

Divine King 601

Chapter 601 The Third Heavenly Thunder

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The Heavenly Tribulation that had just passed was truly terrifying.

Bai Tianhan had employed both his blood-colored dragon scale armor and the Earth Fist, yet he still incurred some injuries.

Had his body not been so formidable, he might not have been able to withstand that strike of lightning.

"Rumble!"

The dark clouds in the sky rolled again, as if gathering even more energy.

Xu Nian looked up at the sky, cursing inwardly.

The power of the Heavenly Tribulation had suddenly become so terrifying.

It had caught him somewhat off guard.

"It seems I need to be more cautious," Xu Nian mused to himself.

"Hum!"

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

As the Immortal Sword was deployed, a powerful Sword Intent surged around Xu Nian.

"Crack!"

Another sound of the sky being torn apart echoed.

Then everyone saw that the sky had been split open.

A bolt of lightning as thick as a calf's leg streaked down from the sky at breakneck speed, smashing directly toward Xu Nian.

This bolt of lightning was even more terrifying than the last, its power even greater.

If an ordinary three-star Battle Emperor Expert faced this horrifying lightning, they would undoubtedly die.

In that moment, Long Yun and the others all watched Xu Nian intently, unsure if he could withstand this second frightening bolt of lightning.

"Come on, break for me!"

Xu Nian shouted loudly, his eyes filled with a strong and intense desire to battle.

Then the four Talent Phenomenons behind him and the Ancestor Vein Power were all activated.

He swung his sword directly at the terrifying lightning that was crashing toward him.

The Sword Radiance streaked forward.

The blue Sword Radiance, carrying an incredibly terrifying cutting force, collided with the lightning.

"Boom!"

The two powers clashed, exploding instantly.

The storm created by the lightning and Sword Qi swept the surroundings.

The mountains and stones around were invaded by the storm, instantly turning into ash.

The terrifying lightning formed a huge mushroom cloud within the valley.

"Pfft!"

Xu Nian was blasted away by this terrifying storm, hitting the distant mountain wall and spewing fresh blood from his mouth.

"Hum!"

Long Yun immediately mobilized Spiritual Energy to form a Defensive Light Shield.

The terrifying storm battered against the Spiritual Energy Light Shield, sparking continuously.

The Tree-man elder and Guard Zhu Yan were both shocked to their core.

They couldn't even withstand the terrifying storm themselves.

They couldn't imagine how Xu Nian had managed to block such a horrifying attack.

"Brother Xu Nian!"

Yann Xi, watching the direction in which Xu Nian was blown away, had eyes full of deep concern.

"Don't go over there, going there will only increase the power of the Heavenly Tribulation and may even attract the Heavenly Tribulation's attack on you," Long Yun said urgently upon seeing Yann Xi's impulse to rush over.

Hearing this, Yann Xi suppressed her own impulsive heart.

She covered her mouth and cried while watching Xu Nian's figure.

"Cough cough!"

Xu Nian coughed violently twice.

At this moment, his body was shattered, the scale armor marked with numerous sword slashes and scorch marks.

The storm that had formed from a mix of his Sword Qi fragments and lightning was responsible for this.

Had it not been for his scale armor's protection, the storm just now could have taken half his life.

Even so, Xu Nian was still left in a sorry state.

"There's one more to go," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

The oppressive atmosphere in the sky had lessened considerably at this moment, but the size of the tribulation clouds hadn't changed.

The thick dark clouds exuded a terrifying aura that was even more fearsome than before.

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"This third Heavenly Tribulation, Brother Xu Nian will likely find it very difficult to withstand. The power of the first two was already so massive, this third one is probably even more terrifying," Long Yun couldn't help but speak out.

Even though he, at the Nine-star War Emperor Level, didn't fear this terrifying thunder at all.

But if he had faced this terrifying thunder when he had just broken through to the One-star Demon Emperor, he would have likely perished after just facing two strikes.

So for Xu Nian to withstand this third one, it really isn't an easy matter.

The Tree-man elder and Guard Zhu Yan also nodded their heads in agreement.

Such a terrifying Heavenly Tribulation, it was indeed their first time seeing one.

They couldn't help but truly admire Xu Nian from the bottom of their hearts for being able to summon such a terrifying Heavenly Tribulation.

"It's okay, Brother Xu Nian will definitely be fine," Yann Xi quickly said as she wiped away her tears.

Actually, not far from the valley where Xu Nian was undergoing his Tribulation Crossing.

A slender and illusory figure was floating there.

This figure, looking at the Tribulation Clouds in the sky, revealed a look of surprise in his calm and undisturbed eyes.

Witnessing a Third Level Heavenly Prohibition Tribulation was indeed not common.

Being at the Emperor Level and yet able to trigger the Third Level Heavenly Prohibition, truly worthy of being Bai Tianhan's disciple.

Yes, this illusory figure was none other than the illusory projection formed by Beast God.

As for the true body of the Beast God, even the Beast Emperor had only seen it once.

The Beast God almost never left that lake.

Yet, he had been attracted over by Xu Nian's Tribulation Crossing, an exceptionally rare event.

Xu Nian had no idea that the Beast God was observing his Tribulation Crossing.

At this moment, he was considering how to get through this third Heavenly Tribulation.

It was clear that the power of these three tribulations had exceeded his imagination.

Now, if he did not use all his strength, he really might capsize in the gutter.

"Crack!"

Just as Xu Nian was contemplating,

the sky once again emitted a terrifying sound of lightning.

Then, a lightning snake descended from the sky with incomparable speed.

The thickness of this lightning snake was even more exaggerated than before, as thick as a thigh.

Completely twice as thick as the first Heavenly Tribulation, and even a bit more.

The power contained within was even more terrifying than that.

"Oh my, this third Heavenly Thunder, I'm afraid that even a Four-star Battle Emperor might not be able to withstand it. The odds for Lord Xu Nian seem grim," the Tree-man elder couldn't help but say.

Long Yun also had a solemn expression, clearly, the power of this third Heavenly Tribulation was somewhat beyond his expectations.

"It seems I have no choice but to go all out."

A sharp light flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

Following that, he thrust his sword at the terrifying thunder striking down from the sky.

At the tip of the sword, there was a black dot the size of a bean.

However, the power emitted from this black dot was incomparably terrifying.

With the appearance of the black dot,

the surrounding Spiritual Energy and rocks were all drawn by the absorbing power formed by the black dot.

They rapidly whirled around it, forming a terrifying pressure.

"Eh, what kind of power is this?"

The distant illusory figure of the Beast God immediately showed a look of surprise.

With his eyes, he naturally felt the terror of Xu Nian's power.

Even though it wasn't much, the power of this force was alarming.

Xu Nian, however, had a resolute look in his eyes.

This black dot was naturally the power of the Kun Cave.

Now that Xu Nian's cultivation had broken through, his control over the Kun Cave Power had also become even stronger.

"Boom!"

The terrifying thunder and Xu Nian's Immortal Sword collided.

The entire valley shook violently for a moment, and the ground burst apart.

Billowing dust instantly enveloped the whole valley.

Yann Xi and the others felt the ground shake beneath their feet, then they looked in the direction of the dust.

Wondering whether Xu Nian was now dead or alive?

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Chapter 602 Prelude to the Great Battle

The clouds of tribulation in the sky gradually dissipated.

The entire valley also slowly returned to calm.

A gentle breeze swept through, and the dust that filled the air began to fade away at this moment.

The appearance of the valley came into everyone's view.

What was once a crisp and graceful valley had become a ravaged mess after the tribulation.

The ground was cracked, and the surroundings were scorched black.

It could be said to be a sight of utter devastation.

"Swoosh!"

Yann Xi and the others swiftly floated down from the mountaintop, anxiously searching for Xu Nian's figure.

"Brother Xu Nian, where are you?"

Yann Xi was so anxious she was nearly crying, quickly searching throughout the valley.

"He's there!"

Long Yun pointed to a deep pit in one direction of the valley.

Yann Xi, upon hearing this, hurried over.

She saw a huge deep pit in front of her.

Xu Nian was lying in the center of the deep pit, his clothing torn and tattered.

His perfectly sculpted muscular outline was almost clearly visible.

However, at this moment, Xu Nian's eyes were closed, and he was completely still.

"Brother Xu Nian, what happened to you, don't die!" Yann Xi immediately rushed over emotionally.

She directly embraced Xu Nian in her arms, her face streaming with tears.

"Don't worry, he's fine, he's probably just suffered some injuries, he should wake up soon," Long Yun said after taking a glance at Xu Nian.

"Really?" Yann Xi asked somewhat doubtfully.

"Really, you can see his aura is still present, that should mean he's okay," Long Yun said.

Yann Xi, feeling the breath emanating from Xu Nian's body, finally stopped her tears.

