Xingchenzi said with a smile looking at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian smiled faintly, a hint of mockery flashing in his eyes.

"Really? Then try this sword."

Xu Nian's eyes turned cold, and he once again slashed out with his sword.

This sword moved with incredible speed, tracing a swift dark Sword Radiance through the air.

As this Sword Radiance surged, an intense sense of danger welled up in Xingchenzi's heart.

"Eh? What terrifying energy."

Xingchenzi's expression changed instantly.

Not daring to be the slightest bit negligent, his fingers moved like phantoms, quickly forming several Dharma Seals.

As these seals were formed, a fearsome Tai Chi Array appeared in front of him.

"Boom!"

In the moment the Tai Chi Array formed.

Xu Nian's Sword Radiance arrived in an instant.

With a loud noise, the Tai Chi Array exploded.

That terrifying Sword Radiance then transformed into a fearsome Sword Qi Storm.

"Spurt!"

Xingchenzi spat out a mouthful of blood, retreating dozens of steps in succession.

Looking at Xu Nian, his eyes were filled with shock.

This sword had actually wounded him.

The onlookers all showed shocked expressions as well.

They hadn't expected Xu Nian to be able to launch such a powerful attack,

actually managing to wound this revered senior.

Xu Nian, seeing Xingchenzi spitting blood, sighed with disappointment.

He had already used the Kun Cave Power with this sword, yet he had only made Xingchenzi spit out a mouthful of blood.

Chapter 576 True Strength

Xingchenzi wiped the fresh blood from the corner of his mouth, and his eyes toward Xu Nian sharpened tremendously.

Just now, that sword had nearly threatened his life.

Especially that black power, which gave him a palpable sense of heart palpitations.

He had felt this power before.

But last time, Xu Nian's strength was clearly weaker, and this power did not pose a great threat to him.

This time, however, it was different, as Xu Nian's strength had clearly improved.

Therefore, his control over this power had also become much stronger than before.

Now facing this power, Xingchenzi dared not be the slightest bit negligent.

"I have to admit, your attack just now did threaten my life. If it had been an ordinary One-star Battle Emperor Expert, they would probably have already died under that sword of yours," Xingchenzi said.

Xu Nian gave a slight smile but did not respond to Xingchenzi's words.

"However, you won't have another chance, because I will let you know, the Yin-Yang Path that I, Xingchenzi, practice is incomparable to any other." Xingchenzi snorted coldly.

He then stomped on the ground.

A Tai Chi Bagua Map appeared directly beneath his feet.

As this Tai Chi Bagua Map surged out, the aura around Xingchenzi started to soar rapidly.

The Star Robe on Xingchenzi's body fluttered, and his aura reached the level of a Two-star War Emperor at that moment.

"This is my unique secret technique, Star Enhancement, which can boost my strength by threefold in a short period. Xu Nian, I originally thought I wouldn't need to use this technique, but now it seems that I must in order to kill you," Xingchenzi snorted coldly.

The aura on his body swept the entire venue, shaking everyone present.

"What a powerful aura, is this the might of a Two-star War Emperor?"

"Yes, it looks like this Xu Nian is finished now. Although he possesses the strength of a One-star Battle Emperor, this old Taoist now has the strength of a Two-star War Emperor."

"It seems a genius will perish here. Honestly, I truly admire Xu Nian from the bottom of my heart."

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The people around were buzzing with discussions, their tones somewhat sorrowful.

Clearly disappointed by Xu Nian's impending demise.

Li Tiancheng, who was watching this scene, revealed a cold and smug smile.

"Xu Nian, no matter how heaven-defying your talent is, you still can't escape death. In ten years, I will become the admired Supreme Battle Emperor, while you will become nothing but dust. Who is the true genius?" Li Tiancheng thought to himself smugly.

His gaze toward Xu Nian turned mocking again.

Bull Demon King and Mo Hen at the side looked deeply concerned.

"Has he finally failed? Now, escaping might also be impossible, with two experts of Two-star War Emperor level. Alas, it was still somewhat reckless," Mo Hen muttered to himself.

However, at that moment, Xu Nian's lips curved into a fearless smirk.

"Old Taoist Bull Nose, I was actually looking forward to playing with you for a while longer. I didn't expect you to use your secret technique so soon. Well, in that case, I might as well send you to the Western Paradise," Xu Nian said with a slight smile.

He then thrust the Immortal Sword directly into the ground.

The surrounding crowd did not understand what Xu Nian was planning with this action.

Was he really planning to fight barehanded?

