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Chapter 641 Invincible Golden Body

Xu Nian and Golden Peng proceeded in the direction of the Evil Extermination Sword Array, led by Luo Bing.

Along the way, Xu Nian did not speak to Golden Peng again.

Golden Peng also cast provocative glances at Xu Nian several times but was ignored by Xu Nian each time.

All the disciples from Penglai also followed them.

One was a youth who could withstand an attack from the Sect Leader.

The other was the number one genius of their Penglai.

Perhaps among them, someone could indeed gain the recognition of the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

Soon, led by Luo Bing, Xu Nian arrived at a concealed spot deep within the jungle.

There, there was a huge Sword Pond.

Within the Sword Pond were thousands of sharp swords.

Each one of these swords was a potent Meteorite Iron Level weapon.

There were even a dozen or so weapons made of peculiar metals.

In the center of this Sword Pond floated a gigantic golden sword.

This giant sword shimmered with golden light, emitting tremendously powerful fluctuations.

The surface of this golden sword was also covered with dense Array Patterns.

These patterns were extremely mystical.

It was precisely because of these mystical array patterns that the golden giant sword floated in the air without falling.

"Is this the Evil Extermination Sword Array?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Yes, this is the Evil Extermination Sword Array. There are a total of one thousand and eight swords here, of which one thousand and seven are controlled by this golden giant sword. Therefore, this golden giant sword is the core of the Evil Extermination Sword Array. As long as you acquire this golden giant sword, you can control the entire Evil Extermination Sword Array," Luo Bing replied.

Hearing this, Xu Nian couldn't help but show a look of astonishment on his face.

One thousand and eight swords.

No wonder even the Penglai Sect Leader said the power of this Evil Extermination Sword Array was extraordinary.

A Sword Array formed by one hundred and eight swords wouldn't be weak, would it?

Just thinking about the Sword Array being activated and the scene of over a thousand swords transforming into a flurry of Sword Rain attacking filled Xu Nian with a tingling sensation on his scalp.

Golden Peng's eyes also revealed a flash of gold, and his gaze towards the giant metal sword was filled with intense greed.

Clearly, even he found it hard to resist the temptation of this Evil Extermination Sword Array.

"How can one gain the recognition of this Evil Extermination Sword Array?" Xu Nian asked, curious.

Luo Bing turned to look at Xu Nian and said, "It's simple. As long as you pick up this sword, you would be recognized by the Evil Extermination Sword Array. However, it's not that simple. Once you touch the giant sword, the Formation would be activated, and the swords in the Sword Pond would respond by attacking you. Furthermore, the Sword Qi emanating from this golden giant sword isn't something ordinary people can withstand."

"I see!"

Having heard this, Xu Nian finally understood what was going on.

Although Luo Bing made it sound light, over thousands of years, no one had managed to lift this giant sword.

It indicated that the giant sword was not simple at all.

It was definitely not as easy as one might imagine.

"I'll go first!"

Golden Peng promptly said.

"Please!"

Xu Nian did not compete with him but simply replied.

Although the first person to go might have some advantage,

Should the first person succeed, then there would be no chance for the second.

However, Xu Nian did not care.

He did not believe that Golden Peng could succeed.

If Golden Peng did succeed, it would mean that Golden Peng's fortune was indeed strong.

Moreover, Xu Nian was also keen to take this opportunity to see what the Evil Extermination Sword Array was like.

When it was his time to try, he would also be somewhat psychologically prepared.

"Hmph!"

Golden Peng was very dissatisfied with the attitude Xu Nian displayed.

Xu Nian's action of willingly letting him go first clearly showed his conviction that he would not succeed.

This made Golden Peng feel a surge of intense humiliation.

"Wait till I seize the Sword Array, then watch yourself weep!"

Golden Peng let out a cold snort, then his figure dashed out, flying directly onto the platform at the center of the Sword Pond.

"Buzz!"

As soon as he entered the platform, Golden Peng felt a terrifying Sword Intent assaulting him.

Golden Peng furrowed his brows and immediately let out a fierce shout, "Break for me!"

A wave of Emperor's might radiated out.

As Golden Peng's Emperor's might surged, the Sword Intent was also suppressed.

"A Three-star Battle Emperor? Did I see it right that Brother Golden Peng has actually reached the Battle Emperor Realm?"

"How strong, I did not expect Brother Golden Peng to really reach the Three-star Battle Emperor Realm. It seems his cultivation this past year has not been slight!"

"Yes, the Evil Extermination Sword Intent was actually broken so easily, Brother Golden Peng truly deserves to be Penglai's top genius. Only twenty-eight this year, his future achievements are bound to be no small matter."

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The crowd discussed animatedly, their gazes towards Golden Peng filled with even greater reverence.

Luo Bing also showed a trace of surprise in her eyes, not expecting Golden Peng to have broken through to the Three-star Battle Emperor Realm.

And he had so easily shattered the Evil Extermination Sword Intent.

It was known that many disciples had never even managed to step onto this platform, as they were wounded by this terrifying Sword Intent.

Among them were several of the Saint-level disciples.

Now seeing Golden Peng break the Sword Intent so easily, they naturally felt shocked.

Xu Nian, however, was not too surprised. If a Battle Emperor-level powerhouse could not even break this Sword Intent,

then the Evil Extermination Sword Array would be far too terrifying.

As for Golden Peng's cultivation, Xu Nian had seen through it at a glance.

So he felt not the slightest bit of surprise.

Golden Peng, upon reaching the platform, walked towards the golden giant sword.

This golden giant sword seemed to be over a meter long and had a very broad blade.

Yet, the sword's edge was still incredibly sharp.

The entire sword suspended in the air, emitted a sense of immense heaviness.

"Evil Extermination Sword Array?"

Golden Peng looked at the patterns on the giant sword, his eyes revealing an extremely joyous expression.

Merely standing in front of this giant sword, he felt a surge of overwhelming power.

This power filled his heart with thrilling emotions.

"I must obtain you, you are mine!" Golden Peng muttered to himself, looking at the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

He then reached out to grab the handle of the golden giant sword.

"Buzz!"

However, the moment Golden Peng's fingers touched the golden giant sword, a powerful fluctuation emanated from the sword.

Then the swords in the surrounding Sword Pond began to tremble.

"Whoosh!"

In an instant, these giant swords erupted from the ground, all suspended in the air.

Yet the tips of the swords all pointed towards Golden Peng.

Each sword emitted a powerful golden light, seemingly drawn by the giant sword.

The crowd around erupted in surprised expressions at this scene.

This was a thousand swords, now with the power of the formation added.

They wondered whether Brother Golden Peng could withstand it.

Xu Nian also showed surprise, not expecting the Evil Extermination Sword Array to be so terrifying.

However, upon seeing this scene, Golden Peng merely revealed a light smile.

"Come on, you cannot even injure me." Golden Peng laughed boldly.

Immediately, a powerful Gold Attribute Profound Argumentation emanated from his body.

And as the Gold Attribute Profound Argumentation was activated, the skin on Golden Peng's body actually began turning golden.

Besides that, it also emitted a golden light.

"Actually an Invincible Golden Body! Interesting!"

Xu Nian said in surprise.

Chapter 642: Taking the Initiative to Provoke

The Invincible Golden Body is one of the three great Profound Argumentations of the Gold Attribute.

The three great Profound Argumentations of the Gold Attribute are Golden Light Absolute Kill, Invincible Golden Body, and Mixed Element Piercing.

It was clear that the Profound Argumentation Golden Peng had comprehended was the Invincible Golden Body, which was an Intermediate Profound Argumentation among the three.

"The Invincible Golden Body, is this the Invincible Golden Body of Senior Brother Golden Peng? I've heard it's indestructible. I wonder if it can withstand the Evil Extermination Sword Array."

"It should be able to, the Evil Extermination Sword Array is likely not enough to penetrate the defense of this Invincible Golden Body."

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The surrounding crowd once again discussed animatedly.

They were filled with confidence in Golden Peng's Invincible Golden Body.