Yet, the look in her eyes towards Xu Nian was still filled with heartache and worry.

Xu Nian's soul, at this moment, had returned to the Mud Ball Palace.

The surface of his Spirit Lake was emitting strong fluctuations.

A powerful golden light emitted directly from his surface.

A golden character appeared in front of Xu Nian's soul origin.

This golden character pulsed with powerful vibrations, its light shining upon Xu Nian's body.

It directly made Xu Nian's soul even stronger.

"What's going on, why did this character from the Wordless Heavenly Scripture appear, and why do I feel like my soul power has suddenly become much stronger?" Xu Nian looked at the golden character in front of him, his heart filled with intense confusion.

He was still clueless about the function of the Wordless Heavenly Scripture.

Just like now, this golden character suddenly emerged, causing his soul power to skyrocket.

And Xu Nian didn't know why.

However, having a stronger soul was completely a good thing for Xu Nian.

"Buzz!"

The level of Xu Nian's soul skyrocketed, eventually elevating to the level of a Nine-star War Emperor.

That is to say, Xu Nian's cultivation might only be at the One-star Battle Emperor level, but his soul strength was now comparable to that of a Nine-star War Emperor.

Now that his soul had grown stronger and given his mastery of soul attack techniques, he definitely had an additional ace up his sleeve.

"Crack!"

As Xu Nian's soul power grew stronger.

That golden character also shattered and finally dissipated within the Mud Ball Palace.

Xu Nian was startled, as he could clearly feel the complete dispersal of the golden character.

"It seems that these thousand-plus golden characters are used one less with each one. I wonder what other effects the remaining characters have," Xu Nian mused to himself.

Having said that, his consciousness then withdrew from the Mud Ball Palace and returned to his physical body.

"Hum!"

Xu Nian opened his eyes and took a deep breath.

At that moment, he moved slightly and felt a heart-piercing pain transmit throughout his body.

"Brother Nian, you've finally woken up?" Upon seeing Xu Nian awake, Yann Xi's face immediately revealed an excited smile.

"Silly girl, what are you crying for? It's not like I'm dead," Xu Nian said with a smile as he patted Yann Xi's head.

He then stood up with the support of Yann Xi.

"Brother Xu Nian is truly astonishing, to break through to the Battle Emperor Realm and attract a Third Level Heavenly Prohibition Tribulation, and what's more, to actually have survived it—this is something I really admire," Long Yun said admiringly.

Behind him, the Tree-man Elder and Guard Zhu Yan also sincerely nodded their heads.

As for Little Zhu Yan, he was looking at Xu Nian with a face full of admiration,

silently vowing in his heart to become as powerful as Xu Nian one day.

Xu Nian, however, could only offer a bitter smile.

Attracting a Third Level Heavenly Prohibition Tribulation might seem impressive to others, but to Xu Nian, it was an incredibly wretched situation.

Because such a tribulation had almost cost him his life.

If he had a choice, he would prefer not to have such an ostentatious opportunity.

"Brother Xu Nian, what are you planning to do next?" Long Yun asked Xu Nian.

"I plan to take Yann Xi back to Tianhuang City," Xu Nian replied.

This had been his plan all along.

He had originally intended to take Yann Xi back to Tianhuang City once his cultivation had broken through.

Now the time had come.

However, upon hearing Xu Nian's words, Long Yun slightly furrowed his brows.

"I just received news that three Emperor-level strong men have arrived in Tianhuang City, one of whom carries the distinct aura of the Imperial Family. If I'm not mistaken, that person should be the Eighth Prince, and they are likely coming for you," Long Yun said.

Xu Nian's brows immediately furrowed, and a surge of killing intent filled his eyes.

He had long anticipated that the Imperial Family would not let him go, but he didn't expect Emperor Tianhen to be so impatient.

Nor had he expected the Eighth Prince to be sent.

"Brother Xu Nian, although these three Battle Emperor level men are not too high in cultivation, I still must remind you—the Imperial Family is not easy to deal with. Apart from Emperor Tianhen whom you need to be cautious of, there is also an ancient adversary within the Imperial Family. This old fiend has lived for a thousand years, and his cultivation should have already broken through the Battle Emperor Level. It is precisely because of that old fiend's presence that we, the Demon Beast Forest, signed a treaty with the empire forbidding Emperor-level beings from entering each other's territories," Long Yun said solemnly.

It was evident that as the ruler of the Demon Beast Forest, he too held some apprehensions when speaking of the Imperial Family.

"An old fiend?" Xu Nian nodded.

He knew who the old fiend Long Yun was referring to was.

It was the first Emperor of the Tianhen Empire and also the nemesis of Emperor Bai.

He just hadn't expected that the very first Emperor Tianhen had also broken through the shackles of the Battle Emperor.

"Enough said, since Demon Beast Forest's Emperor-level beings cannot leave the forest, I can't send anyone to accompany you, so Little Junior Sister's safety can only be entrusted to you. If anything happens to her, I will violate the treaty and wreak havoc upon the Tianhen Empire," Long Yun said seriously.

"Don't worry, unless I die, I won't let her get hurt," Xu Nian nodded in response.

He then flew off with Yann Xi in the direction of Tianhuang City.

"Beast Emperor, are we really not sending anyone to protect Miss Yann Xi's safety?" Guard Zhu Yan asked with a frown.

Miss Yann Xi is someone the Beast God holds in high regard.

If anything were to happen to her, the Beast God would be furious.

"There's no need, I believe that Xu Nian will surely protect her well. Besides, on this continent, nobody is capable of harming Yann Xi," Long Yun said confidently.

Hearing this, Guard Zhu Yan also nodded in understanding.

Chapter 603 Terrifying Strength

Tianhuang City.

General Zhen Yuan Mansion.

But now, it welcomed three uninvited guests.

"General Zhen Yuan greets the Eighth Prince and the two distinguished guests," Yann Zhenyuan knelt on one knee, respectfully greeting the three figures before him.

He did not know why the Eighth Prince would suddenly come to this remote Tianhuang City.

It was said that the Eighth Prince had already broken through to the Battle Emperor Realm, and Yann Zhenyuan dared not show the slightest negligence.

Moreover, the two people behind him were probably Emperor-level strong men.

Seeing three Emperor-level strong men all at once could not help but make Yann Zhenyuan feel apprehensive.

However, after hearing Yann Zhenyuan's words, the Eighth Prince did not even glance at Yann Zhenyuan.

Yann Zhenyuan knelt on the ground, not receiving any response for a long time, and began to feel increasingly anxious.

He looked up at the Eighth Prince, only to see him looking up at the sky, his expression haughty.

Yann Zhenyuan immediately felt a mix of shame and anger but dared not voice it.

"Hmph, Yann Zhenyuan, do you admit your guilt?"

The Iron Tower man coldly huffed, staring at Yann Zhenyuan as he spoke.

"I am unaware, General," Yann Zhenyuan quickly asked.

"Unaware? You harbor an Imperial fugitive, and you claim you don't know your crimes; are you tired of living?" the Iron Tower man said angrily.

"I am harboring an Imperial fugitive? That's impossible, I don't even know any fugitive," Yann Zhenyuan hurriedly defended.

"Hmph, then do you know Xu Nian?" the Iron Tower man questioned again.

"Xu Nian? How is he an Imperial fugitive? Isn't he just the Hall Master of the Divine River Palace?" asked Yann Zhenyuan, visibly surprised.

Lately, all of Southern Wilderness County had been spreading news about Xu Nian.

Now, Xu Nian's identity was gradually being revealed, so the fact that Xu Nian was the Divine River Palace Master was praised by everyone.

"This Xu Nian killed two Imperial Princes and the Imperial Crown Prince. If he's not a fugitive, what is he? This time the Emperor sent the Eighth Prince to slay this Xu Nian. Speak quickly, where is Xu Nian now?" the Iron Tower man demanded, his eyes filled with wrath.

Upon hearing this, Yann Zhenyuan immediately understood the purpose of these people.

They were after Xu Nian.

Xu Nian had saved Yann Xi and had shown kindness to their Yann Family.

Wouldn't betraying Xu Nian be ungrateful?

"Sir, I honestly do not know where Xu Nian is. He came here once before and then left; I truly do not know where he went," Yann Zhenyuan hastily replied.

"You are lying. Don't think I am unaware that Xu Nian has a deep relationship with your niece. A few days ago, he made a big scene at Commandery City for her, and then he returned to Tianhuang City. Do you take me for a fool?" the Iron Tower man bellowed, his voice mixed with terrifying Imperial might.

"Puh!"

Yann Zhenyuan was directly struck by this Imperial might and spit blood, his expression one of pain.

"If you do not tell the truth, I will kill you myself," the Iron Tower man coldly huffed.