Xingchenzi frowned, sensing an ominous premonition.

"Humph, playing tricks, I want to see what strength you have to send me to the Western Paradise," Xingchenzi bellowed.

He then swooped forward like a specter, covering a hundred yards in the blink of an eye.

"Die!"

Xingchenzi roared as he directly aimed a palm at Xu Nian's chest.

His palm contained the powerful Star Trigram Array, and this palm was capable of killing any One-star Battle Emperor level expert.

"Is it over?"

The crowd around them sighed inwardly.

However, just when everyone thought Xu Nian would be killed by this palm, Xu Nian replied with a sly smile.

"Too slow, too weak."

They heard Xu Nian let out a low shout, and then saw him punch directly at Xingchenzi's abdomen.

"Phut!"

Xingchenzi immediately bent over like a shrimp, spewing fresh blood from his mouth.

His eyes bulged, filled with shock.

The crowd around was also stunned by this sudden development.

Xingchenzi, who employed a secret technique, possessed the strength of a Two-star War Emperor.

Shouldn't Xu Nian have been blown away or killed with a palm strike?

How could he suddenly punch and make Xingchenzi vomit blood?

From a distance, Li Bagang also frowned instantaneously.

Others might not notice, but he, being at the Peak of Two-star War Emperor, could tell.

How fast Xu Nian's punch just now was and how fierce the power was.

However, while everyone was still in shock,

Xu Nian had already launched his second attack.

"Bang!"

A loud noise was heard.

Xu Nian's knee directly struck Xingchenzi's chin.

"Puh!"

Blood sprayed from his mouth, and his whole jawbone shattered in an instant.

Yet everything did not end there; Xu Nian delivered a Cannon Hammer, brutally smashing Xingchenzi's chest.

"Boom!"

Another loud noise was heard.

Xingchenzi's body plummeted from the sky and crashed into the ground,

Creating a giant crater of a hundred meters on impact.

Dust flew everywhere, and everyone was dumbfounded.

Xu Nian then descended from the sky, stepping on Xingchenzi's abdomen.

"Boom!"

The ground cracked open, terrifying fissures spreading from the middle of the mountain to its base.

Everyone felt the whole mountain tremble violently.

They stared blankly at Xu Nian, who seemed like a War God.

Xu Nian stood proudly, his robe flowing with the wind yet granting him an invincible air.

Xingchenzi lay in the crater, continuously spitting out blood from his mouth.

His eyes filled with intense unwillingness and confusion.

Why, when using a secret technique, was he so utterly defeated by Xu Nian?

The surrounding Sect disciples also harbored such confusion.

Xu Nian's sudden burst of power had crushed Xingchenzi.

Mo Hen witnessed this scene, his eyes somewhat blank.

He did not understand what had happened.

Only Li Bagang had a vague guess in his heart, his expression becoming extremely solemn.

"Your... your Body Cultivation..."

Xingchenzi, lying in the crater, seemed to realize something and spoke with difficulty.

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

"You guessed correctly. From the moment when several Emperor-level strong men attacked me without triggering Heavenly Tribulation, didn't you find it strange?" Xu Nian said with a mysterious smile.

At his words, everybody felt their hearts jolt.

Yes, the Half-Emperor Senior People, the Sect Master of Beast Taming Sect, and that Emperor-level Demon Beast.

Could it be that they all possessed treasure that shielded against heaven's secrets?

If not, then their attacks on Xu Nian did not invoke the Emperor Pact.

What did this imply?

For a moment, everyone gaped at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian just smiled.

He stomped on the ground.

"Boom!"

The entire land instantly split into pieces, and the mountain quaked violently.

A powerful momentum burst forth from his body.

And that momentum was unmistakably that of a One-star Body Emperor Realm.

Chapter 577: Most Hate Being Threatened

Everyone felt their hearts jolt violently.

This Xu Nian actually was an Emperor-level strong man, and still a One-star Body Emperor?

How could this be possible?

Mo Hen's face was full of stupefaction.

At this moment, his mind went blank; he no longer knew what words to use to describe his mood.

"Wow, little brother, you actually broke through to Emperor Level, that's really so cool," Bull Demon King exclaimed excitedly.

On the other side, Li Tiancheng's face was ashen.

His eyes were filled with disbelief.

His whole body subconsciously retreated two steps.

This Xu Nian had already shocked him by defeating a One-star Battle Emperor at the Battle Saint Level.

But he had not expected that Xu Nian also had an even higher Body Cultivation.

This was something he simply could not accept in his heart, no matter what.

