

Divine King 611

Chapter 611: Battle Against Xia Longyuan

"Boom!"

Their fists collided.

A terrifying roar echoed.

Chen Wudi's Power of Earth clashed with the dreadful thunderbolts.

Instantly, thunderbolts rained down, emitting an incomparably dazzling light.

The terrifying might instantly swept through the surroundings.

Both Xu Nian and Xia Longyuan were repelled.

This strike was nearly a standoff.

"How formidable the fight, what exactly happened just now, why do I feel like the ground was suddenly pulled closer?"

The crowd around them showed expressions of surprise and confusion.

Just now, Xia Longyuan clearly hadn't moved, yet his figure was suddenly drawn closer.

Even the ground seemed to have compressed.

"Space Power?" Xia Longyuan steadied himself in the air, his eyes revealing a trace of astonishment.

He had clearly felt a change in his surrounding space.

He hadn't expected Xu Nian to actually be able to control Space Power.

Xu Nian's original body shared a soul connection with his avatar.

The Profound Argumentation understood by the avatar was naturally something the original could also utilize.

Now, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar's comprehension of Space Folding had also reached the Profound Argumentation Threshold.

When deployed by the original body, it possessed extremely formidable power.

Space Profound Argumentation was divided into three types, from low to high grades: Space Binding, Space Folding, Space Absolute Kill.

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast was comprehending these three Profound Argumentations simultaneously.

As the favored child of space, it had an extremely strong perceptual ability towards space.

Thus, comprehending the three types of Profound Argumentation was not a difficult task for it.

Of course, the comprehension of both Space Binding and Space Absolute Kill remained at the Bright Mirror Level.

Only Space Folding was a bit more advanced, having reached the threshold of Profound Argumentation.

That was why Xu Nian was able to effortlessly pull Xia Longyuan closer.

Of course, the use of Space Folding wasn't as simple as just pulling people closer.

The most practical application was Space Shuttling.

By folding two originally separate spaces together, it would create a spatial jump point.

One could easily move from one location to another.

This technique resembled the Instant Teleportation of Earth Immortal Experts.

However, it did not cover as large an area as the Instant Teleportation of Earth Immortal Experts, nor was it as fast.

After all, deploying Profound Argumentation also took time.

If Xu Nian's strength grew stronger in the future, and his comprehension of Space Folding deepened,

reaching true spatial jumping, then the range of the jump might not be smaller than Instant Teleportation.

But these were still too far off for him.

Right now, the most important thing was how to deal with Xia Longyuan.

Although Xia Longyuan was only at the Peak of Two-star War Emperor, his strength was even more terrifying than that of the Four-star Battle Emperor Peak elder from before.

For Xu Nian, a fierce battle was inevitable.

But even so, Xu Nian had to fight.

Xia Longyuan had first captured Leng Yanran,

and now Xu Yu had been severely injured because of him.

If Xia Longyuan was allowed to live on,

more people close to him could be hurt.

So today, no matter what, he had to kill Xia Longyuan.

Thinking of this, Xu Nian's mind conjured the image of Xu Yu's dying breath.

A strong Killing Intent burst forth in his eyes.

"Whizz!"

Just then, Xia Longyuan took a step.

Following this, a powerful silver light surged from his body.

With the spreading of the silver light, Xia Longyuan himself became exceedingly holy.

Above the sky, an enormous silver star suddenly appeared.

This silver star continuously shed its holy brilliance, bestowing it upon Xia Longyuan.

Providing him with an unending supply of power.

"Star Battle Body?"

Seeing this scene, Xu Nian's brows immediately showed a strong fury.

He understood it better than anyone.

Xia Longyuan's Star Battle Body, how did he obtain it?

It was entirely plundered from Chen Wudi.

He not only crippled Chen Wudi, but he also left a deadly poison in Chen Wudi's body, almost causing his death.

Back when Xu Nian was with Chen Wudi, he could feel how much Chen Wudi desired to kill Xia Longyuan.

To avenge the theft of the origin of his Star Battle Body.

So when he saw Xia Longyuan using the Star Battle Body,

Xu Nian remembered Chen Wudi's eyes, filled with killing intent.

The murderous intent in his heart towards Xia Longyuan grew even more profound.

"Xu Nian, now let you taste the power of my Star Battle Body," Xia Longyuan said coldly.

After speaking, Xia Longyuan charged at Xu Nian.

A light ball shaped like a star appeared in the center of his palm.

This light ball contained an extremely powerful might.

"Buzz!"

With a push from Xia Longyuan's palm, the light ball shot towards Xu Nian at high speed.

As the light ball left his hand, it immediately began spinning rapidly.

It formed a massive nebula.

As the nebula passed, the ground was crushed into a huge, immense trench.

"What terrifying energy, is this the Star Power of the Star Battle Body?"

The surrounding people all showed expressions of shock.

This fearsome nebula gave them an intrinsic sense of trepidation.

They truly couldn't imagine what it would be like if such a terrifying attack were to land on them.

However, a flash of anger passed through Xu Nian's eyes.

"With just you, you are not worthy of using the Star Battle Body."

Xu Nian's voice thundered, and his eyes flashed sharply.

Then, Xu Nian clenched his fist.

With the action of clenching his fist,

A surge of soil-yellow energy began spinning rapidly on the surface of his fist.

This was an Earth Vortex formed by the Power of Earth.

The surrounding rocks and soil were drawn by the Earth Vortex, converging towards it.

An extremely thick and violent aura then burst forth from that Earth Vortex.

"Break for me!"

With a punch from Xu Nian,

The Earth Vortex, formed by the Power of Earth, surged out following the punch from his fist.

The Earth Vortex grew larger as it rolled, directly colliding with the terrifying nebula.

"Boom!"

The two massive forces collided,

First contracting intensely, then exploding outwards.

The fearsome force created huge waves.

Those who had already retreated thousands of meters away were still overturned by the wave of terrifying force.

Even Black Wind and others had to mobilize their Spiritual Energy to form a Defensive Light Shield to withstand the strike.

The level of these attacks still far exceeded their expectations.

"Buzz!"

However, at this moment, a fearsome Star Giant Sword tore through the dust in the sky and sped towards Xu Nian.

The Star Giant Sword was over nine meters long,

And the fluctuations it contained were exceptionally terrifying.

At the end of the Star Giant Sword, Xia Longyuan followed closely.

His hands shimmered with a strong Star Power fluctuation.

Seeing this, Xu Nian once again summoned his Immortal Sword.

The Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation was executed in an instant.

"Thrust, First Level Vibration Wave!"

Xu Nian shouted, and a strong wave of wind energy vibrated from his Sword Radiance.

Vibrating from the body of the sword to the tip, it finally struck the Star Giant Sword.

"Crack!"

The Star Giant Sword instantly shattered.

"Star Shattering Mountain Palm!"

At the same time, Xia Longyuan also charged in.

He slapped towards Xu Nian's face,

The Star Power in his palm directly causing the surrounding area to shake.

Causing the ground to shake violently.

Chapter 612 Star Shield

"Clang!"

Xu Nian parried with his sword held across.

Xia Longyuan's Star Shattering Mountain Palm struck directly onto the blade of Xu Nian's sword.

It sounded like the deep, resonant tolling of a giant bell.

Xu Nian instantly felt an incredibly terrifying power pouring down the blade.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian took a forceful step backward.

The ground cracked instantly, and one foot sank half a foot into the earth, finally blocking the fearsome force.

"Hmph, you've blocked one palm, but can you block my second one!" Xia Longyuan smirked slightly, a sharp light flashing in his eyes.

Another palm shot straight towards Xu Nian's face.

Clearly, Xia Longyuan had planned this sequence of attacks,

each one linked to the next, all leading up to this final strike.

Therefore, the power of this palm was far greater than the previous one.

The two men were very close to each other, and with Xia Longyuan's swift movement,

it was nearly impossible for Xu Nian to dodge.

"Hum!"

However, at this moment, Xia Longyuan felt the space around him stretched suddenly.

His figure was, in an instant, pulled away from Xu Nian.

Naturally, his attack missed its mark.

"Damn it, it's the power of space again."

Xia Longyuan cursed inwardly.

Space Power was unpredictably strange.

Once activated, it was very difficult to contend with.

Xu Nian, who wielded Space Power, was quite a difficult opponent to handle.

A sharp light flashed in Xu Nian's eyes, and his figure soared out, mysteriously disappearing into thin air.

Xia Longyuan's eyes sharpened instantly, and he vigilantly scanned his surroundings.

"Hum!"