A mere Battle King, lying in front of him, was truly tired of living.

"Sir, I really do not know," Yann Zhenyuan still said, his eyes resolute.

"It seems you really do not want to live," the Iron Tower man grew increasingly angry.

After finishing speaking, he swung his arm.

Immediately, a burst of Gang Qi swept out from the Iron Tower man's hand.

"Puh!"

Yann Zhenyuan was instantly struck by the Gang Qi, his body flying backward.

He slammed directly into a stone pillar, breaking it.

Blood spurted uncontrollably from his mouth.

The strike was terrifying, almost shattering his internal organs.

This was still the Emperor-level strong man sparing his life; otherwise, he would have had no chance of survival at all.

"A mere ant, I'll give you one last chance," the Iron Tower man looked at Yann Zhenyuan and said.

Yann Zhenyuan, clutching his chest, staggered to his feet.

His gaze was as firm as iron, and with blood in his mouth he spoke each word clearly, "I, Yann Zhenyuan, have lived a life without regret, and I die content."

Each word from Yann Zhenyuan resounded with a clang, as if thrown down to the ground.

"Seeking death!"

The Iron Tower man immediately shouted in anger.

Then he launched another blast of Gang Qi.

As the Gang Qi swept out, if Yann Zhenyuan were to be hit, he would undoubtedly die.

"Boom!"

Just then, a figure suddenly dashed from beside Yann Zhenyuan, directly taking him away from the attacking path of the Gang Qi.

At this moment, the Eighth Prince finally turned his attention this way.

Seeing the young man who had suddenly appeared, he hooked up the corners of his mouth in a cold smile.

The young man's eyes were filled with killing intent as he looked at the three people including the Eighth Prince.

At the same time, three other figures emerged from behind him.

"You finally decided to show yourselves, I thought you'd keep hiding," Xia Longyuan, the Eighth Prince, said with a slight smirk while looking at the four figures.

Among these four, he recognized three of them.

They were the three Demon Beasts that followed Xu Nian.

As long as he found them, finding Xu Nian wouldn't be far off.

"Hmph, you damn prince, General Yann has defended this frontier for your Imperial Family for decades without much credit or complaints. Now you speak of killing so easily, truly heartless and ungrateful," Xu Yu coldly retorted.

They had been living in the General Mansion during this period.

Yann Zhenyuan had been very welcoming and attentive to them.

Moreover, his willingness to die without revealing the whereabouts of his older brother had deeply moved them.

It must be said, Yann Zhenyuan indeed was an upright person.

"Heartless and ungrateful? They are merely dogs that serve our empire, there's nothing to discuss about credit or hardship. The Imperial Family decides who lives and dies; that is the dignity of our empire, something you Demon Beasts wouldn't understand," Xia Longyuan responded disdainfully.

Xu Yu and the others immediately frowned.

Even Yann Zhenyuan was incredibly angry.

He hadn't expected that after so many years of service, he would be seen only as a mere dog in the eyes of the Imperial Family.

"Damn it, what twisted logic. Eat my iron fork!" the Bull Demon King, too, was enraged by the Eighth Prince's words, swinging his iron fork at him.

"Hum!"

The iron fork charged with immense Demon Energy headed straight for the Eighth Prince.

"Clang!"

However, just as the iron fork was about to hit Xia Longyuan.

The Iron Tower man suddenly reached out his hand, catching the iron fork easily.

"An Eight-star War Saint daring to disrespect His Highness, seeking death!"

The Iron Tower man roared.

He then swung the iron fork back at the Bull Demon King.

The speed and power of the return throw were more than ten times more terrifying than before.

The Bull Demon King was shocked and hurriedly dodged to the side.

But the iron fork was too fast.

Before the Bull Demon King could react, he was impaled through the shoulder by the fork, throwing him backwards.

"Boom!"

The building behind him exploded instantly, the ground shattered.

The Bull Demon King's body was firmly nailed to the ground, his shoulder completely pierced through.

He couldn't move at all.

"Bull Demon King," Xu Nian and Black Wind screamed out in alarm.

"I... I'm not dead yet!" the Bull Demon King struggled to say, painfully pulling out the iron fork.

"Tell me, where is Xu Nian? Otherwise, I will kill you all," the Iron Tower man stepped forward and said disdainfully.

Chapter 604 Iron Tower Man

The imposing aura emitted from the Iron Tower man's body.

The breath of the Peak of Three-star Body Emperor suddenly pressed down on Xu Yu and his two companions like a massive mountain.

The faces of the three of them changed instantly.

They had not expected that this Iron Tower-like man would turn out to be a Three-star Body Emperor Strong.

Black Wind and Xu Yu exchanged a glance, and a trace of gravity flashed through their eyes.

During this period, their cultivation had made new breakthroughs.

They had already reached the Peak of Nine-star Battle Saint.

Although their combat power was not the least bit weaker than those at the Half-Emperor Level,

facing a Peak of Three-star Body Emperor, they were still vastly inferior.

What's more, apart from this Three-star Body Emperor, there were two others.

It seemed that those two were even more powerful.

"How about it, are you going to talk or not?" the Iron Tower man said with a light chuckle.

Before he came, a seal had been placed on him, which allowed him to attack Battle Saint Level fighters without any restraint.

To him, these Demon Saints before him were merely matters of lifting his hand.

Killing them would be as easy as pie.

"Hmph, if you want to know where our big brother is, you'll have to kill us," Xu Yu snorted coldly.

He finished speaking, and his pupils suddenly turned gold.

A terrifying thunder and lightning emerged around him.

Beside him, Black Wind was also exuding a dark aura, with eyes fixedly staring at the Iron Tower man.

"What, you still want to put up a fight? With just this bit of strength, even if I stood here and let you attack, you wouldn't be able to hurt me. I advise you not to make pointless resistance," the Iron Tower man said with a sneer.

"Charge!"

However, Xu Yu and Black Wind did not heed the words of the Iron Tower man, and both of them darted out in an instant.

One from the left and the other from the right, they appeared beside the Iron Tower man in an instant.

One threw a punch, and the other kicked, attacking the Iron Tower man directly.

The Iron Tower man chuckled lightly, indeed not making the slightest effort to defend.

He let Xu Yu and Black Wind's attacks land on his body.

"Boom!"

Indeed, the attacks from Xu Yu and Black Wind hit his body as if striking a copper wall and iron barrier.

They caused not the slightest ripple.

Xu Yu and Black Wind were both shocked; the opponent's defense was truly stronger than they had imagined.

"Haha, I told you that you couldn't injure me, and you didn't believe it. Now you see... Ahh!"

The Iron Tower man laughed heartily; however, before he could finish speaking, he let out a scream of pain.

Because at that moment, Xu Yu was holding a dagger plunged into his neck.

Blood immediately gushed out from the neck.

"Spurt!"

Taking the opportunity, Black Wind also struck, plunging his dagger straight into the back of the Iron Tower man.

The intense pain made the Iron Tower man scream in agony.

"Boom!"

Gang Qi exploded from the Iron Tower man's body, instantly sending Xu Yu and Black Wind flying.

The Iron Tower man painfully pulled out the two daggers.

To his surprise, both were of Spiritual Weapon Level, not only extremely sharp but also covered in a layer of seals, which could instantly unleash tremendous power.

It was with these daggers that Xu Yu and Black Wind were able to injure the Iron Tower man.

These daggers were a gift from a predecessor at Dark God Island, with seals on them that could only be activated once, but the power was immense.

Xu Yu and Black Wind's previous attacks were purely feints.

Their real intent was to launch an attack using the daggers.

Unfortunately, they did not strike a fatal blow to the Iron Tower man.

Nonetheless, the power of the daggers was not something the Three-star Body Emperor could contend against.

A typical wound, a Body Emperor could quickly suppress the bleeding.

But the wound caused by these specially augmented daggers could not be healed in a short time.

At this moment, blood continued to flow from the Iron Tower man's body, the severe pain making him stagger.

"Idiots!"

Seeing this scene, Xia Longyuan also frowned tightly.

The Iron Tower man was clearly caught off guard due to underestimating his opponents, which is why Xu Yu and his allies found an opportunity to strike.

Had he taken them seriously from the start, even with such a treasure, they would not have been able to get close to him.

At this moment, the Iron Tower man's anger had reached its zenith.

He had been wounded by two Nine-star Demon Saints.

And now he had provoked the dissatisfaction of the Eighth Prince.

To him, this was nothing short of immense disgrace and humiliation.

"I'll have you dead!"

The Iron Tower man let out a roar as his aura burst forth in an instant.

Next, like a berserk beast, he charged furiously toward Xu Yu and Black Wind.

Xu Yu and Black Wind exchanged a glance and both nodded.

"Whoosh!"