Not just him; even Li Kuanglan was terribly shocked at this moment.

Was this still a youth who wasn't yet twenty years old?

Wasn't this too terrifying?

Of course, the one who was truly in despair was Xingchenzi.

Currently lying in the crater, his eyes were as lifeless as stagnant water.

Deeper within his eyes was a dense sense of hopelessness.

The last time he had seen Xu Nian, Xu Nian was only a Four-star Body Saint.

In just a little over a month, he had actually reached One-star Body Emperor.

Such a terrifying speed of cultivation was simply unheard of.

"Xingchenzi, do you have any last words to say?" Xu Nian asked, looking down at Xingchenzi in the pit.

"I have nothing to say, Xu Nian. Your strength is indeed the most terrifying I've ever seen. Tianhen Empire having you as an enemy is probably the biggest mistake they've made," Xingchenzi said.

Xu Nian responded with a slight smile, then landed a punch directly onto Xingchenzi's chest.

Shattering his heart.

"Buzz!"

At the same time, he took off his storage ring.

At this moment, everyone couldn't help but be stunned.

Another Emperor-level strong man had fallen.

The scene was silent, all held their breath, not daring to speak.

Because the oppressive feeling emanating from Xu Nian at that moment filled their hearts with a thick sense of fear.

Li Bagang frowned as he watched Xingchenzi, who was now breathless, his expression becoming solemn.

Just then, Xu Nian's gaze also turned towards him.

Their eyes met, and their auras collided with a bang.

Directly causing a fierce wind to sweep across the entire square.

"Xu Nian, we at the Beast Taming Sect do not wish to be your enemy. I can order my grandson to release your brother, but you must agree to this: let all grudges between you and Beast Taming Sect be annulled," Li Bagang said.

The disciples of the Beast Taming Sect around them all showed surprised expressions.

The Sect Master was actually compromising with Xu Nian—did that indicate fear of Xu Nian?

However, upon hearing this, Xu Nian let out a cold laugh.

"It's a bit too late to be saying this now, isn't it? I've given the Beast Taming Sect many chances, but you have been obstinate, still wanting to kill me. Now that you see you can't beat me, you want to annul all grudges—where is the justice in that?" Xu Nian said with a cold laugh.

Li Bagang's complexion instantly turned furious.

He hadn't expected that after showing weakness, this youngster would push his luck.

This was outright disrespect towards the Beast Taming Sect.

"Hmph, Xu Nian, what exactly do you want to do? Don't forget, I am at the Peak of Two-star War Emperor. Even if I face you, I might not lose. Do you really think the Beast Taming Sect is afraid of you?" Li Bagang retorted with a cold snort.

"Grandfather, don't waste words on him, just kill him," Li Tiancheng egged on from the side.

"Scram!" However, his words had barely finished when he incurred a glare from Li Bagang.

If it weren't for the trouble Li Tiancheng had stirred up, how would the Beast Taming Sect have fallen to such a state?

Even if Xu Nian were to leave now, this matter would likely become an indelible disgrace in the history of the Beast Taming Sect.

"What do I want to do? It's simple. You, your son, and your grandson—all three of you will die here, and then I will dissolve the Beast Taming Sect. Just that simple," Xu Nian said with a light smile.

Yet within the depths of his eyes, there lay a domineering will that brooked no resistance.

"Xu Nian, don't go too far, don't forget that your brothers are still in our hands. Believe it or not, I'll kill them right now," Li Bagang threatened directly.

Upon hearing this, a glint of fierce determination flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

"Boom!"

A blast resounded.

Xu Nian's figure shot out instantly.

He appeared before the Two-star War Emperor in a flash.

The Blood-colored Dragon Scale Armor also materialized on his body in an instant.

"Do you know what I hate the most? People threatening me, especially using my family members."

Xu Nian appeared directly in front of Li Bagang, his fist covered in Dragon Scale Armor slamming down like a fierce gale upon Li Bagang's abdomen.

"What? So fast!"

Li Bagang's eyes widened in shock.

He hadn't expected Xu Nian to move so quickly.

He desperately tried to mobilize his Spiritual Energy for defense.

However, the defense formed by his Spiritual Energy didn't cause Xu Nian the slightest hindrance.

It shattered instantly.

"Bang!"

Xu Nian's fist smashed directly into Li Bagang's abdomen.

"Pugh!"

Blood spurted from Li Bagang's mouth, his eyes filled with intense horror.

"What on earth just happened?"