A wave of spatial fluctuation came from the left side.

Without a moment's hesitation, Xia Longyuan unleashed a palm strike towards the left.

However, his attack hit nothing but void.

"Hum!"

At the same time, a figure appeared behind him in an instant, bringing down a sword slash.

The sword light was sharply fierce, containing an extremely powerful Cutting Force.

"Not good!"

Xia Longyuan was alarmed and hastily deployed Star Protection.

A surge of starlight swelled, and a metallic shield appeared in his hand.

"Clang!"

Xu Nian's Sword Radiance struck upon the shield, creating a grating sound.

The tip of the sword clashed with the shield, creating bright sparks.

"Eh?"

Xu Nian was startled; his Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation-imbued Sword Radiance

hadn't managed to penetrate the metal shield.

He immediately struck with his sword again.

"Clang!"

The result was still the same.

Xu Nian's Sword Radiance bombarded the shield, which directly dissipated the blow.

The moment Xu Nian's attack hit the shield, he distinctly felt an Immortal Talisman emerge upon it.

This talisman was exactly the same as the one on the Iron Tower man.

With the emergence of this talisman, Xu Nian's attack was completely dissipated.

"It's no use, this shield is an Ancient Spiritual Artifact I obtained from a relic, covered with a layer of Ancient Immortal Seal. Your attacks simply cannot break through it," Xia Longyuan said disdainfully.

Armed with the shield, he feared no attack.

Even if the attack was powerful, the shield could weaken seventy percent of its strength.

The remaining power transmitted to his arm was only thirty percent, its force greatly diminished.

"Such a strong shield, now Genius Emperor Xu Nian's attacks will not have any effect at all."

"Indeed, Xu Nian is in trouble now, his attacks are ineffective, and the Eighth Prince can continuously launch attacks and slowly exhaust Xu Nian to death."

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The crowd all around was buzzing with discussion.

One after another began to view Xu Nian with increasing pessimism.

Although Eighth Prince held an advantage with his treasures,

being able to possess such treasures was in itself a manifestation of mighty strength.

Xu Nian, gazing at the shield in Xia Longyuan's hands, also flashed a hint of solemnity in his eyes.

He had not expected that Eighth Prince would have such a Spiritual Artifact shield.

Furthermore, atop the Spiritual Energy shield was an Immortal Seal.

Xia Longyuan had already mentioned that he had found the shield in the Ancient Relics.

If that was the case, then the seals on the Iron Tower man must be similar.

It was just that the Iron Tower man clearly did not know how to activate the seal.

Otherwise, it would have taken some effort for Xu Nian to kill him.

It was apparent that Xia Longyuan knew a bit more than the Iron Tower man.

Indeed, it was because of the activation of that seal that Xu Nian's attack had not had the slightest effect.

"Xu Nian, I must say, your Space Profound Argumentation is truly formidable. For an ordinary Battle Emperor Level expert, it would indeed be very difficult to defend against. However, your attacks have no effect on me, so you have lost this battle," Xia Longyuan said with a taunting look in his eyes.

Space Profound Argumentation, unpredictable and impossible to guard against,

But with Xia Longyuan's added defense of a "turtle shell",

he naturally did not fear Xu Nian's assassination attempt.

"Declaring my loss now? Aren't you a little too early in your celebration?"

Suddenly, Xu Nian sneered mockingly.

Following that, a strong green light suddenly surged in Xu Nian's eyes.

And with the outbreak of this green light,

Xia Longyuan's entire body stiffened instantly.

"Ah!"

Then Xia Longyuan clutched his head and let out an extremely painful scream.

Simultaneously, Xu Nian's body shot out in a flash.

Indeed, Xu Nian had used the Gray Dragon Eye.

Now, Xu Nian's Soul power had reached the Nine-star War Emperor Level.

So, what if Xia Longyuan possessed a defensive shield?

As long as he saw Xu Nian's eyes, his soul would be subject to Xu Nian's Soul Attack.

"Die!"

Xu Nian bellowed, and his Immortal Sword immediately swung down in a slash.

Xia Longyuan's eyes widened in terror, trying to mount a defense.

But the agony from deep within his soul rendered him incapable of focusing.

"Clang!"

Xu Nian's sword came down.

Directly atop the shield.

This time, no seal lit up on the shield.

The powerful force generated by the sharp sword sent Xia Longyuan flying away.

"Boom!"

With a loud crash, Xia Longyuan's figure plummeted to the ground like a meteorite, thunderously smashing into the earth.

Xu Nian, witnessing this scene, did not stop there.

Instead, he executed the Mixed Element Slash.

Three successive slashes were made.

Three terrifying Sword Radiance instantly bombarded the crater.

Tearing open three deep and massive sword gashes.

Dust filled the sky, and dirt flew everywhere.

"What... what's going on here?" The crowd gaped in astonishment.

How did Xia Longyuan suddenly scream in agony, and why didn't he activate the Immortal Seal in the face of Xu Nian's attack?

Everyone's gaze turned toward the direction of the crater.

Dust filled the air, obscuring everything.

"Did Eighth Prince die?" someone speculated.

"It's possible; those three Sword Radiance were very powerful. Perhaps the Eighth Prince didn't block them!" someone else chimed in.

For a moment, everyone's eyes turned to the figure of Xu Nian in the sky, their gazes filled with immense respect.

Xu Nian stood there with his sword, his face showing not a hint of relaxation.

"Boom!"

Sure enough, at that moment, from the dust-filled crater erupted a terrifying thunderburst.

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Chapter 613: Thunderclap Sky Explosion

"Boom!"

The terrifying thunderclap dispersed all the dust.

Then, a figure enveloped in a terrifying blue thunderclap appeared in everyone's sight.

At this moment, the figure was clearly in disarray, with messy hair and tattered robes.

Even the corner of the mouth was stained with a trace of fresh blood.

The look in his eyes as he stared at Xu Nian was like that of a crazed fierce beast, filled with intense fury.

In his eyes, thunderclap flashes kept passing by.

"Soul attack, how could you possibly have such a powerful soul?" Xia Longyuan questioned as he looked at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian merely chuckled softly.

"How does it feel? Want to try it again?" Xu Nian said with a cold laugh.

He then immediately activated the Gray Dragon Eye.

Xia Longyuan's body visibly trembled, but this time he didn't clutch his head and scream like before.

"Do you really think I was unprepared, although I don't know why your soul is so strong, your soul attack can't hurt me. I originally thought I wouldn't need to use this thing, but it turns out I actually had to," Xia Longyuan said coldly.

This time, his grandfather had rewarded him with something from the Emperor.

It was none other than the Seven-Colored Spiritual Thunder Liquid he had always dreamed of.

This liquid continuously contained powerful Thunderclap Power, which could help people break through in their cultivation.

It also gave birth to a strand of Seven-Colored Spiritual Thunder, which could protect the soul to some extent.

Initially, Xia Longyuan was unprepared and was hit by Xu Nian's soul attack.

Having learned his lesson, he would not fall in the same place twice.

Xu Nian, seeing this scene, showed not the slightest hint of surprise.

For a prince highly valued by the Emperor's Royal Family, having a means of soul defense was not surprising at all.

Thus, he had not hoped to kill Xia Longyuan with soul tactics alone.

However, with Xia Longyuan possessing soul defense now, he was likely to be much more difficult to deal with.

"Xu Nian, I originally didn't plan to use my Thunderclap Power because once I do, you will die a miserable death. But now that you've angered me, I will let you understand just how miserable a fate it is to offend me, Xia Longyuan."

Thunderclap Power burst forth from Xia Longyuan's eyes, and a terrifying thunderclap erupted from his body.

As the thunderclap surged out, the places it struck around him all exploded.

A massive, violent aura burst forth directly from Xia Longyuan's body.

"Thunderclap Sky Explosion Profound Argumentation?"

Xu Nian was momentarily stunned, not expecting that Xia Longyuan had comprehended the Thunderclap Profound Argumentation to be the Thunderclap Sky Explosion.

Thunderclap Sky Explosion Profound Argumentation was an extremely powerful profound argumentation.

This kind of profound argumentation was an upper-class thunder attribute profound argumentation.

Once executed, its power was immensely great.

"Xu Nian, now let you feel the fury of the thunder," Xia Longyuan bellowed.

Then, a metal hammer appeared in his hands.

The surface of the hammer was also covered in strange thunder patterns.

As the hammer appeared, the terrifying thunder quickly covered the hammer completely.

The powerful fluctuations immediately changed the color of everyone surrounding them.

"Er, a hammer-shaped weapon?" Xu Nian was stunned.