Golden Peng felt the same way and also believed that his Invincible Golden Body could withstand the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

Xu Nian, however, was not so optimistic.

"Clang, clang, clang!"

The sharp swords fell rapidly, striking directly on Golden Peng's body.

As the swords collided with Golden Peng's body, they were instantly repelled.

Golden Peng's figure only swayed slightly, the swords did not hinder him much.

"Haha, these swords can't hurt me," Golden Peng laughed heartily.

"Such powerful defense, indeed the swords cannot harm Senior Brother Golden Peng. Perhaps Senior Brother Golden Peng really might claim this Evil Extermination Sword Array."

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Those who supported Golden Peng excitedly exclaimed one after another.

Golden Peng's eyes also shone brightly as he then gripped the golden giant sword firmly in his hand.

He then attempted to completely pull out the golden giant sword.

However, as he moved, the golden giant sword remained immovable.

"Eh? So heavy! How can this be?"

Golden Peng was startled, not expecting that he couldn't move the giant sword with one hand.

He hurriedly grasped the hilt with both hands.

Yet, the moment his two hands gripped the hilt,

The hovering swords once again transformed into streaks of light, rushing towards Golden Peng with speed.

Despite that, Golden Peng didn't pay them any heed.

"Clang, clang, clang!"

But when the swords collided with his body,

"Pff!"

This time, Golden Peng was knocked prone on top of the golden giant sword, spewing a mouthful of fresh blood.

It must be said that the power of this round of Sword Rain was far more terrifying than before.

And as Golden Peng exerted himself more, more of the floating swords in the sky fell, and their power increased accordingly.

Although the Invincible Golden Body had extremely strong defense,

The fear-instilling impact force created by the swords was by no means to be underestimated.

"No, I refuse to accept this, the Evil Extermination Sword Array must be mine," Golden Peng roared fiercely.

Upon finishing his words, a surge of Protective Golden Light flooded his hands, and then he pulled at the golden giant sword.

This time, Golden Peng did indeed manage to shift the golden giant sword.

However, as the golden giant sword wobbled,

The floating swords around it instantly fell like rain.

Golden Peng was immediately startled and hastily dodged to one side.

The impact force produced by so many giant swords was not to be taken lightly.

However, even as he managed to dodge in time, there were still some swords that struck his body.

"Pff!"

Golden Peng immediately spewed blood wildly and heavily crashed into the distance.

His body looked utterly disheveled.

"Sigh, he ultimately failed."

"Indeed, who would have thought that even Senior Brother Golden Peng would fail? It seems no one can subdue this Evil Extermination Sword Array."

"Isn't there still this young man named Xu Nian? Perhaps he can."

"Give me a break, if even Senior Brother Golden Peng couldn't do it, how could he possibly manage? Didn't you see that Senior Brother Golden Peng was a major cultivator of such a Defensive Profound Argumentation as Invincible Golden Body, and still it couldn't withstand?"

"True, it seems almost impossible to defend against the attacks of the Evil Extermination Sword Array."

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The surrounding crowd whispered amongst themselves.

For a moment, everyone sighed.

"Buzz!"

The golden giant sword had already returned to its original position, and the scattered sharp swords had also taken flight once again.

Falling into the Sword Pond, everything returned to tranquility.

At this moment, Golden Peng had also stood up, his gaze complex as he looked at the now calm Evil Extermination Sword Array.

Luo Bing appeared cold as ever, her pretty face showing no change in expression from beginning to end.

She didn't even glance at Golden Peng.

This made a hint of ferocity flash through Golden Peng's eyes.

Clearly, Luo Bing's attitude was making him furious.

If only he could obtain this Evil Extermination Sword Array, not only would he gain powerful offensive capabilities,

but he could also have Luo Bing.

Yet now, all was gone like smoke in the wind.

How could he be willing to accept this?

Just then, Golden Peng saw Xu Nian standing to the side with a slight smile.

His anger surged forth immediately.

"Kid, what are you laughing at?" Golden Peng demanded sharply.

The look he gave Xu Nian was extremely unpleasant.

"I'm not laughing at anything, I just thought your previous actions were somewhat unwise," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"Unwise? What do you mean by that?" Golden Peng asked on the spot.

The crowd around them all looked towards Xu Nian,

not understanding what he meant by his words.

"Do you really want me to say it?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"Kid, cut the crap, where was I not smart enough?" Golden Peng barked sharply.

Xu Nian smiled slightly, then spoke, "When I say you're not smart enough, I mean, you're stupid!"

"Kid, are you courting death?" Golden Peng immediately flew into a rage.

The surrounding crowd showed looks of surprise.

They hadn't expected Xu Nian to say such a thing.

Was this a blatant provocation?

Luo Bing was also taken aback.

In her impression, this Xu Nian was not someone who liked to stir up trouble.

Why would he suddenly provoke Golden Peng?

Golden Peng's rage, already ablaze, now completely erupted after being provoked by Xu Nian.

This youth had actually roundaboutly called him stupid.

How could he not be furious?

"What, you want to fight me?" Xu Nian said with a light laugh, his eyes also holding a thick provocativeness.

"Fight? I want to kill you." Golden Peng roared, a golden light surged from his body, and then he threw a punch towards Xu Nian.

The surrounding crowd all showed looks of surprise.

Golden Peng was actually going to fight Xu Nian?

But this was also Xu Nian's own doing, for provoking Brother Golden Peng.

"Boom!"

However, at that moment, a thunderous noise exploded.

Golden Peng's fist hadn't yet managed to strike Xu Nian,

when it was met with a sudden palm from Xu Nian, slapping against his chest.

"Crack!"

The golden light instantly shattered, and Golden Peng's entire body was sent flying backwards.

Blood spewed from his mouth wildly.

He flew back hundreds of yards in the air.

"How... how can this be possible?"

The surrounding crowd all wore expressions of astonishment.

Brother Golden Peng's Invincible Golden Body had actually been broken.

Just now even the Evil Extermination Sword Array hadn't breached the Protective Golden Light.

Yet Xu Nian had broken Brother Golden Peng's Protective Golden Light with just one palm strike.

How strong exactly was Xu Nian?

Luo Bing's face also showed a look of astonishment.

She hadn't expected Xu Nian's strength to be so formidable.

Of course, Golden Peng was the most shocked of all. Looking at the shattered golden light on his body,

his eyes revealed an intense disbelief.

Chapter 643: Challenging the Sword Array

Golden Peng was always extremely confident in his Invincible Golden Body.

He was a Three-star Battle Emperor when he used it.

Even the attacks of a Peak Three-star Body Emperor powerhouse could hardly break his Protective Golden Light.

However, now he had only withstood a palm strike from Xu Nian, and the entire Protective Golden Light had shattered.

How could he not be surprised?

Xu Nian, on the other hand, chuckled lightly.

First Level Wind Wave, when applied to palm techniques, was also quite powerful.

The palm he had just struck contained the Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation from the Wind Power.

It caused Golden Peng's Protective Golden Light to shatter by generating a tremendously strong Wind Vibration.

This palm strike seemed common and unremarkable, but its power was far from small.

If Golden Peng hadn't had the protection of Protective Golden Light, then it's likely that just now this palm strike would have been enough to shatter his internal organs.

"Xu Nian, don't you think you are going too far? This is our Penglai's territory," Golden Peng said as he stood up, clutching his chest and pointing at Xu Nian with venom in his voice.

"That's right, what audacity! An outsider dares to run wild in our Penglai. We'll definitely report this to the Sect Leader."

The people around echoed in agreement.

One by one, they felt very displeased with Xu Nian's actions.

However, they had also witnessed Xu Nian's strength and only boasted with their mouths, not daring to actually do anything to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian glanced at the people around him with a faint smile at the corner of his mouth.

He chose to ignore Golden Peng's words entirely.

He had provoked Golden Peng proactively because he disliked him.

Furthermore, it was quite clear that Golden Peng harbored ulterior motives for Luo Bing.