The Iron Tower man appeared directly in front of Xu Yu and was about to hurl a punch at him.

This punch was immensely powerful.

However, just as the Iron Tower man's fist was about to hit Xu Yu,

Xu Yu's figure turned into a residual image.

"Boom!"

The Iron Tower man's fist struck the air, causing a roaring sound.

"How is this possible?"

Shock clearly showed on the Iron Tower man's face.

How could a Nine-star Demon Saint possibly dodge his attack?

"Hey, big guy, over here!"

Black Wind taunted the Iron Tower man.

A surge of fury instantly flashed in the Iron Tower man's eyes.

He charged toward Black Wind.

However, just as his fist was about to strike Black Wind,

Black Wind suddenly disappeared.

Seeing this scene, an intense rage welled up in the eyes of the Iron Tower man.

One Nine-star Demon Saint dodging his attack was one thing,

But now, another had also avoided his punch.

This almost drove him mad with frustration.

"Hmph, fool, you're attacking mere illusions they left behind, not their true bodies—you've fallen for their Illusion Technique," Xia Longyuan said with a cold snort.

"Illusion Technique?"

Upon hearing this, the Iron Tower man finally understood what was happening.

Right from the start, Black Wind had been subtly casting his Innate Divine Ability on him unnoticed.

Shadow Illusion.

It was precisely because he had fallen for Black Wind's Shadow Illusion that the Iron Tower man had repeatedly missed his attacks.

"Hmph, so it was all fake. Since it's come to this, then I'll let you know the consequences of angering me," the Iron Tower man roared.

He then stomped forcefully on the ground.

"Vibration!"

A terrifying aura instantly emanated from beneath the Iron Tower man's feet.

Subsequently, the figures of Xu Yu and Black Wind were revealed.

The Dark Night Illusion Occult Arts were broken.

"Die!"

The Iron Tower man roared again, and then his figure instantly appeared in front of Xu Yu and Black Wind.

"Boom!"

The Iron Tower man's fists came out together, directly slamming into the abdomens of Xu Yu and Black Wind.

Xu Yu and Black Wind had no time to react and were sent flying.

"Buzz!"

At that moment, a claw from the skies swooped down, aiming straight for the wound on the Iron Tower man's neck.

"Courting death!"

The Iron Tower man roared and spun around to throw a punch.

"Bang!"

The force of this punch was incredibly fierce, piercing right through the chest of the incoming figure.

Chapter 605 Golden Crow Thunder

"Phew!"

Blood spurted everywhere.

Xu Yu and Black Wind, who had been thrown backwards, widened their eyes at this sight.

"Big Brother Mo Hen!"

Xu Yu couldn't help but cry out in shock.

Watching Mo Hen's chest being pierced through, they were completely stunned.

Indeed, it was Mo Hen who had struck just moments before.

However, it was clear that Mo Hen's physical strength was nowhere near as formidable as that of Xu Yu and Black Wind.

Moreover, the Iron Tower man had moved with killing intent, so his punch had gone straight through Mo Hen's chest.

Mo Hen was spitting blood, and his whole presence began to fade.

That punch had shattered his heart, and his life force was rapidly slipping away.

"Quick... run!"

Mo Hen struggled to utter these last words with his remaining strength.

"Hmph, thinking of escaping? Impossible. Today, not only will you die, but all of them will die," the Iron Tower man scoffed coldly.

With those words, he tore Mo Hen's body brutally into two halves.

Seeing this, Xu Yu and Black Wind's eyes filled with intense rage.

Their fists clenched, eyes brimming with killing intent.

Mo Hen had been with them for so long, having even saved their lives before.

Now, to be so cruelly slaughtered by this Iron Tower man,

how could they not feel furious?

Bull Demon King, who had just managed to yank a steel trident from his collarbone, also had his eyes filled with rage upon witnessing this scene.

"Mo!"

Two powerful streams of blue smoke erupted from his nostrils, sounding like muffled thunder.

"Oh, you feel aggrieved? You want to avenge your friend? Well, come on then. Do you three Demon Saints really think you can defeat me, at the peak of Three-star Body Emperor?" Iron Tower man sneered relentlessly.

His hands covered in fresh blood, his smile grotesquely sinister.

Xu Yu's eyes, filled with rage, stared at the fresh blood on Iron Tower man's hands.

That was Mo Hen's blood.

At that thought, Xu Yu's eyes turned a terrifying gold, and a fearsome thunder light flickered within.

This lightning was a bizarre black-golden color.

Following this, Xu Yu's arms and entire body started to display this black-golden lightning.

With the surging of this black-golden lightning,

Xu Yu's body seemed to undergo a transformation.

"Crisp Crackling!"

A sound akin to frying beans emerged.

Xu Yu's entire body seemed to be coated with a layer of black-golden light.

If anyone could have looked inside, they would have seen that Xu Yu's muscles and bones were all manifesting a black-gold color.

His aura also became more violent.

Wherever this black-golden thunder struck, everything was annihilated.

"Hey... Secondary, what are you doing? You can't use your Lifebound Secret Technique yet, this will harm your Origin, stop now!" Black Wind, upon seeing this, immediately shouted.

As descendants of a Super Divine Beast, they all had Inheritance Memories in their minds.

These memories contained many Secret Techniques and Cultivation Techniques.

Among them, the most powerful was their Lifebound Secret Technique.

This technique, once activated, had an incredibly formidable power.

The Shadow Illusion that Black Wind had previously used was one such Lifebound Secret Technique mastered by Black Wind.

If not for Xia Longyuan's reminder, the Iron Tower man would not have realized so soon that he was under an illusion.

Xu Yu, also a Super Divine Beast, possessed his own Lifebound Secret Technique.

However, this technique was too powerful, and with Xu Yu's current strength, he simply couldn't employ it.

Now, forcibly using it would likely come at a great cost.

"I don't care, he killed Mo Hen, he must die," Xu Yu said coldly.

The Golden Crow Thunderclap Power on his body began to surge even more wildly.

As this power surged,

Xu Yu's aura also became increasingly powerful.

His physical strength had also reached an unprecedented level of toughness.

"Ah, what a strange thunderclap. If I could devour this kind of thunder, my strength would definitely increase again," Xia Longyuan said, astonished from the side.

He was an Innate Thunder Spirit Body, naturally possessing the ability to devour thunder.

He could feel that the thunder emerging from Xu Yu at this moment was extremely powerful.

The expression on Iron Tower man's face also revealed a hint of surprise.

The black-golden thunder surging on this Demon Saint's body actually made him feel threatened.

Moreover, the aura that this Demon Saint emitted had already far surpassed that of a Demon Saint, reaching the level of a Three-star Battle Emperor Demon Emperor.

"I want you dead!"

Xu Yu spat out a sentence at this moment.

Then, his form turned into a beam of thunderous golden light, appearing directly in front of the Iron Tower man.

"What incredible speed!"

The Iron Tower man was startled for a moment, not expecting the Demon Saint's speed to have increased so significantly.

"Die!"

Xu Yu's fist clenched instantly, thunderous light surging, he delivered a punch straight toward the Iron Tower man.

The Iron Tower man's eyes also flashed a fierce light, his Gang Qi surged and he threw a punch as well.

"Boom!"

A thunderous explosion echoed.

The ground under the Iron Tower man's feet instantly caved in.

Also, the Iron Tower man was shaken by this terrifying force, retreating several steps in succession.

Each step he took created a huge pit in the ground, causing the entire General Mansion to tremble.

Xu Yu was also thrown back by the rebounding force; he flew out for about three hundred yards before stabilizing.

"How... how is this possible?"

The Iron Tower man looked at his own arm, his eyes filled with intense shock.

His arm was charred black, evidently injured by the terrifying black-golden thunder.

What he didn't expect was how this Demon Saint's strength and body had suddenly become so strong.

"What a technique to integrate thunder into one's flesh and blood, using Thunderclap Power to enhance one's physical strength and power, and this Golden Crow Thunder, its power is actually above the Heavenly Thunder. What kind of Divine Beast is this?" Xia Longyuan discerned the essence of Xu Yu's secret technique from afar.

He had strong perception of thunder.

He could feel these terrifying Golden Crow Thunderclaps continuously moving within the body of the Demon Saint.

Strengthening his muscles and bones in an unprecedented manner.

Of course, this enhancement was only temporary.

It could only be maintained for a short period of time, after which,

severe side effects would occur: not only would all the muscles in the body be at risk,

but the bones throughout the body would also risk fracturing.

Even if he won, he would surely live a life worse than death.

That was the reason Black Wind initially forbade Xu Yu from using this Secret Technique.

"I want you dead!"

Yet, Xu Yu's eyes were filled with unwavering determination, with the Golden Crow Thunderclap continuously surging around his body.