He hadn't expected Xia Longyuan's weapon to be a hammer.

However, the material of the hammer had obviously reached the Divine Iron level.

Otherwise, such terrifying thunder, even weapons forged from exotic metals, might not be able to withstand it.

Xia Longyuan held a shield in his left hand and the Metal Thunder Hammer in his right.

The terrifying thunderclap, like countless electric snakes,

Continuously surged from his body and spread outward.

"Die!"

Xia Longyuan roared loudly, and then his figure leaped up.

With the Metal Thunder Hammer carrying terrifying thunderclap, he smashed viciously towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's expression changed, not daring to take the hit lightly.

So, he quickly executed Thunderclap Flash, turning his figure into a residual image, and dodged the strike.

"Boom!"

A thunderous explosion sounded, and the thunderclap power suddenly burst forth.

The spot where Xu Nian had just stood was instantly shattered.

Directly forming a massive crater nearly a hundred meters in diameter.

The pit was even more scorched black.

"My God!"

The crowd in the distance saw this scene and were all stunned.

With that one hammer strike, the power was terrifying.

Not to mention them, even an ordinary Four-star Battle Emperor directly taking this hit would be smashed into mincemeat.

The combination of the Metal Thunder Hammer and the Thunderclap Sky Explosion Attack was frightfully intimidating.

Xu Nian's face also showed a look of surprise.

Luckily, he hadn't been overconfident and tried to withstand Xia Longyuan's attack head-on.

Otherwise, with that hammer just now, even if he didn't die, he would have been severely injured.

After all, the power of Xia Longyuan's attack was certainly not to be taken lightly.

"You can't escape! Ten Thousand Thunder Sky Burial!"

Xia Longyuan let out a roar, his hands suddenly swinging the thunder.

He smashed a hammer at the void in front of Xu Nian.

"Boom!"

Suddenly, the sky seemed to be torn apart.

Dozens of thunderbolt light pillars sprouted from nowhere.

Each of these thunderbolt light pillars was as thick as a thigh.

All heading towards Xu Nian to bombard him.

"Damn!"

Xu Nian saw this scene and couldn't help but curse inwardly.

This Thunderclap attack unleashed by Xia Longyuan was even more terrifying than the Third Level Heavenly Prohibition.

And these thunderbolts were not just simple thunder attacks.

They also contained the terrifying Thunderclap Sky Explosion Profound Argumentation.

Once hit,

the Thunderclap Power would explode instantly.

Even a slight touch could cause an arm to explode into a mist of blood.

This was the terrifying aspect of Thunderclap Sky Explosion.

It could completely compress the Thunderclap Power to the extreme, then explode in an instant.

The terrifying explosive force was frightfully horrifying.

Yet now, Xia Longyuan directly unleashed dozens of thunderbolt light pillars.

If it were an ordinary One-star Battle Emperor Expert, they would probably be scared witless, their legs turning to jelly.

"Buzz!"

However, a hint of madness flashed through Xu Nian's eyes.

He watched the terrifying thunderbolts coming towards him.

Not only did he not dodge, but he also did not use Space Shuttling to evade.

Instead, he directly activated the Black Jade Pendant from his Dantian.

Yes, this pendant could be said to be Xu Nian's ultimate trump card.

The Kun Cave contained within could absorb any kind of power.

Now activated by Xu Nian, a fist-sized black hole immediately appeared above his head.

"Boom!"

Although the black hole was only the size of a fist,

the suction power it emitted was terrifying.

The dozens of thunderbolts, before they could strike Xu Nian, were completely absorbed by this black hole.

"Uh, where did the thunder go? Why did it suddenly disappear?"

The surrounding crowd all showed surprised expressions.

Xia Longyuan's face was full of astonishment, not understanding how his deployed thunderbolts had suddenly disappeared.

"Could it be Space Power again? Impossible, even with Space Power, such terrifying thunder energy might cause the space shuttling channel to collapse," Xia Longyuan's face showed shock and confusion.

But Xu Nian couldn't worry about these at the moment.

Because he discovered that after the Black Jade absorbed the terrifying thunder energy,

it actually fed back a terrifying force of Thunderclap Power to him.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's body was suddenly coursing with electricity.

The muscles around his body also swelled up in an instant.

Chapter 614: Brutally Bullying Xia Longyuan

"Ah, such immense power. Is this the power absorbed by Kun Cave just now? How is it reflecting back onto me?"

Xu Nian was thoroughly astonished in his heart.

At this moment, the Thunderclap Power filled Xu Nian's body with tremendous strength.

This power was so great that it made Xu Nian unable to resist roaring furiously.

"Hmph, I don't believe you can keep dodging my attacks," Xia Longyuan huffed coldly, then swung his Thunder Hammer at Xu Nian once more.

The Thunder Hammer radiated dazzling lightning, capable of destroying heaven and earth.

Xu Nian saw this scene and a cold smile appeared in his eyes.

He clenched his fist.

Instantly, a terrifying power began to gather in his arm.

His arm then grew noticeably thicker.

"Boom!"

He threw a punch.

Lightning burst forth.

Xu Nian's fist collided directly with the Thunder Hammer.

A thunderous sound erupted.

Xu Nian's figure remained unmoved, but Xia Longyuan was pushed back dozens of steps by Xu Nian's fearsome power.

"How is this possible? Xu Nian actually resisted the Eighth Prince's Thunder Hammer with his bare fist. Am I seeing this right?" someone in the crowd suddenly exclaimed.

"You're not seeing wrong. He really resisted the Thunder Hammer with his fist. It's unimaginable that a man's body can be so powerful," someone else in the crowd said.

All around, people wore expressions of shock.

Xia Longyuan was also tremendously shocked.

How had Xu Nian suddenly become so fierce?

To think he resisted his Thunder Hammer with a fist.

Moreover, the rebounding force from that punch made his arm go numb with intense pain.

"Buzz!"

Just then, a terrifying wave of energy struck.

Xia Longyuan was visibly startled and immediately raised his shield in defense.

A figure appeared mysteriously in front of Xia Longyuan and slammed a fist onto the shield.

"Clang!"

It sounded like a boulder striking a bell, emitting a deafening roar.

The shield flickered with light.

Then, Xia Longyuan, along with his shield, was forced nearly a hundred meters back.

"Such a strong attack. With just thirty percent of its power, it's already this terrifying," Xia Longyuan thought in astonishment.

Xu Nian's punch was incredibly powerful.

The Immortal Seal on the shield had absorbed seventy percent of its power, yet Xia Longyuan's arm still went numb from the impact.

"Buzz!"

However, at that moment, another terrifying wave of energy descended from above.

Xia Longyuan frowned instantly and was forced to use his shield again.

"Clang!"

Another heavy and powerful punch came.

The ground under Xia Longyuan's feet suddenly sank.

The dreadful power nearly made Xia Longyuan's knees buckle, almost causing him to kneel.

"Hmph, kneel before me!"

Xu Nian bellowed loudly, then threw another punch.

"Clang!"

Another terrifying force fiercely struck the shield.

"Thud!"

Xia Longyuan's legs gave way, and he half-knelt on the ground.

His knees hit the ground, cracking the surface.

Despite the shield's protection, the impact from Xu Nian's fists was just too strong.

Xia Longyuan couldn't withstand it.

The crowd around them was completely dumbstruck.

Such a formidable Eighth Prince, and yet he was forced to kneel by Xu Nian in this manner.

They truly couldn't imagine the full force of that punch.

Perhaps it could even shatter a mountain.

"Enough!"

Xia Longyuan bellowed.

Fierce Thunderclap Power suddenly exploded from his body.

Xu Nian, too, was forced to retreat by this terrifying surge of Thunderclap Power.

Then, everyone saw rolling dark clouds gathering in the sky from afar.

"Crack!"

Lightning flashed across the sky, striking directly at Xia Longyuan.

"Bzz!"

Thunderclap Power kept condensing.

Eventually, it formed into a long Thunder Hammer whip in Xia Longyuan's hands.

Xia Longyuan swung his arm.

The Thunder Hammer whip then burst forth with terrifying might.

It directly struck the ground, creating a massive ravine.

"How terrifying that Thunder Hammer whip is—with one lash, I fear that even a Five-star Battle Emperor might not be able to withstand it!" someone in the crowd exclaimed.

When Xu Nian saw this, a trace of solemnity flashed in his eyes.

Power of Earth in the palm of his hand started to operate.

Instantly, everyone felt the earth shaking beneath their feet.

Then, fluctuations transmitted from the void.