Out of sympathy, Xu Nian thought it was a good opportunity to properly teach Golden Peng a lesson.

To make him rein himself in a bit.

Golden Peng saw that Xu Nian was ignoring his words and his eyes filled with even more anger.

However, he didn't dare to take action against Xu Nian.

A person who could shatter his Invincible Golden Body with a single palm—another confrontation would be suicidal.

Xu Nian ignored Golden Peng and instead focused his attention on that giant golden sword.

"Whoosh!"

Xu Nian's figure moved swiftly, heading directly towards the central platform of the Sword Pond.

"Is he going to try and pull out the Evil Extermination Giant Sword?"

"Humph, what's the use even if he tries? It's doomed to fail. You all saw just now that the Evil Extermination Sword Array isn't something ordinary people can withstand."

"That's right, the power of the Evil Extermination Sword Array is too strong. Even if Xu Nian is more capable than Brother Golden Peng, he might not be able to withstand it."

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The people around watched Xu Nian's actions, none of them holding much hope for him.

For thousands of years, the Evil Extermination Sword Array had never been subdued by anyone.

Just now, even Golden Peng had only made that giant sword move a tiny bit.

Even if Xu Nian was extremely strong, he probably couldn't overcome the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

A sneer appeared in Golden Peng's eyes.

After his attempt, Xu Nian still dared to try.

Did he really think he could control the Evil Extermination Sword Array?

"Humph, wait till the Sword Array kills you. Let's see if you dare to remain arrogant," Golden Peng scoffed.

He was convinced Xu Nian couldn't withstand the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

Seeing Xu Nian dart forward, Luo Bing's phoenix eyes also sparkled with a flicker of brilliance.

She had held a feeling from earlier on.

Feeling that Xu Nian was the person she was looking for.

Now finally came the time to verify this premonition.

She wondered if Xu Nian could truly succeed.

And if he really did, should she offer herself to him?

"Hum!"

Just as various thoughts ran through everyone's minds,

Xu Nian felt an overwhelming Sword Intent rushing toward him.

And with the burst of this Sword Intent, Xu Nian clearly felt a great resistant force.

"Hmph!"

Xu Nian gave a light grunt, his palm swept through the air and shattered the sword intent.

Then, he drifted down without obstruction, landing on the platform of the Sword Pond.

Upon alighting on the platform, Xu Nian came face to face with the golden giant sword.

Now, close to the golden giant sword,

Xu Nian could clearly sense the weight and hardness of the golden giant sword.

The bizarre patterns on the golden giant sword were also clearly displayed before Xu Nian.

"What a domineering giant sword, this should be a Spiritual Artifact, probably already at the Low Grade Spiritual Artifact level," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

Just like Spirit Pills, Spiritual Artifacts were divided into four grades: Low Grade, Mid-grade, Top Grade, and Extreme Grade.

Generally, the quality of the Spiritual Artifacts Xu Nian and his peers obtained was at the level of Low Grade Spiritual Artifacts.

Whether it was Xu Nian's shield, the Thunderclap Hammer, or the God King Tripod, they all belonged to the category of Low Grade Spiritual Artifacts.

Although the rank of that Immortal Sword was high, it was clear that without the guidance of Immortal Qi and with the Artifact Spirit inside having dissipated,

its quality could at best not be much different from a Top Grade Spiritual Artifact.

If there was anything truly valuable on Xu Nian, it was only the Gravity Ring.

That was a real Divine Artifact.

It was just that Xu Nian could not yet unleash its true power.

After observing the golden giant sword,

Xu Nian also gained some understanding of the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

"I want to see just how powerful you are," a strong desire for battle flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

With that, Xu Nian reached out and grabbed directly for the hilt of the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

"Buzz!"

Sure enough, the moment Xu Nian touched the giant sword,

A powerful pulse of sword intent came through.

Immediately, the sharp swords in the Sword Pond began to tremble violently.

"Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh!"

These sharp swords quickly rose from the ground, hovering in the air above the Sword Pond.

Their razor-sharp tips pointed directly at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian wasn't surprised to see this since the scene was exactly like the battle with the Golden Peng.

Xu Nian paid no attention to these hovering swords

but instead tried to forcefully pull out the golden giant sword.

However, the moment he applied force,

Xu Nian instantly felt that the weight of the golden giant sword was terrifying.

The golden giant sword was as daunting as a small mountain.

"This giant sword is so heavy, it must weigh nearly a million pounds," Xu Nian thought with shock.

He had not expected the gravitational force of the golden giant sword to be so terrifying.

"Whoosh, whoosh!"

Just then, those swords hovering in the air also began to stir.

They turned into streaks of light and rushed towards Xu Nian at high speed.

"Haha, I have the Invincible Golden Body for defense and can withstand this, let's see how you defend against these sharp swords," Golden Peng laughed heartily.

The surrounding crowd also showed mocking expressions.

Indeed, even if Xu Nian possessed a shield,

he probably couldn't block so many sharp sword attacks in an instant.

Moreover, the power of these swords would only increase.

In this way, Xu Nian would be even less likely to withstand the assault of the sharp swords.

However, when Xu Nian witnessed this scene, a surge of battle intent welled up in his eyes.

"Buzz!"

A powerful fluctuation came forth.

An invisible force of Wind Power began to converge all around Xu Nian,

forming a Wind Wall directly!

"Clang!"

The sharp swords collided with the Wind Wall.

They actually stopped directly, three feet away from Xu Nian's body,

completely unable to advance even a fraction of an inch.

Chapter 644: Breaking Formations One After Another

"Uh, what kind of defense is this? It actually stopped those sharp swords in their tracks." Disciples from Penglai couldn't help but exclaim in surprise.

"This is the 'Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation' of the Wind Attribute. We had originally thought that 'Wind Vibration' could only be used for attack, but who would have thought it could also be used for defense," said a disciple of Saint Peak Level Cultivation among the crowd.

Golden Peng also furrowed his brows, showing a look of surprise on his face.

Xu Nian, however, just chuckled.

In terms of understanding the 'Wind Wave,' he was indeed much more powerful than 'Wind Cutting.'

He had thought about it before.

Since the vibrations of the Wind Power could be used for attacks, then why couldn't they be used for defense?

Therefore, very quickly, he had created a Wind Wall formed by the vibrations of the 'Wind Wave.'

This type of Wind Wall, formed by the vibrations of the Wind Power, possessed an extremely strong defensive capability.

Xu Nian named this move 'Wind Guardian.'

In the future, as Xu Nian's understanding of the 'Wind Wave' increased, this 'Wind Guardian' would become even stronger.

"Buzz!"

At this moment, the attacking power of these swords was not enough to break through the 'Wind Guardian.'

Therefore, Xu Nian was not affected by these sharp swords at all.

He immediately increased his effort, attempting to pull out the golden giant sword.

Gang Qi surged, and Xu Nian's strength directly gathered in his arms.

The muscles and veins on his arms all bulged, as if they contained boundless power.

And under the influence of this powerful force,

the golden giant sword, heavy as a mountain, actually shook.

It began to be slowly pulled out.

The onlookers around them all showed looks of surprise upon seeing this scene.

Xu Nian had actually managed to shake the golden giant sword.

Could it be that he really intended to pull out this giant sword?

"Buzz!"

However, just as Xu Nian shook the giant sword,

the surrounding swords were directly affected.

"Swish, swish, swish!"

Instantly, dozens of sharp swords shot violently towards Xu Nian.

Furthermore, golden light surged on these swords, the light emitting terrifying fluctuations.

The force of these dozens of swords was obviously much greater than that of the swords that had attacked just now.

"Haha, I don't believe that your lousy Wind Wall can withstand the attack of these sharp swords," Golden Peng said with a big laugh.

The onlookers around him all nodded in agreement.

They all felt that what Golden Peng said was right.

Luo Bing's brows furrowed slightly, her eyes carrying worry.

Xu Nian just smiled lightly.

Watching the sharp swords that were shooting toward him,

a powerful force of Wind Power surged out.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian's palm suddenly slapped down.