The surrounding crowd was agape, watching the old Sect Master lifted in the hand of a figure clad in Blood-colored Dragon Scale Armor, their eyes filled with shock.

"Is that... is that Xu Nian?"

There were still people in the crowd who quickly recognized that the figure in Dragon Scale Armor was Xu Nian.

Yet, their hearts were like a tempest-tossed sea.

A Peak Two-star War Emperor had just been lifted by Xu Nian like that.

How strong was Xu Nian actually?

"No... this isn't possible?"

Li Tiancheng fell flat on his bottom in fright, his eyes filled with disbelief.

"Quick, release my father!" Li Kuanglan yelled.

He charged directly towards Xu Nian, attempting to save Li Bagang.

However, before he could even get close, he was blown into a mist of blood by a punch from Xu Nian.

"Boom!"

Li Kuanglan's body exploded on the spot.

The Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect mercilessly killed like that.

"Xu Nian, you will not die a good death," Li Bagang raged.

Then, he started to mobilize the Spiritual Energy within his body, preparing to self-destruct.

Cracks immediately appeared on the surface of his body, and a terrifying wave of Spiritual Energy emanated from him.

"Self-destruct? Dream on!"

A cold snort came from Xu Nian.

Then, his hand formed into a knife and pierced into Li Bagang's body.

The Black Jade's Kun Cave immediately emitted a terrifying suction force.

In an instant, the Spiritual Energy within Li Bagang was sucked dry by the Kun Cave.

"How... how can this be?"

Li Bagang's face was filled with shock.

He couldn't believe his Spiritual Energy had vanished.

His eyes were brimming with intense despair and confusion.

"You can ask King Yan about that."

Xu Nian let out a cold laugh and threw a punch directly at Li Bagang.

"Boom!"

Li Bagang's body exploded instantaneously, dead on the spot.

Seeing this, Li Tiancheng next to him was so frightened he wet himself.

Chapter 578: The Disappearance of Beast Taming Sect

Li Tiancheng could never have imagined it.

In just a brief moment, the father and grandfather he had always revered were dead.

And the one who killed them was none other than the youth he had once scorned.

"Buzz!"

Suddenly, Li Tiancheng felt a chilling sensation on his back.

His neck stiffened as he lifted it.

He saw, in the distance, the dreadful figure coldly staring at him, starting to walk towards him step by step.

In this instant, Li Tiancheng felt as if he had fallen into an endless abyss.

His eyes became filled with immense fear.

Even his grandfather, who was at the peak of the Two-star War Emperor level, was no match for this youth; he couldn't muster any desire to resist.

"You... don't come any closer, if you do, I'll take them with me to death," Li Tiancheng said, with a pagoda appearing in his hands.

With a single activation, the Demon Suppressing Tower would self-destruct in an instant.

He knew that the dreadful figure before him would not let him go.

So, for now, he could only rely on the pagoda in his hands.

Xu Nian's gaze became exceedingly cold when he heard Li Tiancheng's words.

"I've already said that I hate being threatened. If you don't want to die a horrible death, you better release them, or I'll let you know what it means to wish for death," Xu Nian said with a chilling threat.

Li Tiancheng's heart trembled immediately.

Xu Nian's gaze made him feel as if he were facing a fierce, primeval beast.

It instinctively brought upon him a strong sense of fear.

For a moment, his gaze even hesitated.

"Just let me go, and I promise to let your brother go," Li Tiancheng quickly said.

"Hmph, you're not in a position to negotiate terms with me," Xu Nian snorted.

Let Li Tiancheng go?

That was simply impossible.

The person Xu Nian most wanted to kill in the Beast Taming Sect was Li Tiancheng.

There was no way he would let him go.

"Xu Nian, don't push people too far. If you push me, we'll simply split here," Li Tiancheng said fiercely.

This tone from Xu Nian sparked anger within him.

"Split? Do you think you can do that?"

Xu Nian said with a slight smile.

Li Tiancheng was startled, then his entire body became frightened.

Because he found that not only could his body not move, but he also couldn't release his Spiritual Sense Power.

"How... how can this be?"

Li Tiancheng said with a face full of terror.

If he couldn't even release his Spiritual Sense Power, he had no leverage to negotiate with Xu Nian.

How could he not panic?

"Do you still think you have the right to negotiate terms with me?" Xu Nian said with a cold smile.

Then he slowly walked up to Li Tiancheng.

Li Tiancheng, watching Xu Nian approaching, displayed extreme fear in his eyes.

"Xu... no, please spare my life, spare my life! I am willing to be your servant," Li Tiancheng quickly begged for mercy.