Then his claws erupted with a fierce aura, fiercely grasping toward the Iron Tower man.

Xu Yu was fast, appearing instantly in front of the Iron Tower man.

"Spurt!"

The claws flashed, directly leaving three deep gashes across the chest of the Iron Tower man.

However, Xu Yu also received a solid punch to his chest from the Iron Tower man.

His body was blasted away, crashing into a house.

Collapsing the house.

Chapter 606 Xu Nian Returns

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"Damn it!"

The Iron Tower man cursed under his breath.

Three deep, bone-visible gashes marred his chest,

from which blood ceaselessly flowed.

Adding to the previous two dagger wounds, three scars now adorned his body.

However, what caused him the most pain was the claw mark on his chest.

That mark was permeated with the powerful Golden Crow Thunder.

With Xu Yu's recent attack, that Golden Crow Thunder had surged into him,

wreaking havoc within.

It had directly injured his internal organs, and his Gang Qi was utterly incapable of annihilating the Golden Crow Thunder.

He could only rely on his powerful Gang Qi to forcibly expel this thunderous energy from his body.

Even so, he was still seriously injured.

He, a dignified Three-star Body Emperor, had been reduced to this sorry state, which filled him with intense shame.

"Hum!"

Just then, a terrifying fluctuation hit him from the back,

sending a shiver down the Iron Tower man's spine.

"Enough!" he bellowed fiercely.

Then he turned around and threw a punch towards what was behind him.

However, to the Iron Tower man's astonishment,

Xu Yu faced his fist without dodging or defending,

and swung his eagle claw directly towards his chest.

"He's gone mad, completely mad!" the Iron Tower man thought in panic.

The Demon Saint in front of him had lost his mind,

choosing such a lethal life-for-life fighting style!

With this method, even if the Iron Tower man eventually killed Xu Yu, he was likely to pay a tremendously heavy price.

"Splat!"

Three more terrifying gashes instantly opened up on the Iron Tower man's chest.

This time, Xu Yu tore out a large chunk of the Iron Tower man's flesh.

The dreadful Golden Crow Thunder also followed the gashes into the Iron Tower man's body, and thunderously struck his heart.

"Thump!"

The Iron Tower man's heart suffered a heavy blow, and he staggered back several steps before half-kneeling on the ground, spitting out a mouthful of blood.

However, Xu Yu was in no better condition.

His chest had been struck by the Iron Tower man's punch, and all the Golden Crow Thunder in his body instantly dispersed.

His bones, as though in a chain reaction, fractured in several places.

Even his muscles were torn in multiple areas.

His body flew uncontrollably backwards.

Indeed, he had reached the end of his rope.

He had chosen the life-for-life fighting style because he knew his secret technique's time was up.

His body could no longer withstand more of the Golden Crow Thunder.

So he chose to use the last bit of his strength to inflict heavy damage on the Iron Tower man.

"Whoosh!"

Black Wind rushed forward and caught Xu Yu's falling body.

However, by this point, Xu Yu had completely passed out.

His body was as limp as if it had no bones, utterly pliable.

His vital signs were now weak to the extreme.

His internal organs had all suffered severe damage.

One could say that Xu Yu's life was now hanging by a thread.

The aftereffects of the secret technique, coupled with a full-strength punch from a Three-star Battle Emperor Expert,

meant that Xu Yu still drawing breath was nothing short of a miracle.

Black Wind looked at Xu Yu's faint, flickering vital signs, his eyebrows furrowed deeply.

His gaze then fiercely shifted back to the Iron Tower man, eyes filled with intense killing intent.

This battle could be described as extremely brutal.

Mohen killed.

Xu Yu on the brink of death.

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All of this was caused by the three people before him.

If he didn't kill them, he would never be able to quell the rage in his heart.

Yann Zhenyuan, who was standing to the side, had been stunned as well.

The battle he had just seen Xu Yu fight had shocked him.

It was his first time realizing that a Demon Saint could actually contend with a Three-star Body Emperor.

It seemed the Body Emperor Expert had also sustained serious injuries.

The Iron Tower man was still half-kneeling on the ground, vomiting another mouthful of fresh blood.

His heart had nearly been completely shattered by the terrifying blow of the Golden Crow Thunder.

Had it not been for the last moment when he protected his heart with Gang Qi, he likely would have died there and then.

A Three-star Body Emperor Peak facing off against a few Demon Saints.

To end up in such a state was truly a disgrace.

Having expelled the last trace of Golden Crow Thunder from his body, the Iron Tower man finally lifted his head and stood up.

When he saw that Xu Yu had completely passed out, a cold smile appeared at the corner of his mouth.

"Tie Shan, fetch me the Demon Core of that Demon Beast."

It was then that the Eighth Prince, Xia Longyuan, suddenly spoke.

"Yes, Your Highness!"

The Iron Tower man responded immediately.

Then, turning to look at Xu Yu in Black Wind's embrace, his eyes grew sharp.

Black Wind handed Xu Yu over to Bull Demon King, and then turned his gaze, filled with killing intent, towards the Iron Tower man.

"What? You want to stop me too?" The Iron Tower man snorted coldly.

The previous battle with the Demon Saint had already cost him quite a bit.

He didn't believe that this Demon Saint before him could do the same.

Moreover, he felt a strong rage suppressed in his heart, and now that he saw Black Wind obstructing him,

the suppressed rage in his heart suddenly surged forward.

"I won't let you touch even a hair on Third Brother; I'm willing to die if it means taking you to King Yan with me," Black Wind said coldly.

"Really? Do you also possess some secret technique?" the Iron Tower man sneered.

Black Wind's expression remained icy as he replied softly, "I don't have a secret technique, but I can perform Essence Blood Burning. I believe that the Essence Blood Burning of a Super Divine Beast Bloodline Demon Beast is entirely capable of sending you to hell."

Upon hearing this, the Iron Tower man's expression changed drastically.

Correct, Essence Blood Burning was indeed a method of trading life for life.

The stronger the blood, the more immense the power of the Essence Blood Burning.

And the Essence Blood Burning of a Super Divine Beast Bloodline was especially terrifying.

It could definitely take a Three-star Body Emperor Peak Expert away with it.

"Humph, I don't believe you really dare to perform Essence Blood Burning," the Iron Tower man snorted.

Then he rapidly charged towards Black Wind.

He wanted to kill Black Wind before the Essence Blood Burning could be carried out,
to prevent future troubles.

"Die!"

The Iron Tower man bellowed, then his fist surged with powerful Gang Qi as he struck at Black Wind.

Seeing the Iron Tower man charging at him, a hint of resolve flashed in Black Wind's eyes.

He was about to perform Essence Blood Burning.

However, at that moment, a figure descended from the sky.

Landing directly in front of him,

he threw a punch towards the Iron Tower man who was bombarding him.

"Boom!"

The two fists collided.

A thunderous roar echoed through the heavens.

The Iron Tower man was instantly sent flying by the terrifying punch.

Yet the figure stood immovable like a mountain.

"Big... Big Brother!"

Upon seeing the figure's silhouette, Black Wind's eyes suddenly lit up.

And at the side, Xia Longyuan's eyes also narrowed in an instant.

Indeed, the one who had appeared was none other than Xu Nian.

"Sorry, I'm late," said Xu Nian as he turned to Black Wind.

"Big Brother, Third Brother he..." Black Wind quickly started to speak.

Hearing this, Xu Nian also turned his gaze towards Xu Yu in Bull Demon King's arms, his eyes immediately narrowing.

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Chapter 607 Xu Nian Takes Action

Xu Nian slowly walked towards Xu Yu.

Xu Nian released the power of his Spiritual Sense to examine Xu Yu's injuries.

When he realized Xu Yu was on the verge of death—

His entire skeletal structure was severed, leaving only a last breath.

Seeing this scene, Xu Nian clenched his fists, a strong Killing Intent surged in the depths of his eyes.

Now, Xu Yu's condition was like a candle in the wind, which could extinguish at any moment.

If it were not for his timely arrival, Xu Yu would likely be dead by now.

From a very young age, Xu Yu had always followed by his side.

The two had endured many hardships together, always depending on each other for life.

Now, Xu Yu was critically injured like this.

This caused anger in Xu Nian's heart to suddenly erupt like a volcano.

Xu Nian stuffed a Healing Pill from the Luotian Sect into Xu Yu's mouth.

Then he gave one to the Bull Demon King as well.

"These bastards killed Mo Hen," the Bull Demon King said angrily after swallowing the pill.

"I know," Xu Nian replied coldly, "and I will make them pay."

"Uncle, are you alright?" At this moment, Yann Xi also flew over from a distance.

When he saw Yann Zhenyuan's serious injuries, his face immediately showed a look of anxiety.