They saw a small mountain, one hundred meters high, appear directly in the air.

"Bzz!"

Xu Nian rotated his palm, and the small mountain even began to spin instantly, eventually turning into a huge cone.

The sharp point of the cone aimed directly at Xia Longyuan.

The crowd around stared in disbelief.

Xu Nian was actually using the combination of Power of Earth and Space Power to transport a remote small mountain here.

That kind of mountain-moving ability was beyond their imagination.

"Go!"

Xu Nian roared, and then the hundred-meter-long giant cone rapidly bombarded toward Xia Longyuan from the sky.

As the cone fell, the whole body also spun rapidly.

It was covered with a strong layer of yellowish earthen fluctuations.

"Hmph, a petty trick!" Xia Longyuan snorted coldly, a trace of disdain flashing in his eyes.

Then, his Thunder Hammer whip instantly lashed out, striking fiercely against the giant cone.

"Bang!"

The cone formed by the small mountain was directly bisected by the terrifying Thunder Hammer whip.

The small mountain completely exploded.

Turning into countless rocks falling all around.

People around hastily dodged.

If unfortunately hit by these falling rocks,

they feared they might not die but would be gravely injured.

Such a level of battle could easily result in a tragic death just by being slightly affected.

Xia Longyuan sneered, thinking that a small mountain could injure him was like a dream.

However, his smile suddenly froze.

Because he felt that his body was bound in place in an instant.

Space Binding!

At this moment, Xu Nian directly applied Space Binding.

Even though the Space Binding could not hold Xia Longyuan for more than three seconds,

these brief three seconds were more than enough for Xu Nian.

"It's time for you to pay the price, take my first punch!"

Xu Nian roared, then smashed a solid punch into Xia Longyuan's abdomen.

"Puh!"

Xia Longyuan couldn't defend himself and was hit by Xu Nian's punch in the abdomen.

Blood sprayed out instantly, and his eyes bulged.

"This punch is for Chen Wudi."

Xu Nian coldly huffed, then threw another punch.

"Bang!"

The force of the punch exploded directly on Xia Longyuan's chest.

Xia Longyuan's clothes on his back were torn apart by the terrifying force.

Both his internal organs and ribs were severely damaged.

"This punch is for Yanran."

"Bang!"

Another punch.

This punch hit Xia Longyuan's jaw.

"Crack!"

Xia Longyuan's jaw instantly shattered.

Even his whole skull showed cracks.

Xia Longyuan's head buzzed, and his brain went blank.

"This final strike is for Xu Yu!"

Xu Nian roared, then fiercely slapped Xia Longyuan's skull.

"Thump!"

Xia Longyuan immediately knelt on the ground, blood spraying from his mouth.

Chapter 615: Penglai Immortal Island

Xia Longyuan never imagined he would die, even in death.

He actually died at the hand of Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's last palm strike completely shattered his skull.

And utterly destroyed his Mud Ball Palace.

The onlookers surrounding them stared at Xia Longyuan's vacant gaze, deeply shocked in their hearts.

The Eighth Prince had actually died, died by the hands of Xu Nian.

They had not expected the Eighth Prince, who wielded such mighty Thunderclap Power and held a shield in hand,

would still ultimately perish at the hands of Xu Nian.

On the city wall, Black Wind and the others, seeing this scene, their faces were filled with shock and joy.

It had to be said, the battle just now,

had truly made them break out in a cold sweat for Xu Nian.

The Eighth Prince was indeed very strong.

Just a slight carelessness, and Xu Nian could have truly died at the hands of the Eighth Prince.

Thus, seeing Xu Nian defeat the Eighth Prince, their hearts naturally filled with joy.

Yann Xi, who had also been anxious for Xu Nian,

now let out a sigh of relief.

The look in his eye towards Xu Nian began to fill with even more respect.

Yann Zhenyuan at this moment was also in a daze.

Such a talented individual as the Eighth Prince was just like that killed.

Three Battle Emperor-level powerhouses dead in one day.

This was truly madness for Yann Zhenyuan.

He would probably never forget this day for the rest of his life.

Xu Nian packed away Xia Longyuan's storage ring, then proceeded to fly in the direction of Black Wind.

This battle, although victorious for him,

did not bring any joy to his heart.

Because the situation with Xu Yu now seemed not good.

The pills that Xu Nian had previously fed him had only just managed to preserve his life temporarily.

But the severity of his injuries was such that even Healing Holy Medicine was of no help.

"Big brother, the third one seems to be in a bad state," Black Wind said with a grave expression as he saw Xu Nian fly over.

Xu Nian nodded and walked over to Xu Yu's side.

He had already examined Xu Yu's injuries earlier.

Since every bone and meridian in his body had been completely broken, Xu Nian also felt helpless.

Right now, all he could do was seek help from Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Senior Wentian, do you see any way to save Little Yu?" Xu Nian transmitted his voice to the Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Alas, his injuries are too severe; forcibly using the secret technique, he damaged his own Divine Beast Origin. Unless there's a true Spirit Pill Holy Medicine, nothing will help," Wentian Demon Sovereign's voice resonated in Xu Nian's mind.

"True Spirit Pill Holy Medicine? What counts as a true Spirit Pill Holy Medicine?" Xu Nian urgently followed up.

"Kid, the realm you are in is suppressed by prohibitions, and Spiritual Energy is scarce; it's impossible for real Holy Medicine to grow here. The so-called Spirit Pill Holy Medicine refers to pills or medicinal materials that reach the Grade of a Low Grade Spirit Pill, but your continent is utterly incapable of giving birth to such Spirit Pills, let alone allowing medicinal materials to grow," the Wentian Demon Sovereign spoke.

"Low Grade Spirit Pill?" Xu Nian's brow furrowed.

He knew that on another continent, whether it was Spirit Stones, Spiritual Artifacts, or Spirit Pills, all were divided into Low, Middle, Upper, and Top grades.

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However, Low Grade Spirit Pills were extremely precious items on another continent.

To purchase them, one needed a large number of Spirit Stones.

On this continent of theirs, it was even more impossible for such treasure pills to appear.

As for the treasure pills they concocted on their continent, they were not at all in the same league as real Spirit Pills.

"But where can I find Low Grade Spirit Pills? Is there really no other way?" Xu Nian couldn't help but ask urgently.

Finding Low Grade Spirit Pills was easier said than done.

Probably even the Imperial Family wouldn't be quick enough.

Even if Xu Nian took Xu Yu to another continent in search of the pills, given his current situation, he wouldn't be in time.

"There's no other way, but I do think you could ask that Beast God. As a transcendent being of the Tribulation Crossing Stage Level, he might possess Spirit Pills. Even if he doesn't, he must have other means," the Wentian Demon Sovereign spoke up.

Xu Nian's eyes immediately lit up.

Right!

How could he have forgotten about the Beast God?

He was a cultivator of the Tribulation Crossing Stage Level.

How could such a cultivator not possess Spirit Pills?

As long as the Beast God was willing to help, he was willing to pay any price.

"Let's go, I'll take him there right now," Xu Nian immediately decided.

He called over Yann Xi, Bull Demon King, Black Wind, and the others.

Then, he explained his idea to them.

They all agreed with Xu Nian's plan.

"Whoosh!"

However, just as Xu Nian was about to depart,

A figure flew out from the distant savage beast forest.

Xu Nian recognized the person's identity at once.

Yes, the newcomer was none other than the Guard Zhu Yan from the Beast Emperor's side.

"I am Guard Zhu Fangzhi, at the feet of the Beast Emperor, I pay my respects to Lord Xu Nian and Miss Yann Xi," Guard Zhu Yan immediately came before Xu Nian and knelt to say.

"Commander Zhu, please rise, and quickly take me to Brother Long Yun, I have urgent matters to discuss with the Beast God," Xu Nian said in haste.

"Lord Xu Nian, are you seeking the Beast God for pills?" Zhu Fangzhi asked.

"Eh, how do you know? Did the Beast God tell you?" Xu Nian was initially stunned, then remembered the Beast God's Spiritual Sense Power pervading the entire continent.

"Yes, the Beast God instructed me to convey a message to you, Lord Xu Nian. He does not have the pills you need," Zhu Fangzhi spoke again.

"Not have them? How is that possible? How could the Beast God, at that level of existence, not possess Low Grade Spirit Pills?" Xu Nian said anxiously.

It was inconceivable to him that a mighty transcendent being of the Tribulation Crossing Stage Level didn't even have Low Grade Spirit Pills.