Hearing this, a hint of disdain flashed across Xu Nian's eyes.

Seeing the disdain on Xu Nian's face, Li Tiancheng became even more panicked.

"Sir, I have two extremely beautiful wives. If you spare me, I promise they will serve you well," Li Tiancheng said anxiously.

Upon hearing this, an even stronger look of disgust flashed through Xu Nian's eyes.

"Creatures like you don't deserve to live," Xu Nian said coldly.

Upon hearing this, a sense of despair filled Li Tiancheng's heart, followed by a hint of malice in his eyes.

"Xu Nian, may you never..."

However, before he could finish, Xu Nian blew his head off with a punch.

Xu Nian then took the Demon Suppressing Tower from his hand.

Li Tiancheng's body immediately collapsed.

Xu Nian looked at Li Tiancheng who was utterly devoid of life, a hint of disdain flashing in his eyes.

The Beast Taming Sect disciples around him were incredibly frightened at that moment.

They all knelt down, trembling uncontrollably.

Their hearts were gripped by extreme terror.

Meng, standing nearby, was also in a daze.

Everything he had experienced from the Sect to now seemed like another lifetime.

It gave him a strong sense of unreality.

However, Xu Nian paid no attention to the kneeling Beast Taming Sect disciples and the Elder.

Instead, he performed a blood ritual with the Demon Suppressing Tower he held.

With the completion of the blood ritual, Xu Nian instantly felt a connection with the Demon Suppressing Tower.

He then sensed the presences of Xu Yu and Black Wind.

With a thought,

Xu Yu and Black Wind were released from the confines of the Demon Suppressing Tower.

"Big brother?"

As Xu Yu and Black Wind were released, a trace of alertness appeared on their faces.

But when they saw the youth standing before them, their faces immediately lit up with excitement.

"Big brother, you're back. That's great," Xu Yu exclaimed excitedly.

"Yes, big brother. Where have you been all this time? We've missed you so much," Black Wind said joyfully.

Hearing this, Xu Nian just smiled.

"Right, big brother, those bastards from the Beast Taming Sect actually wanted to enslave us. Now that you're here, you must avenge us," Xu Yu said excitedly as something came to his mind.

"Haha, Xu Yu, look around," Bull Demon King burst out laughing.

Hearing this, Xu Yu and Black Wind finally looked around.

When they saw their surroundings, surprise instantly adorned their faces.

"Big brother, did you do this?"

Xu Yu asked in astonishment.

Xu Nian just smiled slightly. "Why? Are you surprised?"

Xu Yu shook his head and said seriously, "Not surprised, big brother. Even if you had killed Emperor Tianhen, I wouldn't be surprised because I believe you can do it."

"Right, big brother. You are a descendent of the Purple Star, born with the mandate of an emperor," Black Wind added.

The kneeling Beast Taming Sect disciples around them deeply agreed with Xu Yu and Black Wind's words.

If they had heard such words before, their first reaction would have been disdain.

But having witnessed Xu Nian's battle just now, whatever he did now seemed entirely natural to them.

After all, he had shocked them to the point of numbness.

"Alright, let's leave these discussions for when we return. Let's deal with these people for now," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"How else to deal with them but to just kill them?" Xu Yu said with disdain.

Hearing this, the surrounding Beast Taming Sect disciples and elders shuddered, nearly scared to death.

But Xu Nian just gave Xu Yu a sidelong glance.

He knew Xu Yu was intentionally frightening them.

"I can spare your lives, but you must leave the Beast Taming Sect and disappear from the continent. If you can do that, then leave now. If you cannot manage that, then I, Xu Nian, welcome you to challenge me," Xu Nian declared loudly.

Upon hearing his words, everyone felt as if they had been granted amnesty.

They quickly kowtowed to Xu Nian and then swiftly fled the area.

Nonsense—who would dare seek revenge against Xu Nian?

Even a Two-star War Emperor was no match for him; seeking revenge would be suicide.

Moreover, they were just disciples of the Beast Taming Sect; their ties weren't deep enough to die for the Sect.

Why would they sacrifice their lives for it?

"Let's go as well," Xu Nian said to Xu Yu and the others.

Xu Yu and the others nodded and followed Xu Nian as they left the Beast Taming Sect.

As they were leaving, Xu Nian struck the Sect with an Earth Fist.

"Boom!"

A thunderous explosion sounded.

The entire Sect mountain crumbled and collapsed.