"I'm fine, Xi, you've finally returned." Yann Zhenyuan's face also showed joy when he saw Yann Xi.

Xu Nian walked over and gave Yann Zhenyuan a pill.

He looked at the injuries on Yann Zhenyuan, and his frown deepened.

These Emperor-level strong men had actually attacked Yann Zhenyuan, a mere Battle King.

Yann Zhenyuan had always worked tirelessly for the empire.

Now, this was his repayment.

It truly chilled the heart.

"Was it you who did this?"

Xu Nian turned his head towards the Iron Tower man in the distance, covered in wounds.

He had already used the power of his Spiritual Sense to investigate.

Among these three men, only the Iron Tower man had a talisman inscribed.

Although he did not know what this talisman was, it was able to shield him from the Emperor-level investigation.

The Emperor's covenant and these heavenly earth restrictions were set by that Saint long ago.

Though not the true Tianji, as long as one lived in this world, they could not avoid it.

Unless one possessed powerful treasures or unique methods—

Otherwise, Emperor-level strong men couldn't act against a Saint.

Xu Yu and the others were still at the Holy Level.

The Iron Tower man relied on the talisman to act.

"You finally decided to show yourself; I thought you would continue to hide and not show your face," Xia Longyuan said coldly as he looked at Xu Nian.

"Xia Longyuan, today, no matter what, I will not let you leave alive," Xu Nian said coldly as he looked at Xia Longyuan.

His voice was filled with strong Killing Intent.

Last time Xia Longyuan had ordered the abduction of Leng Yanran.

This grudge, Xu Nian had always remembered in his heart.

Now, Xu Yu had almost been killed again.

The Killing Intent in Xu Nian's heart was already churning like a vast river.

"Is that so? Well, let me tell you, I feel the same way. You've reached such a level at this age, there must be a great secret within you. I really want to know what that secret is," Xia Longyuan muttered to himself.

Even a person with heavenly talents, without some extraordinary encounter, cannot reach the Emperor Level by the age of twenty.

So, he believed there must be a great secret hidden within Xu Nian.

If he obtained this secret, his future achievements would certainly be even higher.

"If you want the secret within me, then you'll need to have the life to take it. I don't care who you lot are, today all of you must die," Xu Nian spoke, his voice like Hell Yama, chilling to the bone.

"Ultimately, who lives and who dies, the true strength will decide. But Xu Nian, if you want to fight with me, you have to defeat my two subordinates first. If you can't even beat them, you have no qualification to fight me," the Eighth Prince said with a cold laugh.

"Tie Shan, make your move!" the Eighth Prince then commanded.

"Yes, Your Highness!" the Iron Tower man hastily responded.

Then the look in his eyes as he gazed at Xu Nian was filled with killing intent.

At this moment, the bleeding from his body had stopped; it had to be said that the three-star Body Emperor's physique was indeed formidable.

"Boy, I've heard you are also a Body Emperor, so today let me see just how formidable your physique is. Ashy Ox Strength!"

The Iron Tower man roared loudly, and then a strong Gang Qi emitted from his body.

"Moo!"

Instantly, an enormous ox phantom enveloped the Iron Tower man, and his muscles swelled rapidly.

Ashy Ox Strength!

This was the Body Cultivation Technique cultivated by the Iron Tower man.

Those who practiced this technique would possess boundless strength once they reached great success.

As their cultivation level increased, so did their strength.

At this moment, the aura emanating from the Iron Tower man was incredibly terrifying.

"Die! Barbaric Bull Iron Fist!"

The Iron Tower man roared again, and his imperial aura burst forth instantly.

Then, his figure appeared in front of Xu Nian, and he threw a ferocious punch at Xu Nian.

"Buzz!"

The blow set off a violent storm in the surrounding space.

As if the space itself were about to shatter.

"That's a terrifying punch; the force of this punch is likely no less than tens of millions of pounds."

Bull Demon King and the others couldn't help but exclaim.

It had to be said, this three-star Body Emperor was indeed terrifyingly formidable.

However, despite witnessing this scene, Xu Nian's eyes did not show the slightest fluctuation.

Watching the Iron Tower man charging toward him, killing intent surged in his eyes.

"Boom!"

Just when everyone thought the Iron Tower man's fist was about to hit Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's hand shot out like lightning, directly landing a punch on the Iron Tower man's abdomen.

"Pfft!"

The Iron Tower man's body suddenly stiffened.

His facial expression twisted.

His eyes bulged out, filled with shock.

"How... how is this possible?"

The Iron Tower man silently uttered in shock.

Just now, he hadn't seen how Xu Nian had made his move.

He had been struck in the abdomen by Xu Nian's punch.

Most critically, the power of Xu Nian's punch was incomparably terrifying.

With that one punch, his entire body spasmed instantly.

Xia Longyuan and the old man also frowned.

"Big brother's strength has increased again." Black Wind couldn't help but say in astonishment.

"Yeah, just now I didn't even see how he made his move," Bull Demon King also couldn't help but remark.

Yann Zhenyuan also wore a face full of surprise.

Earlier, the Iron Tower man had been so mighty, which he had seen with his own eyes.

Yet now, he couldn't withstand a single punch from Xu Nian.

Such a stark disparity filled him with immense shock.

However, Xu Nian paid no heed to the others and grabbed the Iron Tower man by the hair.

A fierce viciousness flashed in his eyes.

"You caused Little Yu's entire body's muscles and bones to shatter, so I'll make you taste the same."

Xu Nian, like a raging King Kong, clenched his right fist instantly.

Then, the onlookers saw Xu Nian, with one hand grabbing the hair of the three-star Body Emperor, while his other fist mercilessly pounded the Body Emperor's body.

Each punch was accompanied by a muffled boom and the sound of snapping bones.

Chapter 608 Red Lotus Karma Fire

Xu Nian didn't know how many punches he had thrown.

But this Body Emperor Strong had already been beaten into a pile of mush.

Not only every bone in his body had been broken, but even the flesh had been completely deformed.

You should know, each of Xu Nian's punches could blow up a small mountain.

Having been hit by Xu Nian so many times, even the strongest body couldn't withstand it.

Tie Shan was not dead at this moment, but he was not far from death.

His physical body had already been completely turned into mush.

He was barely breathing.

He couldn't understand why this young man before him, who was clearly only at the Peak of One-star Body Emperor level,

had a strength even greater than his.

"Boom!"

With the final punch, Xu Nian smashed it directly onto the head of the Body Emperor Strong.

Accompanying a roaring sound,

the head of this Body Emperor Strong also burst open instantly.

His soul completely dispersed in the air.

The surroundings fell into complete silence.

A Three-star Body Emperor in front of him, completely defenseless.

However, Xu Nian's eyes showed not a flicker of disturbance.

His Body Cultivation had reached the Peak of One-star Body Emperor through Divine Demon Refining Body, his strength comparable to the Peak of Three-star Body Emperor.

Moreover, this Tie Shan was already severely injured.

For Xu Nian, defeating him was effortless.

And from start to finish, Xia Longyuan never thought about saving Tie Shan.

This made Xu Nian sneer inwardly.

They say emperors are heartless.

It seems Xia Longyuan truly took the Imperial Family's ruthlessness to the extreme.

Seeing that this Three-star Body Emperor Strong had no utility value, he decisively abandoned him.

Such a cold hearted nature, it's truly chilling.

"Brilliant, it's really brilliant. A Peak One-star Body Emperor overcame a Peak Three-star Body Emperor, Xu Nian, you indeed did not disappoint me," Xia Longyuan said to Xu Nian with a cold laugh.

Xia Longyuan was slightly surprised by the combat power Xu Nian had shown, but it was also within his expectations.

"Humph, Xia Longyuan, the more spectacular moments are yet to come. When you die by my hand, let's see if you can still speak the word 'brilliant'," Xu Nian said coldly.

The last time he left the Imperial Capital, he sought power

specifically to break through to Emperor Level and kill this Xia Longyuan.

Now that Xia Longyuan was right in front of him, he would not miss this opportunity no matter what.

"Your Highness, let this old man make a move, I will take his head," an elder who had been standing behind Xia Longyuan spoke up.

"Good, be careful, Xu Nian's strength is not that simple," Xia Longyuan nodded and said.

"Yes!" the elder nodded in response.

Then he stepped forward.

Xu Nian had noticed this elder earlier.

His Soul Power had reached the Peak of Battle Emperor, naturally, he could easily see through this elder's Cultivation.

Four-star Battle Emperor, such a level was indeed quite strong.

Of course, that was in reference to others. For Xu Nian,

no matter how strong the opponent was, he had to die today.

The elder had already stepped forward, fully emitting the aura of a Four-star Battle Emperor.

And as this Battle Emperor's aura spread,

the crowd around them suddenly felt a strong oppressive force.