"Lord Xu Nian, please calm down. The Beast God is so powerful that Low Grade Spirit Pills are too inferior for his consideration. Therefore, when he left that continent, he did not bring them. He only has Top-grade Elixirs, and such high-grade pills are entirely unsuitable for your brother to consume. Hence, the Beast God specifically sent me to explain this," Guard Zhu Yan continued.

"That's right, Xu Nian, the power contained within Top-grade Elixirs is too strong, and your brother, being injured, cannot sustain them. It seems I was mistaken. To a transcendent being, Low Grade Pills indeed seem too inferior," the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign also echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"What should we do?" Xu Nian was filled with anxiousness.

He couldn't just watch Xu Yu die, could he?

"Lord Xu Nian, although the Beast God doesn't have Low Grade Healing Elixirs, he does know where you can find the pills you need," Guard Zhu Yan said.

"Where? Tell me quickly!" Xu Nian asked urgently.

Upon hearing this, Guard Zhu Yan also quickly responded: "The overseas island of Penglai!"

"Penglai? Isn't that the legendary Immortal Island?" Xu Nian heard this but was utterly baffled.

He had heard the legends about Penglai since he was a child but had never imagined the place truly existed.

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Chapter 616: The Emperor's Fury

"Penglai truly exists, and as there are many strong individuals in Penglai, the folk tales about it tend to be somewhat ethereal, portraying them as Immortals. I once had the fortune to meet someone from Penglai," said Yann Zhenyuan.

"So that's the case," Xu Nian realized in his heart.

He hadn't expected that Penglai truly existed on this continent; he initially thought it was just a figment of imagination.

"Penglai Island is located three thousand miles off the eastern sea, and it is the largest island in the nearby seas. It is also the largest overseas cultivation force outside of the Forbidden Sea. To enter the Forbidden Sea, one must pass through Penglai. Here is the map that the Beast God instructed me to hand over to Lord Xu Nian, it shows the location of Penglai Island."

Guard Zhu Yan handed a scroll to Xu Nian.

Upon opening the scroll, a delicately drawn map was revealed.

Xu Nian examined the map and memorized the marked location of Penglai Island.

Since there are Spirit Pills on Penglai, he must make a trip there.

After all, this was the only way to save Xu Yu.

"However, Lord Xu Nian, you must be careful. Although the people of Penglai are strong, they are extremely xenophobic and fiercely protective. Should you have any conflict with the people of Penglai, the entire Penglai will become your enemy," continued Guard Zhu Yan.

Xu Nian nodded upon hearing this, keeping Guard Zhu Yan's words in mind.

He wasn't worried about this; what concerned him now was how long Xu Yu could last in his current condition.

"Lord Xu Nian, the Beast God knows you are worried about Mr. Xu Yu's safety, which is why he specifically asked me to bring this. If you place inside here, he can be maintained for three months," said Guard Zhu Yan as he opened his palm.

In his hand appeared a lotus-like treasure containing a peculiar transparent liquid.

"This is the Water Purifying Treasure Lotus, which has healing properties. Although it might not completely cure Mr. Xu Yu's injuries, maintaining him for three months should not be a problem," Guard Zhu Yan explained.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian was overjoyed and hurriedly took the Water Purifying Treasure Lotus, placing Xu Yu inside it.

As Xu Yu lay within the Treasure Lotus, his condition ceased to worsen.

This allowed Xu Nian to breathe a slight sigh of relief.

With three months' time, it should be enough for him to make a trip to Penglai Island.

"There's no time to waste, I'll depart now," Xu Nian said.

"Big brother, let me go with you," Black Wind quickly said.

"No, you stay here. As Guard Zhu Yan mentioned before, Penglai is dangerous. It's not convenient for you guys to follow me," Xu Nian replied.

"Alright then, big brother, please be careful," Black Wind nodded upon hearing Xu Nian's words.

He hadn't yet broken through to the Emperor Level.

If he really were to follow Xu Nian closely, he wouldn't be of much help.

It would only impede Xu Nian.

As for the Bull Demon King, he initially wanted to go, but then he thought better of it.

"You should come back to the Demon Beast Forest with me. The Beast Emperor had me come here not only to inform Lord Xu Nian of these matters but also to bring Miss Xi back. Now that the Imperial Prince has died, Emperor Tianhen will surely be furious, and it will be unsafe for Miss Xi to stay," said Guard Zhu Yan.

Xu Nian nodded in agreement upon hearing this.

Indeed, the Eighth Prince was the most treasured by Emperor Tianhen.

Now that the Eighth Prince was dead, how could Emperor Tianhen not be furious?

There would surely be a frenzied retaliation.

Xu Nian could just leave, but if Xi lacked protection from a powerful figure, she might be implicated.

"But what about my granduncle? How about you come with us, Uncle?" Xi turned to Yann Zhenyuan and asked.

However, Yann Zhenyuan shook his head.

"I have always been guarding this place in my lifetime, constantly battling with Demon Beasts, and have grown accustomed to it. How could I possibly hide in the Demon Beast Forest and seek protection from the beasts because I'm afraid? Xi'er, since the Beast God holds you in such high regard, you should go. I'm just a minor Battle King. I believe the Empire won't do anything to me." Yann Zhenyuan decisively refused.

He had spent his entire life guarding this place, not for the Empire.

But for those common people of the dawn, what would become of the people of Tianhuang City if he were to leave?

So even if it meant death, he would not choose to leave.

"Uncle!" Yann Xi was somewhat reluctant.

"Yann Xi, just listen to your uncle. The experts of the Empire wouldn't easily strike against your uncle," Xu Nian also stepped forward to comfort.

At this, his gaze towards Yann Zhenyuan also turned reverent.

It must be said, cultivators like Yann Zhenyuan who consider the common folk are far too few nowadays.

Most cultivators today think more about how to acquire more cultivation resources and enhance their own strength.

The stronger they become, the more they see ordinary people as insignificant.

Hence Xu Nian truly admired Yann Zhenyuan's actions from the bottom of his heart.

Hearing Xu Nian's words, Yann Xi finally nodded and agreed to go back with Guard Zhu Yan.

Then, Black Wind and Bull Demon King followed Zhu Yan into the Demon Beast Forest.

While Xu Nian set off alone for the East Sea.

Three months—the time was long in some senses, yet also short.

Therefore, Xu Nian couldn't afford the slightest negligence.

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Just as Xu Nian had set out for the East Sea.

Inside the Emperor Palace of the Imperial Family, Emperor Tianhen looked at the broken Life Soul Jade Pendant in his hand.

His entire arm was trembling, his eyes filled with intense anger.

"Yuan'er actually failed, how is this possible? Could it be that Xu Nian had help from a powerful figure?" Emperor Tianhen's eyes were filled with anger, his face showing disbelief.

He had absolute confidence in Xia Longyuan's strength.

Although only at the Peak of Two-star War Emperor Level, his power was no less than that of a typical Five-star Battle Emperor.

And he even had two Battle Emperor Experts with him, and a powerful shield to protect his life.

Yet, even so, he still ended up dying.

"Yuan'er, I will not let you die with your eyes closed in vain. I will avenge you. That Xu Nian, I want to tear him into a thousand pieces," a strong killing intent burst from Emperor Tianhen's eyes.

He clenched his fist, and the broken Life Soul Jade Pendant instantly turned to dust.

Then, Emperor Tianhen stood up.

He walked into the ancestral land of the Empire.

All four of his sons had died at Xu Nian's hand.

He could ignore the other three sons, but Xia Longyuan was the son he loved and valued most.

If this vengeance were not satisfied, the anger in his heart would not be appeased.

"Ancestor! Yuan'er...he's dead!" Emperor Tianhen approached an elderly figure.

The elder was still sitting like a withered tree.

Upon hearing Emperor Tianhen's words, his eyes suddenly opened.

A ripple surged through his otherwise still eyes.

Chapter 617: East Sea Commerce

After a grueling journey of three days,

Xu Nian finally arrived at a port city near East Sea City.

East Sea City.

Since Penglai is more than three thousand nautical miles away from land,

even a Battle Emperor Expert could not fly there in one breath.

Along the way, one needs a place to rest and accumulate Spiritual Energy.

Although it is close to shore, there are still powerful Sea Demons lurking in the waters.

Hence, the best choice to reach Penglai is to take a ship.

Moreover, as Xu Nian understood,

there are special ships in East Sea for going out to sea.

These ships have Formations on them that grant them great speed,

even comparable to the pace of a Battle Saint Level expert.

It only takes about five days to reach Penglai.

Although Emperor-level strong men can travel faster than these ships,

Emperor-level strong men also need to stop midway to rest and replenish the expended Spiritual Energy.