Chapter 579 Mysterious Strongman

"Big brother, I can't believe you've actually broken through to the Body Emperor Realm."

Xu Yu and Black Wind expressed shock and admiration on their faces as Bull Demon King recounted the scene of Xu Nian wreaking havoc in the Beast Taming Sect.

They originally thought they had encountered a stroke of luck,

which would allow them to close the gap with Xu Nian.

However, they didn't realize that Xu Nian had improved so much.

Once again, he left them far behind.

"It was just a fluke; I encountered some fortunes, which allowed me to break through," Xu Nian spoke.

"I always said big brother's fortune was stronger than ours; if we encountered fortunes, big brother surely wouldn't fall behind," Xu Yu commented.

"Right, I've been meaning to ask you two, both of your cultivations have improved so much, what happened?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's question, the faces of Xu Yu, Black Wind, and Bull Demon King all turned serious.

"Let me explain," Black Wind said after thinking, "This needs to start from when we were being chased by two Nine-star War Saints of the empire."

Xu Nian nodded and listened intently.

"We were quickly caught up by two Nine-star War Saint level powerhouses as they chased us, so the three of us pooled our efforts to resist, but we were no match for them and soon succumbed to severe injuries," Black Wind started.

Xu Yu and Bull Demon King nodded.

Even thinking back now, they still felt the situation back then was extremely perilous.

"What happened after that?" Xu Nian pressed on.

"Being severely injured, the three of us fled continuously and soon reached a mountain forest. It was there that we encountered an elder," explained Black Wind.

"An elder?" astonishment crossed Xu Nian's face.

"Yes, that elder was very powerful. At that time, we were all seriously injured, and it was he who sent Mo Hen to fend off those two Nine-star War Saints," Xu Yu hastily added.

Xu Nian then turned to look at Mo Hen.

"Actually, it wasn't my merit. Originally, when I was being chased by the Beast Taming Sect, it was the senior who saved me. I stayed with him thereafter, and when Xu Yu and the others fled there, I also drove those two Nine-star War Saints away with a strand of Spiritual Energy the senior infused into me," Mo Hen quickly explained.

"And what does this have to do with your breakthroughs in cultivation? Did you break through because of that elder?" Xu Nian still didn't understand.

"Yes, big brother, that elder was incredible. He merely infused a strand of Spiritual Energy, and after I refined and assimilated it, I directly reached the Eight-star Battle Saint Realm. Not just me, but Xu Yu and Bull Demon King as well," Black Wind hurriedly explained.

"Just a strand of Spiritual Energy allowed you to break through several realms?" Xu Nian showed a look of astonishment.

He couldn't imagine the power level of such a person.

Who could, by just infusing Spiritual Energy, enable someone to break through several realms.

"Xu Nian, don't be surprised. If I'm guessing correctly, the person they met might be a master beyond the Battle Emperor Level, with a cultivation at least in the Zifu Realm," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

After pondering for a moment, Xu Nian nodded.

If one could reach that realm, it would only be possible for someone stronger than a Battle Emperor, as both Wentian Demon Sovereign and Emperor Ye Tian had once told him.

Crossing the Battle Emperor and reaching Zifu, he'd achieve a completely new realm.

Then, he would understand what true cultivation is.

Although Xu Nian could hardly imagine it, he understood that a Zifu Level powerhouse would probably be even more formidable than he imagined.

Unexpectedly, Xu Yu and the others had such good fortune to meet such a predecessor.

"Where is that predecessor now?" Xu Nian immediately inquired.

"We don't know. After helping us break through, that predecessor left not long after. However, he told us he had a certain connection with my ancestor," Xu Yu replied.

"Ancestor? Golden Crow Divine Eagle?" Xu Nian showed a look of surprise.

Golden Crow Divine Eagle was a Super Divine Beast.

"That is on par with the Nine Great Ancestor Dragons' level of Divine Beast."

"However, that senior actually has connections with the Golden Crow Divine Eagle, which indicates his strength is quite formidable."

"It seems that my senior must be from the Demon Clan, otherwise he wouldn't have helped you like this," Xu Nian spoke.

Whether it was Mo Hen, Xu Yu, Black Wind, or the Bull Demon King, all four are Demon Beasts.

And that senior rescued them and even helped them advance.

It shows they hold goodwill towards the Demon Clan.

Thus, Xu Nian suspected that the senior was likely a member of the Demon Clan.

"I thought so too, but that senior seems to know you as well, Big Brother," Xu Yu nodded and said.

"Know me?" Xu Nian was visibly surprised.

He had never known such a powerful figure.