Immediately, a powerful force of Wind Attribute surged violently in front of Xu Nian.

"Boom!"

A terrifying storm exploded in an instant.

The swords that had been shooting toward him were all deflected by this one palm strike from Xu Nian.

"What a strong palm, no wonder it can shatter Senior Brother Golden Peng's Invincible Golden Body."

"Yes, the power contained in that palm is enough to rival a Six-star War Emperor."

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The surrounding Penglai disciples couldn't help but let out cries of amazement.

They were all stunned by Xu Nian's palm strike.

There's no denying it, the power of Xu Nian's palm strike was indeed very strong.

Yes, Xu Nian's palm strike was precisely using the First Level Wind Wave.

Fully unleashed, how could it not withstand even these sharp swords?

"It seems I must pull it out all in one go, otherwise, as time goes on, these swords will only get stronger," Xu Nian murmured to himself.

This Evil Extermination Sword Array was a powerful offensive tactic capable of slaughtering all masters below the Zifu level.

Such a Sword Array, in the later stages, would not be something Xu Nian could withstand.

So there must be a special secret to it.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian continued to pull at the golden giant sword.

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But Xu Nian could clearly feel a powerful force pulling at the huge sword, which is why he was struggling so much.

At this moment, Xu Nian had already pulled the giant sword out by a third.

The surrounding swords were once again activated.

This time, there were no less than two hundred of these swords.

The golden light surging on each sword became even more terrifying.

Xu Nian furrowed his brows, as he could feel the formidable power contained within these swords.

This power made Xu Nian's heart palpitate a bit.

Xu Nian knew that if these swords were to fall, they could truly pose a threat to him.

"What a terrifying fluctuation, such a strong fluctuation, Xu Nian probably won't be able to withstand it!"

"Yes, the fluctuation is indeed too powerful, and with more than two hundred swords, so densely packed, how could he defend against them?"

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The crowd around couldn't help but sigh.

They became even more pessimistic about Xu Nian's chances.

Golden Peng smirked.

He had been embarrassed earlier and didn't believe that this time, Xu Nian would be able to withstand the attack of the Sword Array.

"Whoosh whoosh whoosh!"

Just at this moment, those swords finally shot towards Xu Nian.

"Hum!"

Seeing this, a sliver of fierceness flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

He waved his sleeve.

Immediately, densely packed Wind Blades appeared around him.

The number of these Wind Blades was also more than two hundred.

Each Wind Blade emitted a terrifying fluctuation.

The people around, upon seeing this scene, showed a look of surprise.

Xu Nian was actually able to condense so many Wind Blades in an instant.

How was that possible?

He was merely a One-star Battle Emperor, how could he possess such abundant Spiritual Energy?

But Xu Nian didn't pay any attention to the astonishment of the crowd.

With a wave of his sleeve, those Wind Blades all shot out simultaneously.

"Boom boom boom!"

Those over two hundred Wind Blades clashed directly with the over two hundred swords.

A burst of intense booming noises was heard.

Those swords were all bounced off under the assault of Xu Nian's Wind Blades, scattering far away.

"He actually blocked it!"

The surrounding people also showed expressions of amazement.

Xu Nian, however, revealed a bitter smile.

This move had nearly wasted more than half of the Spiritual Energy in his Dantian.

His Dantian was already showing signs of exhaustion.

Therefore, blocking this strike had not been without cost.

Golden Peng's expression became even more gloomy after seeing this scene.

Xu Nian had once again blocked the attack of the Evil Extermination swords.

This filled him with intense frustration.

"I refuse to believe you can keep blocking to the end," Golden Peng thought coldly within his heart.

The later it got, the more terrifying the power of the Evil Extermination Sword Array became.

He simply didn't believe Xu Nian could truly take over this Sword Array.

"Hum!"

At this moment, the Sword Array had been pulled out by more than half.

It was fortunate that Xu Nian practiced Spirit Body Dual Cultivation, otherwise, pulling the sword out while defending against the Sword Array's attacks...

Ordinary Battle Emperor Experts simply couldn't do it.

Xu Nian was able to use Spiritual Energy to defend against attacks and use Gang Qi to pull the sword.

This was not something ordinary people could compare to.

"Hum!"

However, just then, a fluctuation that made Xu Nian's scalp tingle arrived.

He saw that all those floating swords now burst forth with a terrifying golden glow and fluctuation.

There was an extremely powerful force within this golden glow and fluctuation.

The number of these swords was no less than six hundred.

Just looking at them was enough to make one's scalp tingle.

Chapter 645: Control the Evil Extermination Sword Array

600 sharp swords falling from above could easily crush an ordinary person to death.

Moreover, those swords were imbued with extraordinarily powerful fluctuations.

"Haha, Xu Nian, you're definitely dead this time, I want to see how you withstand the attack of these 600 sharp swords." Golden Peng laughed heartily.

Xu Nian was speechless.

Golden Peng was still not giving up.

How could a Battle Emperor Expert be so foolish?

He really didn't know how Golden Peng had managed to reach the Battle Emperor Realm.

A man who can't even hide his own thoughts,

Even if he's talented, his future achievements won't be much.

Moreover, it's very likely that he would meet a quick demise.

Most importantly, such behavior made him appear frivolous.

As expected, just as Golden Peng finished speaking, Luo Bing gave Golden Peng a cold glance.

Golden Peng immediately furrowed his brows, and a strong surge of anger filled his eyes.

His gaze towards Xu Nian also became even angrier.

The disciples from Penglai around them stopped talking.

Even if Xu Nian didn't succeed in the end, he had already gained their deep admiration.

They weren't fools. They could see that Xu Nian was truly formidable.

Thus, upon hearing Golden Peng, they frowned instead.

Now they seemed to understand why Xu Nian had stepped forward to challenge Golden Peng from the start.

It seemed Golden Peng deserved a beating.

The female disciples who had admired Golden Peng were also starting to waver.

Instead, they began to admire Xu Nian.

In both strength and talent, Xu Nian was above Golden Peng.

Plus, with Xu Nian's handsome appearance, it was natural for them to be charmed.

"Xu Nian, I support you!"

"Me too!"

A female disciple took the lead in shouting.

Then a large group of female disciples began to shout in support as well.

Golden Peng, upon hearing the shouts of these women, had an extremely awkward expression.

These female disciples had been his admirers, and now they were cheering for Xu Nian.

It was like a heavy slap had fiercely struck his face.

It made his complexion turn as ugly as a liver.

Xu Nian, however, didn't pay attention to the crowd.

His expression was very serious.

It had to be said, the swords above him also gave him a horrifying fluctuation.

This fluctuation brought a scent of death to him.

"It seems I can't hide anymore, I have to use my last trump card now," Xu Nian said with a bitter laugh.

Since breaking through to the Battle Emperor Realm, he had always kept a trump card hidden.

He had never used it till now.

But now, it was finally time to use it.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian's mind moved.

Instantly, a powerful fluctuation emanated from his body.

Then, everyone saw a strange phenomenon appear behind Xu Nian.

It was a huge Divine Wheel.

Yes, this was Xu Nian's fifth Talent Phenomenon.

Strangely enough, the first four Talent Phenomenons had been devoured by this Divine Wheel Talent Phenomenon.

So now, Xu Nian had only one Talent Phenomenon left.

However, the power of the first four Talent Phenomenons was completely retained.

Now, by displaying this Divine Wheel Talent Phenomenon,

He could gain the enhancement of five Talent Phenomenons.

As the Talent Phenomenon emerged,

Xu Nian felt the originally scarce Spiritual Energy inside his body suddenly become abundant.

Not only that, a powerful force continuously surged out from his body.

At this moment, Xu Nian felt stronger than ever before.

"Buzz!"

The golden giant sword was directly drawn out.

At the same time, those floating sharp swords also burst towards Xu Nian at this moment.

Those swords instantly fell like rain.

Each sword turned into a streak of golden light, shooting directly towards Xu Nian.