All things considered, it would also take nearly five days.

Since the time taken is the same, Xu Nian naturally chose to take a ship, which was a way to save energy.

The only issue is that the cost of sailing on such a ship is quite expensive.

For one sea voyage, a person needs to spend nearly a hundred million Gold Coins.

And these ships are only available at the East Sea Trading Company in East Sea City.

Thus, very few people are willing to spend such an enormous amount of money to travel on these ships.

But Xu Nian didn't care.

Not to mention a hundred million Gold Coins, he could even afford a hundred billion Gold Coins.

He had killed so many Holy Level and Emperor Level experts, including a few from the Imperial Family.

The Gold Coins in their storage rings were stacked like mountains.

Although Xu Nian never counted them, he was certain,

that all these Gold Coins together were absolutely more than a hundred billion.

One hundred billion, such a frightening amount.

It was not far behind the wealth accumulated by the number one commerce house in the world.

So spending one hundred million Gold Coins was of no concern to Xu Nian.

As long as he could save Xu Yu, even if he had to give away all his Gold Coins, he would be willing.

Xu Nian entered East Sea City and headed towards East Sea Trading Company.

East Sea Trading Company controlled all the commercial economic lifelines near the entire coastline of East Sea.

From the sale of Sea Demon Demon Cores of Emperor Level to the fishing of ordinary fishing boats, East Sea Trading Company was in control.

Therefore, as long as it is affairs on the East Sea and one can afford the price, East Sea Trading Company will get it done for you.

Naturally, traveling to Penglai Island was also a service offered by East Sea Trading Company.

East Sea Trading Company was situated at the heart of East Sea City.

The entire building of the company was quite grand.

The building was divided into three Levels.

Each Level served customers of different statuses.

The first level generally only admitted ordinary businessmen and low-level Cultivators.

To enter the second level, one must possess a VIP Token from the company.

Generally, those holding such Tokens had high status and power.

As for the third Level, that was entirely reserved for highly esteemed existences.

Usually not open to the public.

It is said that only Diamond VIP customers could set foot there.

And to become a Diamond VIP, aside from having a significant amount of transactions with the company, one also needed to reach at least the Holy Level in Cultivation.

Xu Nian was uninterested in all this; he just wanted to take a ship out to sea as soon as possible.

So he directly stepped into the first floor lobby of East Sea Trading Company.

It had to be said, East Sea Trading Company was indeed bustling with activity.

Within the trade hall, which was no less than a thousand square meters, many people were standing.

These people were all chatting with the personnel inside the company.

Xu Nian, however, came in front of a counter.

A young woman in her twenties, beautiful at that, was truly handling the accounts in her hands. Upon Xu Nian's approach, she had no intention of looking up.

"Excuse me, where can I board a ship to head out to sea?" Seeing that the woman did not look up, Xu Nian did not get angry and simply asked.

"Over there, there's a special place for registering to go out to sea," the woman said, pointing in a direction, without lifting her head.

Xu Nian looked in the direction the woman pointed.

There was indeed a counter there, marked with the names of several island destinations for ship registrations.

However, among these islands, Penglai was not listed.

These islands were inhabited.

Therefore, it was common for merchants to travel to these islands to trade goods.

The woman clearly mistook him for such a person.

"I'm sorry, but the places listed are not where I wish to go. Is there another registration point?" Xu Nian asked.

"Where do you want to go?" the woman asked, her impatience evident from her furrowed brow.

However, she still did not lift her head.

"Penglai!" Xu Nian said, quite decisively.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, the woman's body finally stiffened, and she lifted her head to look at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was also staring at the woman.

It had to be said that this woman was indeed quite attractive.

She appeared to be about twenty-four years old and her cultivation was notably high.

She had reached the ranks of a One-star Battle General.

To have achieved Battle General Level at her age, her talent was certainly noteworthy.

"You want to go to Penglai?" the woman asked uncertainly.

The surrounding crowd began to look at Xu Nian upon hearing the woman's question, their eyes carrying a strange expression.

"Yes!" Xu Nian nodded earnestly in confirmation.

Although he did not understand why the crowd's gaze had become so odd.

Whatever the reason, he was determined to go.

"Do you know how much it costs to travel to Penglai?" the woman asked again, seeing that Xu Nian was not joking.

"I do, one billion Gold Coins," Xu Nian stated, tossing a prepared unclaimed storage ring in front of the woman.

After inspecting it, the woman's face showed surprise.

Because inside the storage ring, there really were one billion Gold Coins.

"Please follow me," she said.

After giving Xu Nian another look, the woman led him toward the second floor.

A youth under twenty years old, able to present one billion Gold Coins – his background must be extraordinary.

Therefore, the woman immediately took Xu Nian to be the scion of some major power.

"This kid dares to go to Penglai, does he have a death wish?"

"Who knows, maybe he really is confident?"

"How could it be? Everyone wants to enter Penglai, but the requirements are too stringent. I heard the last group was a hundred highly talented young nobles, and yet all of them died."

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The surrounding talk was incessant.

These words naturally reached Xu Nian's ears.

Finally, Xu Nian understood why people looked at him so strangely.

It turned out they considered him someone trying to go to Penglai to seek apprenticeship and skills.

Yet, Xu Nian was somewhat astonished.

The people mentioned that a hundred geniuses went last time.

Yet, to Xu Nian's knowledge, not many people would go to Penglai in a year.

How could there suddenly be so many?

But Xu Nian did not have time to ponder further, as led by the young woman, he arrived at the second floor.

The number of people on this floor was obviously much fewer.

However, the decoration and layout of the second floor were more lavish and grandiose than those on the first floor.

"Elder Yu, this guest wishes to travel to Penglai."

The young woman had walked up to an old man at the edge of the hall on the second floor and spoke.

Upon hearing this, the elder was momentarily taken aback, then turned his attention to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian observed the old man, a hint of surprise flashing in his eyes.

Chapter 618: The People of Penglai

Xu Nian was astonished

because he realized the elder's cultivation was not low.

He had actually reached the One-star Battle Saint Peak Level.

A steward of a merchant association had attained the Battle Saint Level.

How powerful must this merchant association be?

However, Xu Nian was clearly mistaken, as the elder held a high position within the association.

"Are you sure he really intends to go?" The elder clearly harbored some doubts about Xu Nian's intention, turning to address the young woman.

"Positive. This is the Gold Coin he prepared," the young lady said as she handed over the unclaimed storage ring to the elder.

After examining it, the elder's face also showed a look of surprise.

He had not expected that the young man truly intended to visit Penglai.

"Please, have a seat!"

Seeing that Xu Nian was indeed set on going to Penglai, the elder stood up and approached with enthusiasm.

The young woman was taken aback to see the elder greet someone so warmly.

Elder Yu was the person in charge of the East Sea Commerce and was usually only so passionate with VIPs on the third floor.

Why was he showing such regard for a young man today, even taking the initiative to greet him so warmly?

"You can leave now; I'll handle things here," the elder instructed the young woman.

Although she was somewhat puzzled,

she nodded and withdrew.

Observing the woman's departure, the elder turned to Xu Nian with a smile on his face.

A youngster who could offer up a billion Gold Coin undoubtedly came from an extraordinary entity behind him.

Of course, that was not the true reason the elder valued Xu Nian.

What really caught his attention was that he could not see through the cultivation level of the youngster before him.

Of course, he did not think that the young man's cultivation surpassed his own.

He just assumed Xu Nian was in possession of some item that shielded him from Spiritual Sense detection.

And such items, belonging to forces

that could be counted on one hand across the entire empire,

were without exception more potent than their own merchant association.

That was why he placed such importance on the young man.

How could Xu Nian not guess what the elder was thinking? However, he simply smiled in response,

without providing any explanation.

Besides, if the elder knew the truth, his reaction would likely turn from eagerness to terror.

"Sir, do you truly intend to journey to Penglai?" the elder inquired.

"Yes, and the sooner the better, preferably setting off today," Xu Nian confirmed.

He did not wish to waste time on pointless waiting.

"In such haste? Well, how about setting off tomorrow morning? Because such a ship requires some time to prepare," the elder proposed with a smile.

Considering this, Xu Nian nodded his head after a moment's thought.

"Alright, then tomorrow morning," Xu Nian agreed.

Having decided, Xu Nian then made to stand up.

He could afford to wait half a day.

"Wait a moment, sir. It seems you might not be very familiar with Penglai. May I be bold enough to ask, what is it you wish to achieve by going to Penglai?" the elder asked.