How could this powerful figure know him?

"Indeed, they knew I was your Demon Beast, and he even had a message for us to pass on to you," Xu Yu continued.

Xu Nian's expression grew even more puzzled.

"What message?" Xu Nian asked.

"He asked us to tell you, if you have the time, to visit Dark God Island, 5000 li beyond the Eastern Sea. He said if you go, you'll have unexpected gains," Black Wind followed up.

Xu Yu nodded in agreement.

"5000 li past the Eastern Sea? Isn't that entering the territory of the Forbidden Sea? The senior lives in the Forbidden Sea?" Xu Nian's face showed a surprised look.

The Eastern Sea was close to the Tianhen Continent.

And 3000 li deeper into the Eastern Sea was the Forbidden Sea, a place fraught with dangers.

Filled with terrifying thunder, any cultivator attempting to cross the Forbidden Sea would invoke Heavenly Punishment.

Basically, no one would approach that forbidden maritime area.

Now Xu Yu and the others were telling him that the senior lived beyond 5000 li of the Eastern Sea.

How could Xu Nian not be shocked?

"We don't know about that, the senior mentioned that before you leave this continent, you must find him," Xu Yu added.

"Alright, Dark God Island, I'll remember that," Xu Nian nodded.

Although he did not know who this mysterious powerful figure was.

Nor did he know what he intended.

But just because he had saved Xu Yu and Black Wind,

Xu Nian believed that the powerful figure couldn't be a bad person.

After all, such a powerful person,

If he indeed had ulterior motives, he certainly wouldn't go through such roundabout measures.

A Zifu Level powerhouse, even with suppressed cultivation,

Would find it extremely easy to kill him.

However, now was not the time to leave Tianhen Continent.

After all, he still had many things left undone.

Without resolving these matters, he simply couldn't leave the continent in peace.

"Eighth Prince, wait for me, your death is not far away," Xu Nian coldly hummed in his heart.

His fists clenched tight, and killing intent burst forth in his eyes.

Chapter 580 Innate Thunder Spirit Body

Deep in the Imperial Palace of the Empire.

Before a massive Sword Stele.

An elderly figure sat cross-legged, still as deadwood.

"Buzz!"

A fluctuation transmitted.

Following that, a figure appeared not far behind the elderly man.

This was a middle-aged man, his presence filled with a thick imperial majesty.

Indeed, he was the current Emperor Tianhen of the Imperial Family.

"Child pays respects to the great ancestor."

Emperor Tianhen approached behind the elderly man, speaking respectfully to himself.

"How are things?"

The elderly man did not open his eyes but spoke softly.

"Reporting to the great ancestor, it... it failed; the Life Soul Jade Pendant of Xingchenzi has shattered," Emperor Tianhen responded.

Upon hearing this, the elderly man suddenly opened his eyes.

A terrifying Sword Intent burst forth from his eyes.

The elderly man slowly stood up, turning his head to look at Emperor Tianhen.

Emperor Tianhen shivered involuntarily, not daring to meet the eyes of his great ancestor.

Although the face of the great ancestor showed no expression, he knew the great ancestor was now angry.

The atmosphere around them pressed down on him ominously.

This empire was built single-handedly by the old man before him, who could also destroy it single-handedly.

Hence, even as an emperor, every time he saw this elderly man, his heart would feel uneasy.

"The boy's growth rate is somewhat unexpected; I fear he has already broken through to the Emperor Level," the elderly man stated.

"Emperor Level? How is that possible? He is not even twenty years old," Emperor Tianhen exclaimed in surprise.

"Nothing is impossible. Since this boy can bear the dragon veins, he must be no ordinary person. If I am not mistaken, both the Black God Island and the Wild Beast Forest are starting to pay silent attention to him," the elderly man said.

Upon hearing this, Emperor Tianhen suddenly showed a surprised look.

He knew how powerful the two individuals from Black God Island and the Wild Beast Forest, mentioned by his great ancestor, were.

His great ancestor, whose strength was unknown, had always stayed reclusive in this ancestral land because of them.

And now, those two were actually taking notice of Xu Nian's actions.

This was not a good sign for their Imperial Family.

"Great ancestor, what should we do now? Should we kill Xu Nian or not?" Emperor Tianhen asked, frowning.

If Xu Nian was really watched by those two parties, taking action against him might provoke their anger.

If that happened, the situation for the Imperial Family would become very difficult.