"Four-star Battle Emperor?"

Black Wind, Bull Demon King, and Yann Zhenyuan all showed a look of surprise.

They hadn't expected this elder to be a Four-star Battle Emperor Level.

In that case, wasn't Xu Nian in great danger?

"You're called Xu Nian, right? You defeating Tie Shan indeed surprised me, but since you've offended the Imperial Family, you're on a path to death. The power of the Imperial Family is not something you can contest, so you might as well surrender quietly, to avoid unnecessary pain," the elder said to Xu Nian.

His tone was calm, but it carried a hint of contempt.

"A dead end? Last time, Xingchenzi said the same thing to me, but in the end, it was he who died, not me," Xu Nian responded with a cold laugh.

"Hmph!" The old man snorted coldly.

How could Xingchenzi compare to him?

Even ten Xingchenzis combined would not be his match.

"Since you won't listen to reason, I will fulfill your wish," the old man said with another cold snort.

Then, a powerful flame surged around him.

As soon as this flame appeared,

the temperature around them suddenly soared dramatically.

Bull Demon King and Black Wind, among others, all retreated.

The flame in the old man's hand gave them a heart-palpitating sensation.

They were certain that even a slight touch of this flame would instantly turn them into ashes.

Xu Nian saw this scene and a hint of surprise flashed in his eyes.

It was indeed the highest Profound Argumentation of Fire Attribute.

Red Lotus Karma Fire!

The Red Lotus Karma Fire not only had a strong burning effect against Evil Power,

but it also possessed great offensive power against ordinary cultivators.

That's because the Red Lotus Karma Fire was a flame that simply couldn't be extinguished.

Unless the burning object was completely consumed, it would never cease.

Especially against Evil Power, it would burn ever more fiercely.

Like Netherworld King in Xu Nian's storage ring, it had no means to resist such flames.

This demonstrated just how dreadful the Red Lotus Karma Fire was.

"Boy, my Red Lotus Karma Fire is extremely powerful. Once burned, you will be in excruciating pain. I give you one last chance, submit to His Highness," the old man said.

"Such nonsense."

However, Xu Nian simply cursed in response.

The old man's gaze instantly turned dark.

"Since you insist on seeking death, then I shall oblige," the old man snorted coldly.

Then with a move of his palm, a surge of towering red flames rushed towards Xu Nian.

As the flames surged, Xu Nian felt an intensely scorching breath hitting his face.

Although Xu Nian was disdainful, he dared not be the slightest negligent.

The power of Red Lotus Karma Fire was not to be taken lightly.

"Sizzle!"

The Thunderclap Power flashed, and then a streak of lightning emerged from beneath Xu Nian's feet.

His figure instantly turned into an afterimage, using Thunderclap Flash to evade the attack.

The Red Lotus Karma Fire nearly grazed Xu Nian's cheek.

The scorching temperature caused his skin to burn intensely.

And this was just the emitted temperature.

If the flames truly scorched him, it would likely be horrific.

"Hmph, you cannot escape," the old man said with a slight chuckle as he saw Xu Nian evade his flames using his Body Skill.

With a sweep of his sleeve, suddenly thousands of palm-sized Fire Lotuses appeared in the air.

Each of these Fire Lotuses contained an incredibly terrifying presence.

Seeing this scene, Xu Nian's brows furrowed deeply.

Black Wind and others also showed deep concern.

"Go!"

The old man let out a light chuckle, then swept his sleeve.

Those thousands of Fire Lotuses shot towards Xu Nian like a violent storm.

Xu Nian's eyes also flashed with anger upon seeing this scene.

Dragon Scale Armor immediately emerged.

Then a dense, unparalleled Power of the Earth emerged from his palms, instantly forming two mud-yellow rings of light around his arms.

"Break for me!"

With a loud shout, he then punched towards the oncoming Fire Lotuses filling the sky.

Chapter 609 Battle with the Elder

"Boom!"

A tremendous explosion shook the sky.

Xu Nian's fist was unleashed, directly generating a terrifying wave of power.

The Fire Lotuses that were furiously sweeping toward him collided with the waves made by Xu Nian's fist.

And one after another, they exploded.

Those fearsome Fire Lotuses formed spectacular sparks in the air, blooming instantaneously.

"Hmph, you think that's enough to stop me?"

The old man saw this scene and a hint of a sneer appeared in his eyes.

Then with a wave of his arm,

The sparks formed in the air instantly turned into a firestorm, rolling toward Xu Nian.

Wherever the firestorm passed, everything was burned to nothingness.

If one were hit by this firestorm, they'd probably turn to ashes in an instant.

"My Red Lotus Karma Fire Storm is no trivial matter; just wait to be turned into dust," the old man thought, smirking inwardly.

His gaze towards Xu Nian was filled with derision.

"What terrifying flames, I wonder if Xu Nian can withstand them," Yann Zhenyuan had already retreated to a great distance.

But his face still wore an expression of shock.

Even though he was now far away, he could still feel the searing pain of the terrifying flames burning his skin.

"Brother Nian will definitely be able to do it," Yann Xi quickly interjected.

However, her gaze towards Xu Nian also began to show concern.

Xu Nian watched the roaring firestorm approaching, a touch of solemnity flashed in his eyes.

"Buzz!"

The Immortal Sword appeared in his hand.

"Mixed Element Slash!"

Xu Nian let out a light shout, and immediately the Immortal Sword in his hand sliced down.

The green Sword Radiance instantly tore through the sky, splitting the firestorm in two.

The firestorm instantly turned the entire General Mansion into a sea of fire.

Fortunately, the people of the General Mansion had already scattered, otherwise, this fire might have turned them to ashes.

But even so, if the fight continued like this, it was likely to harm the residents of the city.

"If you want to kill me, follow me," Xu Nian left these words and transformed into a streak of light, flying towards the outskirts of the city.

"Don't think you can escape," the old man bellowed, chasing after him.

Xia Longyuan pointed with the tip of his toe and his figure instantly followed.

"Let's go and have a look as well," Black Wind and Bull Demon King, as well as Yann Xi and Yann Zhenyuan, all quickly gave chase.

By the time Black Wind and the others reached above the city wall,

Xu Nian and the old man were already standing opposite each other in an open space outside the city.

The city gate was also crowded with many people.

When they looked up to see the two figures floating in the air, awe was written all over their faces.

To them, anyone who could float in the sky was like a Battle King-level powerhouse.

The Battle King level was an existence far beyond their reach.

And such a level of battle naturally caught the attention of many.

So it wasn't long before the city wall was crowded with people.

"Look quickly, it's a youth and an elder, both of them floating in mid-air; could the youth also be a Battle King powerhouse?"

"I think it's possible; I've heard that some youths are extremely talented and could reach the Battle King level."

"I wonder which one, the youth Battle King or the elder Battle King, is stronger."

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The crowd at the city gate was abuzz with discussion.

However, they did not know that the two figures they were talking about were many times grander than a Battle King level.

Xia Longyuan, at this moment, was also standing in the void, quietly watching everything unfold.

He didn't urge the old man to make it a quick battle; on the contrary, he seemed to be enjoying the fight.

He wanted to find out more secrets about Xu Nian through the battle.

He did not want Xu Nian to die too quickly.

"Kid, you've got quite a conscience, going to the trouble of battling outside the city to avoid harming these ants. Or is it that you want to die honorably in front of all these people?" the old man said with a light laugh.

Xu Nian's eyes were sharp as he coldly responded to the old man, "I just don't want you to die unnoticed, so I thought I'd let more people remember someone like you existed after your death."

"Pompous talk, don't think that because you blocked my two Red Lotus Karma Fire attacks, you're invincible. Kid, I'm not afraid to tell you the truth, I only used half my strength just now." The old man said disdainfully.

After speaking, another surge of crimson flames emerged from his palm.

"Chirp!"

The crimson fire condensed, forming a massive Fire Phoenix.

The flames emanating from the Fire Phoenix were terrifyingly hot.

Even a regular one-star Battle Emperor would be instantly turned to ash if touched by them.

"What terrifying flames, this old man seems to be not a Battle King but at a Battle Emperor Level."

Exclamations of amazement burst from the crowd.

The horrific temperature of those flames made them feel dreadful.

It forced them to retreat further back.

"A Battle Emperor Level power, so this young man must also be at a Battle Emperor Level to fight him."

"A young man, a Battle Emperor? Could he be the legendary Genius Battle Emperor Xu Nian from the continent?"

"It really is him, truly Xu Nian. My god, I'm actually fortunate enough to witness a battle of Battle Emperor Level powerhouses, and it's the Genius Battle Emperor Xu Nian at that. Even if I die now, it would be worth it."

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The surrounding area buzzed with non-stop discussion.

However, as people talked,

The mood of everyone around gradually lifted.