"What else could it be? It's to apprentice and learn. Isn't it said that Penglai possesses incredibly powerful cultivation resources and methods?" Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Sighing at this revelation, the elder responded, "If you genuinely wish to learn cultivation and apprentice in Penglai, I advise you to reconsider. Obtaining apprenticeship in Penglai is extremely rigorous and even harsh. The last time the empire organized a group of one hundred geniuses to send to Penglai for cultivation, not a single one passed their examination. Only one survived, but he went mad."

"So harsh?" A flicker of surprise crossed Xu Nian's face.

So those hundred people spoken of in hushed tones had been sent by the empire.

But Xu Nian had not expected that the assessment in Penglai would be so difficult.

"Yes, it's that harsh. The assessments in Penglai have always been stringent, and for those who fail, it's usually a dead end. I have overseen the East Sea Trading Company for many years, and yearly, some young talents wish to go to Penglai, yet none return. Seeing that you are no ordinary guest, with significant power at your disposal, why take such a risk?" the elder couldn't help but advise.

Smiling at the elder's words, Xu Nian said, "Elder Yu need not worry. I just want to see for myself what Penglai is really like. If it's truly dangerous, I will choose to give up."

"That's good to hear. I've seen many geniuses who are confident at the outset but end up in a sorry state upon arrival. It's rare to see someone as modest as you," the elder commented with admiration.

He was becoming more convinced about the youth before him, affirming that Xu Nian belonged to a powerful force.

Both his speech and demeanor revealed something extraordinary about Xu Nian.

Maintaining such an easygoing attitude in his presence was not something a common talent could exude.

"Sir, if I may be bold to ask a question, would that be all right?" the elder asked.

"Ask away," Xu Nian answered with a smile.

He had already guessed what the elder wanted to ask.

"May I inquire which force do you hail from?" the elder probed tentatively.

Xu Nian's smile grew upon hearing this; it was exactly as he had anticipated.

With a slight smile, he responded, "I come from Divine River Palace!"

"Divine River Palace?" the elder was startled, his gaze becoming even more reverent towards Xu Nian.

Divine River Palace was a mysterious and potent force within the empire.

He hadn't expected the young man before him to hail from Divine River Palace.

"Right, sir, besides you, seven others will also travel to Penglai. Among them, five seem to be from Penglai and intend to return to Penglai Island. When you see them tomorrow, remember to be cautious," the elder said.

"People from Penglai Island?" Xu Nian expressed his surprise.

Unexpectedly, on this trip to Penglai, he would encounter people from Penglai Island.

"Do people from Penglai often come to the mainland?" Xu Nian questioned.

"No, usually only one or two in a year. I'm not sure why, but this time five came at once. Seeing that you hold no ordinary status, I felt compelled to caution you. Those from Penglai are not to be provoked; they are extremely arrogant. They won't hesitate to kill anyone who angers them, regardless of their force," the elder explained.

Taken aback, Xu Nian had not expected the people from Penglai to be so domineering.

But it made sense, considering.

According to Guard Zhu Yan,

Penglai had always aspired to be akin to overseas Immortal forces

and had always regarded itself in such a manner.

They looked down on mainland cultivators.

Each appearance of a Penglai native was shrouded with the aura of a transcendent Immortal.

It led those on the mainland to mistakenly believe they were indeed real Immortals descended to the earth.

The tales of Penglai as an Immortal Island overseas were also a carefully crafted facade by Penglai itself.

Thus, it was no surprise to Xu Nian that those from Penglai had such disregard for others.

Of course, no matter how prideful the people of Penglai were, as long as they were in this realm, they were subject to the same restrictions as cultivators on the mainland.

Chapter 619: Arrogance

Soon, the next morning arrived.

Xu Nian arrived early at the designated port the old man had mentioned to him the day before.

At this moment, the early morning crowd was still sparse.

Xu Nian caught sight of the majestic ship docked at the port in just one glance.

The ship wasn't particularly huge, but it was exceedingly luxurious.

The ship was made entirely of metal and was painted a deep black.

At a glance, it gave off an impression of being indestructible.

The surface of the ship was engraved with powerful array patterns, which could offer a robust defense.

They could withstand the collision with a mighty undersea Demon Beast.

"Young Master, you've arrived?" Just as Xu Nian approached the port,

A graceful figure appeared before him.

Xu Nian was startled, not expecting her to show up here.

That's right, the owner of this graceful figure was the young woman Xu Nian had encountered at the East Sea Commerce the day before.

"You're also going with us to Penglai?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

He had sensed the day before that this young woman's status in the commerce was not low,

and now seeing her here, he was quite astonished.

"Yes, Young Master. I will be serving as your maid on this journey; my name is Shadow, but you can call me Little Ying," the young woman said with a smile.

"Maid? A Battle General Level maid?" Xu Nian couldn't help but laugh.

The young woman was taken aback.

She obviously hadn't expected Xu Nian to see through her cultivation.

However, she gave a slight smile and said to Xu Nian, "Young Master is indeed discerning. You're right; I'm not a true maid. I am the daughter of the president of the East Sea Commerce. This time at the East Sea Commerce was merely for training, and the reason I took on the task to serve as your maid is actually a temporary decision I made out of curiosity about you."

"Oh? What's so curious about me?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

He hadn't expected this Shadow to be the daughter of the East Sea Commerce.

No wonder her demeanor and speech had been so extraordinary.

So, she was here for training.

"Because you come from the Divine River Palace," Shadow pondered before speaking.

"What about the Divine River Palace?" Xu Nian grew even more curious.

Hearing Xu Nian's question, for a moment, Shadow seemed to shy away,

which only added to Xu Nian's confusion.

"Young Master, do you know Hall Master Xu Nian from the Divine River Palace? I heard that before he was even twenty, he had reached the Battle Emperor Level. Is that true?" Shadow finally couldn't help but ask,

looking at Xu Nian with an expectant expression.

At that moment, Xu Nian found himself between laughter and tears.

So this young woman was here because of him.

"I don't know him. I just know about a minor Elder's son from the Divine River Palace. I've never met someone at the level of Hall Master. Besides, the Hall Master is elusive, like the Divine Dragon; meeting him is far too difficult," Xu Nian shook his head and said.

"That's true!" Seeing Xu Nian shake his head, Shadow's face immediately revealed a look of disappointment.

Xu Nian, seeing her disappointed expression, found it even more amusing inside.

"Why are you so interested in our Hall Master?" Xu Nian asked again.

"Don't you think he's remarkable? Before the age of twenty, to reach the Emperor Level, without fearing the slightest from the Imperial Family and I've heard he dared to slay the Crown Prince in the Imperial Capital for his woman. Such a heroic act; isn't that deserving of admiration? I'm sure he's a man of great passion and loyalty," Shadow said excitedly, her eyes shimmering with admiration.

Clearly, she had long admired Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was visibly taken aback by this revelation.

He hadn't expected to have an admirer in East Sea City.

"Perhaps he's not as good as you think? He's just a mortal, and his background is rather humble," Xu Nian ventured to say.

"What does that matter? One's origin doesn't signify anything. Moreover, the humbler his origins, the more his achievements show his strength and hard work. This makes him even more admirable. How can those geniuses who rise through their families be compared with him?" Shadow responded.

Xu Nian gave a slight smile.

I never expected Shadow to be so considerate.

This unexpectedly gave Xu Nian quite a good impression of Shadow.

Of course, this good feeling was merely platonic, with no other intentions involved.

"By the way, Young Master, I still don't know your name?" Shadow suddenly asked.

"Uh, my name is Lin Yu." Xu Nian considered it and decided it was better to conceal his real name.

His name was, after all, too well-known presently.

"Please board the ship, Young Master Lin Yu!" Shadow said to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian nodded and then prepared to walk towards the huge ship.

"Buzz!"

However, before Xu Nian could step away,

he sensed a fluctuation coming from behind him.

An invisible resistance was blocking Xu Nian's way.

Xu Nian frowned and turned to look behind him.

He saw five people dressed in white garments approaching from afar.

The fluctuation was emanating from one of the young men.

It was clear that he was the one who took action to stop Xu Nian's progress.

This young man appeared to be only in his mid to late twenties, but his cultivation was not weak; he had already reached Five Star Battle Saint level.

Accompanying him were two other young men and a woman, as well as an Elder.

These two young men looked only slightly older than the first, but their cultivation levels were higher than that of the Five Star Battle Saint.

One was a Seven-star Battle Saint, while the other had reached the peak of the Battle Saint Realm.