"Of course, kill him. Xu Nian's potential is so great; if he truly becomes one of those two forces' people, he will bring endless trouble to our Tianhen Empire later. Isn't he about to move against your eighth son? Then use this opportunity to lure him out and finish him off completely," the elder coldly huffed.

"But wouldn't that be too risky? After all, Old Eight is the most talented in our Xia Family's history," Emperor Tianhen expressed his concerns.

"Humph, what is there risky or not risky? If he truly has talent, why would he be afraid of this little risk? A true strong man is forged through slaughter. I heard he's recently on the verge of breaking into the Emperor Realm. Take this with you; it will surely be of great use to him," the elder said.

After speaking, a Jade Bottle appeared in his hand.

Seeing the Jade Bottle, Emperor Tianhen's eyes immediately lit up.

Excitedly, he responded, "Child thanks the great ancestor on behalf of Old Eight."

Saying this, he quickly received the Jade Bottle with both hands.

"Go now, I hope this time you will not disappoint me," the great ancestor waved his hand.

"Yes, I guarantee not to disappoint the great ancestor," Emperor Tianhen excitedly replied.

After speaking, he left the ancestral land.

Reappearing in the grand hall, Emperor Tianhen looked at the Jade Bottle in his hand.

His heart was filled with surprise.

He hadn't expected the ancestor to actually be willing to take out this item as a reward for Old Eight.

It was known that, in the past, the ancestor almost lost his life for it.

One could imagine just how precious this item was.

"Boom!"

At that moment, a terrifying imperial might fluctuated from afar.

The sky was enveloped in rolling dark clouds as the imperial might rained down.

Clearly, this Heavenly Punishment was triggered by that imperial might.

"The imperial might is coming from the direction of Old Eight's mansion. It seems that Old Eight has already achieved a breakthrough, and unexpectedly, he has even activated the Heavenly Prohibition," Emperor Tianhen said with a hint of joy in his eyes as he watched the thunderclouds roll.

With Old Eight breaking through to the Battle Emperor Realm and possessing this item, his future achievements would be boundless.

"Buzz!"

Meanwhile, the palace where the Eighth Prince resided shone.

A handsome young man walked out from inside a palace.

He looked up at the rolling dark clouds in the sky, his lips curling into a light smile.

With a flick of his sleeve.

His figure directly soared into the sky.

And landed on a vast square.

"Is this the Battle Emperor Realm? Such a powerful feeling," the Eighth Prince said to himself joyfully, feeling the power surging in his body like a vast sea.

At this moment, everyone in the Imperial Capital was startled.

Especially the Emperor-level strong men who had always remained hidden in the shadows, who now came forth one after another.

"Such strong fluctuations. Is this the Eighth Prince breaking through? Why is there such a huge disturbance just after breaking through?"

"What an Eighth Prince, I had no idea he had this kind of physique hidden so deeply. If it weren't for this breakthrough, we still wouldn't have known that he actually had such a physique."

"Drawing this Heavenly Tribulation, it must be at least the Second Level Heavenly Restriction, right? It seems who will snatch the title of the empire's greatest talent is still uncertain."

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Those Emperor-level strong men emerged from the shadows, looking up at the anomaly in the sky, muttering to themselves in surprise.

"Is this the legendary Innate Thunder Spirit Body?"

At the Eighth Prince's palace, a middle-aged man looked at the purple lightning coiling around the Eighth Prince, his face showing shock.

It turned out that this prince.

Not only possessed the Origin of the Star Battle Body.

But he was also one of the nine Innate Attribute Bodies, an Innate Thunder Spirit Body.

This physique held an extremely powerful talent for the Thunderclap Attribute.

Now, with thunder coiling around him, and lightning illuminating the sky.

Purple patterns flickered on the surface of the Eighth Prince's skin.

A strong aura emanated from him.

He stood proudly, like a Thunderclap War God emerging into the world.

"Boom!"

The Heavenly Punishment Thunder in the sky crashed down furiously.

The lightning struck directly upon the Eighth Prince.

However, the Eighth Prince made no defense whatsoever, instead spreading his arms and allowing the thunder to strike him.

"Boom!"

As the lightning crashed down, the terrifying thunder struck the Eighth Prince.

But it didn't cause him the slightest injury.

On the contrary, the thunder striking his body was directly absorbed by him.

"So exhilarating, this thunder containing the Power of Destruction's might is much more thrilling than Mortal Thunder," the Eighth Prince said, absorbing the power of the Heavenly Tribulation Thunder, his face showing an immensely gratified expression.

At that moment, his aura also became more solid, charging towards the Peak of One-star Battle Emperor.