The power of each sword was enough to kill a Battle Emperor Expert.

With over six hundred swords shooting in his direction simultaneously, one could imagine the immense power.

The Penglai disciples around swiftly stepped aside,

stunned by the spectacle.

Xu Nian, on the other hand, gripped a golden greatsword, his eyes sharp beyond compare.

At this moment, he not only showed no hint of fear, but his eyes also burned with an unrivaled eagerness for battle.

Behind him, the Divine Wheel emitted a dazzling light, continuously rotating.

At this moment, Xu Nian was like a Supreme Being between heaven and earth,

emanating a terribly majestic aura.

"Break for me!"

With that roar from Xu Nian, the golden greatsword in his hand swung upward.

He cleaved towards the sky with his sword.

"Bzzz!"

Instantly, a terrifying golden Sword Radiance burst forth from the greatsword.

It swept towards the sky full of Sword Rain.

"Boom!"

A earth-shattering explosion sounded.

The myriad of Sword Rain struck against the golden Sword Radiance, issuing a deafening roar.

Shockingly, under the impact of this terrifying golden Sword Radiance, the Sword Rain broke apart directly.

All were sent flying away.

The swords scattered in all directions, falling to the ground.

Upon seeing this, Xu Nian also breathed a slight sigh of relief.

This sword had completely drained all the Spiritual Energy in his body.

However, its power was not to be underestimated.

The onlookers were dumbfounded.

They had not expected Xu Nian to actually block the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

Everyone looked at the golden greatsword in Xu Nian's hand, their eyes filled with amazement.

Could it be that Xu Nian had already mastered the Evil Extermination Sword Array?

Xu Nian also lowered his head to look at the golden greatsword in his hand.

"Bzzz!"

At that moment, a powerful golden surge transmitted from the golden greatsword.

The patterns on the greatsword also began to glow.

Streams of peculiar golden threads surged out from the greatsword.

Finally, they all converged in the palm of Xu Nian's right hand.

A golden Sword Pattern formed in the palm of his hand.

As soon as this golden Sword Pattern appeared, Xu Nian felt a mysterious connection with the golden greatsword.

Moreover, Xu Nian could even feel that he was able to manipulate all the swords through the golden greatsword.

"This is the Evil Extermination Sword Array? What a powerful force."

Xu Nian, feeling the power of the Formation contained within the golden greatsword, his eyes shone brilliantly.

"Bzzz!"

With a mere thought,

the golden greatsword immediately levitated.

With another thought, the scattered swords around also rose from the ground,

flying towards Xu Nian.

A thousand and eight swords circled above Xu Nian's head.

Like a long dragon, they continuously moved around Xu Nian,

with the golden greatsword leading at the front.

Feeling the connection with these swords, joy filled Xu Nian's heart.

"Go!"

Xu Nian pointed, and a sword transformed into a golden streak of light, shooting out explosively.

It immediately pierced through a massive boulder in the distance.

"He... he really succeeded."

The crowd around him wore expressions of horror on their faces after seeing this scene.

Xu Nian had actually truly succeeded in mastering the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

"No... it can't be, how is this possible?"

Golden Peng's eyes filled with disbelief, his face full of intense unwillingness.

Chapter 646: The Arrogant Eight-Clawed King

Luo Bing also looked at the surging swords in the sky, her phoenix eyes revealing surprise.

Originally, she had an intuition and felt that Xu Nian could succeed.

In fact, she herself was somewhat incredulous.

After all, controlling the Evil Extermination Sword Array was extremely difficult.

Yet, unexpectedly, Xu Nian had really succeeded.

At this moment, Luo Bing's feelings were somewhat complex.

She was both happy for Xu Nian's control over the Evil Extermination Sword Array, and her emotions were also a mix of tense and complicated.

After all, she had once made a vow.

As long as someone mastered the Evil Extermination Sword Array and killed the Sea Demon King for her, she would marry him.

Now, Xu Nian had taken control of the Evil Extermination Sword Array.

This equated to fulfilling half of her pledge.

"Buzz!"

Just then, Xu Nian directly controlled the Evil Extermination Sword Array, gathering the more than a thousand sharp swords into the storage ring.

And that golden colossal sword transformed into a streak of light, zipping into the palm of Xu Nian's hand.

From the mark left by this golden sword and the information it held,

it was clear that this golden sword was the Evil Extermination Sword.

This sword contained terrifying power, power that was sufficient to slay individuals at the Supreme Battle Emperor Level.

"Swish!"

After putting away the Evil Extermination Sword Array, Xu Nian dashed towards Luo Bing's direction.

Upon seeing Xu Nian flying toward her, Luo Bing's pretty face immediately tensed.

"Don't worry, the words I said earlier still hold; I will not ask you to do anything. I will do my utmost to fulfill your desire for revenge," said Xu Nian to Luo Bing.

Luo Bing was taken aback.

She hadn't expected Xu Nian to say such a thing.

In fact, even if Xu Nian had really made some requests, she would have agreed.

But as Xu Nian had made no demands at all, it left her feeling somewhat disappointed inside.

Could it be that she wasn't pretty enough, and that's why Xu Nian didn't take an interest in her?

Xu Nian was unaware of Luo Bing's thoughts at the moment.

If he knew, he might feel both amused and frustrated.

"Congratulations to Brother Xu Nian, I didn't expect you to really master the Evil Extermination Sword Array. You are the first person in Penglai to control it, aside from our ancestor. Brother Xu Nian, you truly deserve the title of number one genius," said Ji Tianlong with a smile as he flew in from the distance.

"Brother Season is too kind. It's just that my fortune has been good," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"Good fortune is also a form of strength. Without a certain level of strength, even if one's fortune is great, they might not gain the recognition of the Evil Extermination Sword Array," Ji Tianlong said.

Xu Nian just smiled without further argument.

"By the way, Brother Season, did you come here to see me because something has happened?" Xu Nian looked at Ji Tianlong and asked.

Sure enough, upon hearing Xu Nian's words, Ji Tianlong's expression became serious.

"That's right, something has happened. People from the Sea Demon Palace have come. The Sect Leader instructed me to inform you," Ji Tianlong said.

"People have come? Could it be the Sea Demon King?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

Luo Bing's gaze also became sharp.

However, Ji Tianlong shook his head.

"No, that Sea Demon King is cunning to the extreme. He has only sent his top general, the Eight-clawed King, who says he wants to meet you," said Ji Tianlong.

On hearing this, Xu Nian's brow furrowed.

He had previously sent a message to the Green-Scaled Storm Fish King, explicitly asking for the Sea Demon King to come in person.

He did not expect the Sea Demon King to still not show himself, merely sending his subordinate instead.

What does this mean?

Could it be that he wants this Eight-clawed King to kill him?

"Brother Xu Nian, be careful when you meet him. This Eight-clawed King is infamously fierce, and judging by their stance, it seems they have harmful intentions towards you," Ji Tianlong warned.

Xu Nian nodded in acknowledgment.

Yet there was not a hint of fear in his eyes.

Before obtaining the Evil Extermination Sword Array, he might have felt some trepidation.

But now, with the Evil Extermination Sword Array in his possession, he would not fear even if the Sea Demon King himself appeared.

"Let's go. Let's take a look," Xu Nian said to Ji Tianlong.

Although he had promised Luo Bing to kill the Sea Demon King,

for the sake of the Spirit Pill, he would still choose to first transact with the Sea Demon King.

If he could get the Spirit Pill, that would be best.

If he couldn't, Xu Nian would only have to resort to taking it by force.

Ji Tianlong nodded, then led the way ahead, flying toward one direction of the island.

Xu Nian followed close behind, moving lightly, not falling behind Ji Tianlong in the slightest.

After hesitating for a moment,

Luo Bing promptly followed suit.

The disciples also ran off out of curiosity, toward the direction Xu Nian and the others had left for.

Soon, Xu Nian and the others had reached the edge of the island.

There was a huge platform there.

A section of the Formation on the platform had been temporarily opened up.

Standing on the platform were the Penglai Sect Leader and several Elders of Penglai.