The beautiful woman's cultivation was also formidable, at the realm of an Eight-star Battle Saint.

As for the Elder, his cultivation was even higher, having reached the realm of a Three-star Battle Emperor.

Four Battle Saints and one Battle Emperor, indeed a substantial force.

It was obvious that they were the people from Penglai the Elder had mentioned.

The strength of a Five Star Battle Saint naturally could not block Xu Nian.

Nevertheless, Xu Nian didn't forcibly break through.

This time, he was seeking medicine in Penglai, and unless absolutely necessary, he still preferred to avoid conflict with Penglai's people.

The five individuals from Penglai passed Xu Nian directly.

The Elder and the two leading young men didn't even glance at Xu Nian.

The young and beautiful woman gave Xu Nian a look, then directly ignored him.

Only the Five Star Battle Saint who had made a move against Xu Nian cast a disdainful eye towards him.

But soon, his gaze was attracted to Shadow by Xu Nian's side, carrying a hint of mockery within.

Xu Nian didn't mind this.

The cultivation levels of those people from Penglai posed no threat to him whatsoever.

If they truly provoked him, he wouldn't mind sending them to King Yan.

It was Shadow, on the other hand, who might face some trouble.

It was evident that the Five Star Battle Saint youth had set his sights on Shadow.

Although Xu Nian had no particular feelings for Shadow, he couldn't just stand by and watch Shadow be mistreated without intervening.

He truly couldn't do it.

"You'd best not board the ship. I sense that one of those guys has taken a fancy to you," Xu Nian said to Shadow.

Shadow was stunned, not expecting the youth in front of her to suddenly say something like this.

"It won't happen, Penglai has its own rules, they won't make a move on me without reason," Shadow nevertheless refused and said.

Hearing this, Xu Nian didn't know what else to say.

He could only hope that Shadow was right.

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At last, Xu Nian boarded the ship together with Shadow.

Soon after, two young-looking men arrived.

Both of these young men appeared to be around twenty-three or twenty-four years old.

Their cultivation was not too high, both being at the Battle Sect Level.

These two young men were clearly wealthy scions, wanting to travel to Penglai to seek mentorship.

So, as soon as they boarded the ship, their gazes landed on the five Penglai people.

The two exchanged glances, sparks of ambition flashing in their eyes.

They hurried toward the unoccupied area.

As for Xu Nian, he was directly ignored by them.

"I am Zhang Peng, and I am Li Tao. Greetings Upper Immortal and fellow senior brothers and sisters," the two men said as they knelt in front of the five people from Penglai.

However, the elder did not even glance at them.

He stroked his beard, smiling slightly, and turned his head toward the sea.

The two young men and the woman also chose to ignore them.

It was the Fifth-star Battle Saint who disdainfully said, "Who are your senior brothers and sisters? Get out of the way. If you want to join us in Penglai, you'll have to pass the test first."

"Yes, yes!"

Chastened, the two young men did not dare to utter any complaints.

They quickly retreated to one side and ceased speaking.

Seeing this scene, Xu Nian could not help but shake his head helplessly.

The people from Penglai were even more arrogant than he had imagined.

"Upper Immortal?"

The elder actually accepted such a title willingly?

With just the term "immortal," there was so much weight.

"Master seems to have no interest in the Upper Immortal from Penglai, do you not intend to go forward and pay your respects?" Shadow noticed that Xu Nian remained indifferent, standing here, which was rather odd.

Normally, those who wish to join Penglai would seize the opportunity to meet strong individuals from Penglai.

If they could truly win the favor of an Upper Immortal from Penglai and be accepted as a disciple,

that would be an enormously fortunate event.

But from earlier till now, there wasn't a trace of respect in Xu Nian's eyes when he looked at these strong individuals from Penglai.

This puzzled Shadow.

"What good is there in paying respects? Do you think they would care about me or develop a fondness if I were to fawn over them?" Xu Nian asked with a laugh.

He was speaking the truth.

Since these Penglai people inherently looked down on them, no amount of groveling would help.

It would only make them look down on him even more.

Besides, Xu Nian was here to seek medicine, not to truly become a disciple.

He naturally would not try to ingratiate himself with them.

"It seems so," Shadow felt that Xu Nian's words made sense.

Yet, it also felt unreasonable.

If they didn't even make an effort to greet them, wouldn't it make the powerful individuals from Penglai dislike him even more?

"Whoosh!"

As Shadow was still puzzled,

two figures flew from afar.

They landed steadily on the deck.

One of them was none other than the manager elder from the East Sea Commerce.

The other was a man built like an Iron Tower.

This man wore black iron armor, his skin was dark, and his bones seemed as though forged from iron.

He exuded an immensely powerful aura.

Indeed, his cultivation was not low; it had already reached the Nine-star Body Saint Peak.

"This is Captain An Long, also my great-uncle," Shadow whispered to Xu Nian.

Captain An Long and the elder appeared and walked up to the five Penglai experts, bowing and saying, "Greetings to the seniors!"

The elder merely grunted in response and paid no further attention.

Captain An Long and the elder did not show the slightest anger, but instead felt it was natural.

However, Captain An Long stepped towards Xu Nian.

More precisely, he was moving toward Shadow, who stood beside Xu Nian.

"What's the meaning of this ruckus? What are you doing here? Get off immediately," An Long barked at Shadow.

"Uncle, since I am the daughter of the chairman of the East Sea Commerce, soon to take over the helm, I should familiarize myself with every department. I have already acquainted myself with the other departments, and the only one left is this Black Dragon Ship, so I wanted to try," Shadow explained.

"No, absolutely not this time," An Long responded sternly.

Hearing An Long's words, Xu Nian immediately understood An Long's intention.

It was clear that Captain An Long knew the nature of the Fifth-star Battle Saint and that was why he was insisting Shadow get off the ship.

"Shadow, perhaps you should..." Xu Nian urgently tried to persuade.

However, he was interrupted before he could finish.

"Captain An Long, since the lady wishes to stay, let her stay. I happen to need a maid; why not let her serve me?" said a man with a Fifth-star Battle Saint's strength, walking towards them with a smile on his face.

"But..." Captain An Long frowned immediately.

Shadow's expression also changed.

Even she could see that the Fifth-star Battle Saint had ulterior motives.

If she really became the maid of this Fifth-star Battle Saint, her prospects were likely grim.

"I'm sorry, but this lady is my servant. Captain, you must have more than one maid on board, right? Captain An Long has already arranged it, isn't that right, Captain?" Xu Nian retorted with a smile, stepping forward to naturally shield Shadow.

"Yes, yes, yes, Young Master Mo. We indeed have maids specially assigned to each passenger. I will call her for you shortly," Captain An Long hurriedly responded with a smile.

Even though he was at the Peak of the Body Saint, he still had to be extremely polite to this Fifth-star Battle Saint youth.

Because offending him would be tantamount to offending the entirety of Penglai.

And the East Sea Commerce could hardly compare to Penglai.

"Hmph, who does he think he is? I want his maid to be my maid today," the youth known as Young Master Mo said dissatisfiedly.

Both An Long and Shadow's eyebrows furrowed even more deeply.

Xu Nian's eyes also hardened.

Unexpectedly, a conflict had arisen even before the ship had set sail.

The descendants of Penglai were indeed proud to this extent.

"Mo Tian, stop this nonsense. Have you forgotten our sect rules?" At that moment, a cold voice sounded.

The speaker was the beautiful woman among the five.

She was very attractive, with a perfect figure.

Even in a loose white robe, her graceful figure was undeniable.

She exuded a misty, almost celestial quality.

Undoubtedly, she was a rare beauty.

This was evident from the admiring look in the eyes of the two young men behind her.

Hearing the woman speak, the youth known as Mo Tian restrained himself.

He glared fiercely at Xu Nian before leaving with a sweep of his sleeves.

Seeing this, An Long and Shadow both sighed in relief.

However, their gaze towards Xu Nian was now filled with sympathy and guilt.

Clearly, they felt that Xu Nian, having offended a person from Penglai, was bound for a dreadful fate.

Thus, they felt guilty towards Xu Nian.

For his part, Xu Nian was indifferent.

Had that Mo Tian truly dared to make a move,

Xu Nian would not have hesitated to slay him.

Yet, Xu Nian was somewhat surprised.

The woman had suddenly spoken up.

Could it be that she was trying to help them out?

However, when Xu Nian looked towards the woman, he found that she hadn't even glanced at him.

Xu Nian gave a bitter smile, realizing he had overthought the situation.

This woman was not trying to help them at all.

She was merely stopping Mo Tian from acting impulsively.