Lately, the entire empire had been abuzz with tales of Xu Nian's exploits.

Everyone knew that the empire had produced a genius known as the Genius Battle Emperor Xu Nian.

Under twenty years old and already at an Emperor Level, he was undeniably the empire's foremost prodigy.

Because of Xu Nian's extraordinary strength and talent, many held him in high esteem.

At this moment, to witness Xu Nian battling a Battle Emperor Level powerhouse,

How could they not be excited in their hearts?

Xu Nian stood with his sword, his gaze fixed on the Fire Phoenix flickering in the sky, his eyes also blazing with a strong fighting spirit.

As the Spiritual Energy inside him circulated, his Immortal Sword was also covered in a layer of blue glow.

"Buzz!"

A sharp aura spread out from the sword.

The sharpness of the aura was so terrifying it made hearts palpitate.

"Go, burn him to ashes," the old man roared.

The Fire Phoenix behind him let out a piercing cry, then charged at Xu Nian.

The massive Fire Phoenix spread its wings, enveloping half the sky.

Its enormous body lunged voraciously toward Xu Nian.

The terrifying heat even distorted the space around it.

The onlookers all showed a look of terror.

Such a horrifying Fire Phoenix, could the Genius Battle Emperor Xu Nian withstand it?

Xu Nian's eyes, however, burst with intense fighting spirit at this moment.

Then the Immortal Sword in his hand hummed nonstop, and with that, he slashed out with his sword.

"Buzz!"

The sword radiance instantly turned into a terrifying blue light.

The sword radiance emitted a strong cutting force.

"Pfft!"

The Fire Phoenix was instantly split in two by the sword.

"How strong!"

Everyone around showed an astonished expression.

Yet Xu Nian did not relax at all.

The split Fire Phoenix transformed into two Fire Phoenixes, continuing their assault on Xu Nian.

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Xu Nian watched as the two Fire Phoenixes rushed towards him and once again, he struck with his sword.

However, the two Fire Phoenixes split into four under the attack of the Sword Radiance.

"Ha-ha, the Fire Phoenixes I've condensed from the Red Lotus Karma Fire cannot be resisted by you, the more you attack, the more they multiply," the old man laughed heartily.

His eyes looking at Xu Nian became more scornful.

Xu Nian saw this scene, and a trace of solemnity flickered across his eyes.

At that moment, four Fire Phoenixes had already closed in, about to pounce on Xu Nian in the next second.

"Eh, is the Genius Emperor Xu Nian going to die?" someone in the crowd asked.

"No way, that old man is too strong, he must have reached the level of a Four-star Battle Emperor, and his flames are very powerful. The Genius Emperor obviously just broke through to Battle Emperor recently, how could he match up against a Four-star Battle Emperor?" someone with good vision in the crowd spoke up.

"Alas, is a genius of a generation really going to fall like this?"

Everyone sighed, feeling sorry for Xu Nian.

However, just as the crowd believed Xu Nian couldn't withstand the terrible flames,

"Buzz!"

An intense chill erupted from the center where Xu Nian stood in an instant.

The terrifying chill immediately turned everything around into solid ice.

Those four Fire Phoenixes were also encased in ice under the terrifying chill.

"Eh, he actually blocked it. I didn't expect Xu Nian to control such powerful Ice Cold Power."

Shock appeared on the faces of the crowd as they looked at the Fire Phoenixes frozen in the sky, astonishment visible on their faces.

"Crack!"

The ice sculptures fell to the ground and shattered instantly.

The flames dissipated into the air as well.

"Xuan Ice Power, you actually control the Xuan Ice Power?" the old man was also astonished.

He didn't expect that Xu Nian, at the last moment, would unleash the Xuan Ice Power.

Freezing his Red Lotus Karma Fire.

Yet, Xu Nian's face revealed a faint smile.

This Xuan Ice Power was precisely the power he controlled, condensed from the Dragon Energy of an Ice Frost Giant Dragon.

Although this old man's Red Lotus Karma Fire was strong,

the Ice Cold Attribute of the Xuan Ice Power was the nemesis of the Fire Attribute.

With this Xuan Ice Power, the old man's Red Lotus Karma Fire would probably find it very difficult to harm him again.

"Hmph, so what if you possess the Xuan Ice Power? My Red Lotus Karma Fire won't be frozen so easily. Next, I'll let you know what it means to be scorched by fierce flames that reach the heavens..."

"You won't have the chance!"

The old man snorted coldly, about to unleash even more terrifying flames.

However, at this moment, Xu Nian's voice suddenly rang out.

Xu Nian's figure raced towards the old man with incredible speed.

Simultaneously, a terrifying gravity burst forth from the center where Xu Nian stood.

"Boom!"

The old man's figure suddenly plummeted, and then he felt his body become immobile in an instant.

"What... what is going on?" the old man exclaimed in horror.

At this moment, he felt as though his body weighed tens of thousands of pounds, as if a massive mountain was pressing down on him.

Even the circulation speed of the Spiritual Energy within his body slowed to a crawl.

Xu Nian, seeing the old man in this state, smiled coldly at the corner of his mouth.

Indeed, this change in gravity was because he had activated the Gravity Ring.

Now the gravity of the Gravity Ring had been stimulated to be five hundred times stronger.

Under this terrifying five hundred-fold gravity,

unless one was a Body Emperor Level powerhouse capable of adapting in an extremely short amount of time,

a Battle Emperor Level fighter would do well just not to have their bones and internal organs crushed.

Of course, this gravity also affected Xu Nian.

However, he who had been using gravity to train his physique for years.

He was able to instantly adapt to the terrifying Gravity Domain.

With a single sword strike.

The elder simply couldn't react and could only watch helplessly as Xu Nian's sword struck down.

"Puchi!"

The elder's figure was directly cleaved into two by Xu Nian's sword.

A strong unwillingness showed on the elder's face.

The speed of that sword was clearly not fast, yet he couldn't move an inch.

In the end, he could only watch himself being slain.

"Dead? How is that possible?"

"So strange, the elder's speed suddenly became so slow, as if his body was pressed down by a giant mountain."

"Although I'm not sure what exactly happened, one thing is certain, the elder's sudden change must be related to the Genius Emperor."

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The onlookers around were all discussing heatedly.

Black Wind, Bull Demon King, and Yann Zhenyuan on the city tower also revealed surprised expressions.

They perceived more than those ordinary cultivators.

In that instant, they clearly felt the gravity within a thousand-meter radius centered on Xu Nian change distinctly.

It was this change in gravity that caused the elder's body to lose control in an instant.

This was because the elder was at the Battle Emperor Level.

If he had been at the Battle Saint Level, under that terrifying gravity, he probably would have been directly crushed.

"Gravity Space Domain?"

At this moment, Xia Longyuan in the sky also showed a look of surprise, his gaze turning sharp as he looked towards Xu Nian.

After Xu Nian had collected the storage ring from the elder, he also turned his head to look at Xia Longyuan.

"Xia Longyuan, all your subordinates have been killed by me, now do you think I am qualified to battle with you?" Xu Nian said as he looked at Xia Longyuan.

"Xia Longyuan? Isn't he the genius prince from the empire, the Eighth Prince?"

Suddenly, exclamations rose from the crowd, with everyone following Xu Nian's gaze.

When they saw a young man still standing in the sky, expressions of astonishment appeared on their faces.

Xia Longyuan was always considered the number one genius of the empire before Xu Nian became famous.

It was unexpected that he would appear here.

And it seemed that there was no small feud between him and Xu Nian.

"Could it be that they are going to fight? I've heard that the Eighth Prince has also broken through to the Battle Emperor Realm, with a formidable strength."

"Yes, the Eighth Prince is indeed an outstanding genius. If he fights with Xu Nian, it is really hard to say who would win or lose."

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Once again, the onlookers all started discussing.

"I really didn't expect you to actually kill them both, I must admit, you indeed have the qualifications to battle me," Xia Longyuan said from a position of superiority.

Xu Nian, upon seeing this scene, showed a trace of disdain in his eyes.

This Xia Longyuan was truly arrogant.

Having slain a Four-star Battle Emperor, he was only considered to have the qualifications to battle with him.

Did he really think he was at the Peak of Battle Emperor?

"You, come down here!"

With a loud shout from Xu Nian, and a stretch of his hand,

his arm yanked, and the space surrounding them seemed to twist.

Xia Longyuan, originally thousands of meters away and motionless, was forcibly pulled in front of Xu Nian.

"Earth Fist!"

With a loud cry, Dragon Scale Armor instantly surfaced.

A punch thundered out, heading straight for Xia Longyuan.

Xia Longyuan was stunned and then his eyes flashed fiercely.

He then threw a punch too, and instantly, lightning surged in abundance.