Opposite them stood a middle-aged man dressed in a red robe.

However, his appearance was somewhat odd

because he actually had eight arms.

Four on each side, it gave off an eerie feeling.

At the moment, all eight arms were behind his back, his neck slightly raised as he paced on the platform.

He exuded an air of extreme arrogance and impoliteness.

It seemed as though he didn't put the Penglai Sect Leader in his eyes at all.

Behind him stood a row of Shrimp Soldiers and Crab Generals.

Indeed, actual Shrimp Soldiers and Crab Generals.

Each of these Shrimp Soldiers and Crab Generals held a long spear, had the body of a human, but the head of a Demon Beast.

They looked extremely odd and bizarre.

"Whoosh!"

As Xu Nian and the others landed on the platform,

both the Shrimp Soldiers and Crab Generals and the eight-armed man turned their gazes toward Xu Nian.

"Are you Xu Nian?" the eight-armed man asked unceremoniously.

Xu Nian glanced at the middle-aged man.

He discovered that this man was actually of the Peak of Nine-star Demon Emperor level of strength.

His aura was only slightly weaker than that of the Penglai Sect Leader.

"That's right, I am Xu Nian. You must be the Eight-clawed King!" Xu Nian replied with neither servility nor overbearing pride.

The Eight-clawed King frowned slightly when he heard Xu Nian's tone.

"Since you are Xu Nian, then come with us. The Sea Demon King wants to meet you," the Eight-clawed King said arrogantly.

Having said this, he turned to leave.

"Meet me? Why should I go with you? The message I previously sent was for the Sea Demon King to come to me," Xu Nian said.

He did not move a step.

Not showing any sign of wanting to go with the Eight-clawed King.

"Hmph, kid, the Sea Demon King sent me to bring you back; it's not up to you whether you go or not. If you don't come with me willingly, then I will have to kidnap you by force," the Eight-clawed King said arrogantly.

"I think you're mistaken. This is Penglai. Do you think you can take me away and the Sect Leader would agree?" Xu Nian retorted with a sneer.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, the Penglai Sect Leader initially froze.

Then he began to smile wryly, his gaze towards Xu Nian turning helpless.

He had intended to stay out of the matter but hadn't expected Xu Nian to be so cunning,

directly dragging him into the situation.

Chapter 647 Pure Heart

The Eight-clawed King, upon hearing Xu Nian's words, turned to look at the Penglai Sect Leader.

"Sect Leader, this matter does not concern Penglai. Xu Nian shouldn't be a part of Penglai, right? I hope the Sect Leader will not intervene," the Eight-clawed King addressed the Penglai Sect Leader.

The Penglai Sect Leader chuckled and said, "I think you are mistaken. Xu Nian has just become our Penglai Sect's Alien Minister Elder, therefore he is naturally one of our Penglai people."

Having said that, the Penglai Sect Leader tossed a token directly to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian caught the token.

It bore the words "Penglai Minister" on it.

Xu Nian responded with a slight smile and gladly pocketed the token.

Penglai had rules in place.

Anyone recognized by the Evil Extermination Sword Array could become a Penglai Alien Minister Elder.

Xu Nian could hardly accept something from Penglai and then not do anything in return.

Moreover, an Alien Minister Elder wasn't required to stay constantly on Penglai Island.

One only needed to lend a hand during Penglai's moments of crisis.

For Xu Nian, this wasn't much of a loss.

Therefore, he didn't refuse the invitation from the Penglai Sect Leader.

The Eight-clawed King, witnessing this scene, felt a surge of anger in his eyes.

His gaze towards Xu Nian became extremely unfriendly.

The Sea Demon King had ordered him to bring Xu Nian back.

But if Penglai intervened, that would complicate things.

If it really came to blows, he might not be a match for the Penglai Sect Leader.

"Huh?"

Just then, the Eight-clawed King was taken aback.

His look towards Xu Nian also took on a note of surprise.

Xu Nian was somewhat puzzled by the change in the Eight-clawed King's expression.

However, the Eight-clawed King did not speak but instead turned to Xu Nian and said, "Xu Nian, our Palace Master invites you to visit the Sea King Palace."

When the Eight-clawed King said this, his tone was noticeably softer than before.

Yet as he spoke, a clear reluctance was evident on his face.

Xu Nian could also roughly guess what was happening.

Certainly, the Eight-clawed King had just received a message from the Sea Demon King.

He was to invite Xu Nian to the Sea King Palace instead of abducting him outright.

In fact, the reality was not far from what Xu Nian had surmised.

The Eight-clawed King had indeed received a message from the Sea Demon King.

The Sea Demon King was asking him to extend an invitation to Xu Nian. He must not resort to violence, nor should he provoke Xu Nian.

Otherwise, he needn't return to the Sea King Palace.

This was the first time the Eight-clawed King had received such a categorical order from the Sea Demon King.

"Why should I go back with you?" Xu Nian looked at the Eight-clawed King and asked with a sardonic smile.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, the Eight-clawed King's brow furrowed instantly.

He knew that his earlier attitude had already angered Xu Nian.

To make Xu Nian accept the invitation was going to be difficult.

"Sir, I was wrong before, and I apologize. If you are willing to go back with me, you may do as you please," said the Eight-clawed King, with great reluctance.

"Pfft!"

Xu Nian nearly choked on his own saliva.

Do as I please?

How could such words not sound odd?

Luo Bing said that it was because she was a woman.

But you, a male Demon Beast, actually uttering these words, how could it not give one the creeps?

"It's simple. Just kneel before me, and I'll go with you," Xu Nian said outright.

The arrogance of this eight-armed demon beast annoyed him.

Now that the opponent had softened, it was naturally time to take this opportunity for some retribution.

"You... you're going too far," the Eight-clawed King immediately snapped in anger.

"If you're unwilling, then you might as well go back!" Xu Nian said with a mocking laugh as he waved his hand.

Hearing this, the Eight-clawed King was instantly furious.

His expression turned to one of struggle.

After some struggling, he seemed to have finally made up his mind.

He knelt down in front of Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was rather surprised.

He hadn't expected that the Eight-clawed King would actually kneel before him.

It seemed the Sea Demon King applied no small amount of pressure on him, otherwise, why would he be willing to kneel to Xu Nian?

This left Xu Nian somewhat astounded.

The Sea Demon King's behavior seemed to fluctuate quite a bit.

There must be some reasons that he was unaware of.

In fact, he had to pay a visit to the Sea King Palace.

Even for the sake of Xu Yu, he needed to make this trip to the Sea King Palace.

"Now can we go?" the eight-armed demon beast said coldly.

"Yes, lead the way," Xu Nian replied with a light smile.

"Eh, are you really going, Brother Xu Nian? This really shouldn't be done," Ji Tianlong, seeing Xu Nian was truly intent on heading to the Sea King Palace, suddenly asked in surprise.

"Don't worry, I'll be fine," Xu Nian nodded and replied with a smile.

After speaking, he followed the Eight-clawed King to the seaside.

Finally, under the lead of the Eight-clawed King and a crowd of shrimp soldiers and crab generals, he dived into the sea.

"Sect Leader Brother, why didn't you stop him? If Brother Xu Nian goes to the Sea King Palace, can he even survive? That place is the Sea Demon King's lair!" Ji Tianlong saw his Sect Leader Brother smiling silently and asked with a puzzled face.

The Sect Leader Brother just smiled and shook his head, saying, "Xu Nian is a decisive person, and he doesn't act without preparation. Since he's decided to go, he must be confident. Besides, he has the Evil Extermination Sword Array with him, so the Sea Demon King might not be able to harm him. Moreover, to obtain a Low Grade Spirit Pill to save someone, he can only do this."

"But... isn't this too risky?" Ji Tianlong said anxiously.

"He who does not enter the tiger's den will not catch its cubs. Xu Nian has managed to reach such Cultivation at his age, it can't be just because he has a heaven-defying talent. This time, Xu Nian's appearance makes me realize a truth, too. Our Penglai disciples are all fairly talented, but they have not gone through any major tribulations. Compared to a genius like Xu Nian, they are far too lacking in temperament," the Penglai Sect Leader said.

"Yes, our disciples are complacent, and if it weren't for their advantage in Spiritual Energy, they might not be able to match up to the mainland's geniuses," Ji Tianlong agreed with a nod.

There were many talents among the Penglai disciples.

But very few could become true giants of influence.

It was precisely because they lacked the mentality of the truly strong.

"It seems it is time to send our disciples to the mainland for trials. We'll wait for Xu Nian to come back from the Sea King Palace," the Penglai Sect Leader said.

Ji Tianlong nodded.

He looked toward the direction of the sea.

Could Xu Nian really come back safely?

Hopefully so.

Standing not far away, Luo Bing saw Xu Nian actually heading to the Sea King Palace with the Eight-clawed King.

Surprise showed on her pretty face.

She hadn't expected Xu Nian to dare venture alone to the Sea King Palace.

Just this courage was not something any Penglai disciple had.

At this moment, she suddenly understood the meaning behind Xu Nian's words.

She could seek revenge for her parents, but she had to live well.

Otherwise, even if she did exact revenge, her parents' spirits in heaven wouldn't be happy.

"Xu Nian, thank you. I hope you can come back safe and sound. I, Luo Bing, will also become stronger, and one day I will stand before you in my own right," Luo Bing said with a determined look in her eyes.

After finishing, she turned directly and flew towards her own residence.

At this moment, her heart was no longer filled solely with hatred.

More so, it was a pure pursuit of strength.

Chapter 648: The Thoughts of the Sea Demon King

Sea King Palace lay deep under the East Sea, tens of thousands of meters below the sea bed.

The pressure in such depths of the sea was tremendously horrifying.

The pressure from the seawater alone weighed hundreds of thousands of kilograms.

Ordinary practitioners below the Holy Level couldn't reach these depths at all.

It was said that the Forbidden Sea was several times more terrifying in depth than this part of the East Sea.

The pressure there was dozens of times stronger than that of the East Sea.

Even Emperor-Level Strong Men wouldn't dare to easily withstand the deepest parts of that sea area.

Xu Nian, however, was led by the Eight-Clawed King towards the deep sea bed.

For a cultivator of Xu Nian's realm, holding his breath was still manageable.

It was just that the squeezing pressure of the surrounding seawater made him somewhat uncomfortable.

As time passed, he gradually got accustomed to this pressure, and started to disregard it.

The seabed was pitch black.

But soon, Xu Nian saw a vast and bright palace complex settled on the seabed.

These palaces were embedded with giant Night Pearls, lighting up the entire complex like daylight.

These palatial buildings were extremely luxurious, glittering with gold and brilliance.

They were even more luxurious than the Imperial Palace.

Seeing these luxurious buildings, Xu Nian couldn't help but admire in his heart.

It had to be said that the resources under the sea were even richer than those on the land.

One could tell just from these buildings.

"Swoosh!"

The Eight-Clawed King, carrying Xu Nian, directly landed in front of the palace.

"Greetings, General!"

The Demon Beast Guards around them bowed respectfully.

"Hmm, is the Palace Master inside?" asked the Eight-Clawed King.

"The Palace Master has been waiting for a long time, General. Please go in now," said the Demon Beast Guards around.

The Eight-Clawed King nodded.

Then he directly walked into the grand hall.

Naturally, Xu Nian followed him.

Inside the grand hall, it was as bright as daylight as well.

The entire ceiling was embedded with more than a dozen giant Night Pearls.

The biggest and most central pearl was as big as a head.

It was truly astonishing.

However, these were not what caught Xu Nian's attention.

What really attracted Xu Nian was the middle-aged man sitting in the main seat at the front of the great hall.

This middle-aged man was dressed in a black robe, with sharp eyebrows and equally dark eyes.

At first glance, he gave one a chilling feeling.

Seeing Xu Nian arrive, the middle-aged man also stood up and, with a smile, said to Xu Nian, "So you are Xu Nian? Please, have a seat!"

Xu Nian didn't stand on ceremony and directly walked to a nearby chair and sat down.

As for the Eight-Clawed King, he did not sit but silently stood by the side.

While Xu Nian was observing this middle-aged man.

This middle-aged man seemed to be observing Xu Nian as well.

However, he seemed not to have discovered anything particular.

"What brings me here, Sea Demon King?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

Hearing Xu Nian's words, the Sea Demon King also smiled and said, "Nothing much, I had just heard of the great name of Brother Xu Nian and wanted to meet you. My subordinates have offended you before, please forgive us."

"Where would that be, Sea Demon King? Your subordinates haven't offended me, and those who did have already apologized," Xu Nian said with a smile.

He was naturally referring to the Green-Scaled Storm Fish King and the Eight-Clawed King.

The Green-Scaled Storm Fish King's apology had turned into a meal in Xu Nian's stomach.

As for the Eight-clawed King, he had already knelt down to Xu Nian.

Hearing Xu Nian's words, the Eight-clawed King's expression immediately turned cold, and his eyes filled with killing intent as he looked at Xu Nian.

However, the Sea Demon King beside him just smiled indifferently.

It seemed he was not angered by the provocative content of Xu Nian's words.

"I didn't expect Brother Xu Nian to be so magnanimous, that puts my mind at ease. I've heard that you've always wanted the Low Grade Spirit Pill in my possession, is that true?" the Sea Demon King asked with a smile.

Hearing this, Xu Nian's gaze sharpened.

"Yes, my purpose here is indeed for that Low Grade Spirit Pill. I wonder if the Sea Demon King is willing to part with it and trade it to me for something else," Xu Nian said.

"Oh, where does Brother Xu Nian get such ideas? Since you need this Low Grade Spirit Pill so badly, I will give it to you," the Sea Demon King quickly replied.

Xu Nian was taken aback when he heard this.

What was going on?

Was the Sea Demon King really being so generous?

To just give the Spirit Pill to him?

Everyone knew the Sea Demon King was famous for being cunning and deceitful.

Previously, he had sent the Green-Scaled Storm Fish King and the White Flood Dragon King to snatch the token from Xu Nian's hands.

And now he was saying that he would just give the Low Grade Spirit Pill to him.

How could Xu Nian not be suspicious?

The abnormal is a sign of the suspicious.

The Sea Demon King's action was clearly unusual.

However, what the Sea Demon King said next cleared things up for Xu Nian.

"I've heard you know the Dark God Island Master, is that true?" the Sea Demon King asked tentatively.

Xu Nian was initially stunned upon hearing this.

Then he suddenly understood.

The sudden change in the Sea Demon King's attitude towards him was because of the Dark God Island Master.

Previously, Xu Yu and Black Wind had indeed been saved by the Dark God Island Master.

And the Dark God Island was an island within the bounds of the Forbidden Sea.

According to the Beast God, the Dark God Island Master's strength was extremely formidable.

Clearly, the Sea Demon King was acting out of fear of him.

As for Xu Nian, he had never even met the Dark God Island Master face to face.

He didn't know where the Sea Demon King got the idea that he knew the Dark God Island Master.

But since the Sea Demon King seemed to believe it, Xu Nian was more than happy to let him think so.

"To be honest, not really familiar. The senior from Dark God Island once saved my brother's life. He asked my two brothers to have me visit Dark God Island because he wants to meet me," Xu Nian stated ambiguously.

He believed these words would be enough to catch the Sea Demon King's attention.

Indeed, the Sea Demon King's eyes lit up when he heard Xu Nian's words.

Others might not know, but he did.

Those who were granted the privilege to set foot on Dark God Island were extremely rare.

In the Forbidden Sea, they could be counted on one hand.

The fact that Xu Nian had received an invitation from the Dark Night Island Master indicated that his status in the Dark God Island Master's eyes was exceptionally significant.

"I wonder if Brother Xu Nian could do me a favor. As long as Xu Nian agrees, I'll present the Low Grade Spirit Pill with both hands," the Sea Demon King eagerly said with a flattering smile.

"Oh? What is it?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

Hearing Xu Nian's query, the Sea Demon King quickly put on a sorrowful expression and sighed, "Ah, to tell the truth, I was also from the Forbidden Sea, but I had to flee to the Eastern Sea after offending a powerful force there. So, I would like to ask Brother Xu Nian to help me seek mercy from the Dark God Island so I can return to the Forbidden Sea."

"Wow, does Dark God Island hold such a high position?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

The Sea Demon King just smiled and replied, "Not just high, in the entire Forbidden Sea, just one word from the Dark God Island could obliterate all forces."

Hearing this, Xu Nian couldn't help but show a surprised expression.

He hadn't realized that the Dark God Island held such an esteemed position.

Chapter 649: The Forbidden Sea

Xu Nian had not expected that the Dark God Island Master's strength was actually so formidable.

No wonder the Beast God held the Dark God Island Master in such high regard.

It seemed that the Dark God Island Master was just like the Beast God, a super strong being.

"So, Brother Xu Nian, just give the word, and I can return to the Forbidden Sea," the Sea Demon King said with a flattering smile on his face.

Xu Nian smiled faintly.

He hadn't expected the Sea Demon King to come asking him for help.

"Where the Palace Master's words are concerned, if I can help, I certainly will, but as for whether the Dark God Island Master agrees at that time, that's beyond my control," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"That's fantastic. With Brother Xu Nian's word, that puts my mind at ease, Hei Ming. Here is that Low Grade Spirit Pill, Brother Xu Nian, please keep it safe," the Sea Demon King said, opening his mouth.

Having said this, he tossed a medicine bottle to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian's face showed a delighted expression as he caught the medicine bottle.

With this Low Grade Spiritual Medicine, Xu Yu would be saved.

He hadn't expected things would go so smoothly.

This was quite unexpected for Xu Nian.

"By the way, Palace Master, why are you so insistent on returning to the Forbidden Sea? Isn't it good to be a dominant ruler here in the East Sea?" Xu Nian put away the pill and asked the Sea Demon King.

"Little Brother Xu Nian seems to know very little about the Forbidden Sea!" the Sea Demon King said with a smile.

"I really don't know much about the Forbidden Sea, and I don't know what makes it so special," Xu Nian nodded and said.

He had always been curious about the Forbidden Sea.

He couldn't comprehend the special characteristics of the Forbidden Sea.

"Although it's widely believed that the Forbidden Sea is an extremely dangerous region with violent Spiritual Energy above the entire sea area, for us undersea demon cultivation forces, it's a paradise," the Sea Demon King began.

"Oh? How so?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"The Forbidden Sea originally wasn't called the Forbidden Sea, and before that powerful Immortal set up the prohibition there, it was the most Spiritually Energy-rich location on this planet," the Sea Demon King said.

"The most Spiritually Energy-rich location?" Xu Nian was astonished.

"This planet wasn't a life-bearing one many years ago. Later, an Outer Heaven Meteorite crashed onto the planet bringing Spiritual Energy, and the source of this Spiritual Energy was the meteorite itself, making the Forbidden Sea the lifeline of the Spiritual Energy on this planet," the Sea Demon King explained.

Xu Nian looked surprised.

He hadn't realized that the Spiritual Energy and life on this planet had originated in this manner.

The existence of Spiritual Energy on a planet was crucial for the presence of life; the most important aspect was whether the planet had Spiritual Energy.

Only a planet with Spiritual Energy could foster life.

Xu Nian had thought that their planet had always been imbued with Spiritual Energy.

He hadn't anticipated that the Spiritual Energy they absorbed was brought by a meteorite.

And the place where this meteorite had fallen could only be the Forbidden Sea.

No wonder that Immortal built his residence in the Forbidden Sea since it was the source of Spiritual Energy.

"But now, the Forbidden Sea has been suppressed by the prohibition; even if it's the source of Spiritual Energy, it's still impossible to break through to the Zifu Realm!" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"Yes, cultivators of the Forbidden Sea generally cannot break through the prohibitions of the Zifu Realm, but cultivation can continue. Spiritual Energy can still accumulate, and once one becomes a Supreme Battle Emperor, the absorbed Spiritual Energy will increase, and someday when you breakthrough to the Zifu on another continent, your cultivation will soar to the skies," the Sea Demon King said.

"Eh? Why can cultivation continue even if the cultivation level is suppressed?" Xu Nian asked, not understanding.

Cultivators usually reach a saturation state of Spiritual Energy after hitting a bottleneck in their Cultivation.

Thus, how could they absorb more Spiritual Energy.

"Brother Xu Nian, you're not aware of this, but there is a peculiar fruit that grows at the bottom of the Forbidden Sea. Anyone whose Cultivation has reached a bottleneck can eat this fruit and their Dantian will expand once again. This allows them to absorb even more Spiritual Energy. The more Spiritual Energy accumulated, the more True Essence will be transformed when breaking through to the Zifu Realm in the future. That's also why Cultivators of the Forbidden Sea, although they cannot break through their Cultivation level, still manage to cultivate," the Sea Demon King explained.

Xu Nian's face revealed an expression of surprise upon hearing this.

So that's how it is.

No wonder, despite their suppressed Cultivation, these Sea Demons could still cultivate.

It turns out there was a fruit capable of expanding the capacity of the Dantian.

"There was once a powerful Sea Demon who used this very method to cultivate continuously. When he finally broke through to the Zifu Realm, he reached the Zifu Peak directly," the Sea Demon King said, his eyes showing a look of envy.

Xu Nian also showed a surprised expression.

According to Xu Nian's understanding, once the Zifu Realm is reached, the speed of cultivation becomes much slower.

And to go from the Zifu Realm to the Zifu Peak usually takes at least ten years.

This fellow, utilizing this method, possessed the Cultivation of the Zifu Peak right upon entering the Cultivation World.

That certainly gave him a huge advantage.

Now he finally understood why the Sea Demon King was so eager to return to the Forbidden Sea.

He had already reached the Cultivation of the Supreme Battle Emperor Level.

His Spiritual Energy reserve had also hit a bottleneck.

To continue cultivating, he must obtain that unusual fruit.

Otherwise, his Cultivation would remain stagnant.

Understanding this, Xu Nian comprehended everything.

"Little brother Xu Nian, now you understand why so many Sea Demons want to enter the Forbidden Sea, right? After all, for us, the most important thing is the improvement of Cultivation. Of course, there's also a key point: the more Spiritual Energy reserves we have, the more confident we'll be facing the horrific Heavenly Tribulation when passing through the Forbidden Sea. Otherwise, with my current state attempting the tribulation, it's likely a path to certain death," the Sea Demon King said once more.

Xu Nian nodded in agreement.

To leave the Forbidden Sea, one must face the baptism of Heavenly Punishment.

And the power of that Heavenly Tribulation will be very terrifying.

Therefore, anyone who's just reached the Supreme Battle Emperor Level and tries to break through the prohibition is undoubtedly courting death.

Of course, in the world, there is always a glimmer of hope.

It's like where a poisonous snake often appears, there will be an antidote to counteract its poison.

There must be Taiyin where there is Taiyang, and within Taiyang, there will be a trace of Taiyin.

This is the Tao of Tai Chi.

The fruit in this Forbidden Sea is just that bit of Taiyang within the Taiyin.

However, there was one thing that Xu Nian found somewhat surprising.

Even with the Sea Demon King's current strength, he couldn't withstand the Heavenly Punishment of the Forbidden Sea.

Then, if he wanted to go to the Cultivation World in the future, wouldn't it be even more difficult?

Especially since the power of the Heavenly Tribulation he attracted had always been much greater than that of ordinary people.

"It seems I'll have to visit this Forbidden Sea myself when I have time, to see if that fruit really has any effect," Xu Nian mused to himself.

He became even more curious about the Forbidden Sea.

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Xu Nian chatted with the Sea Demon King for a while.

Then, Xu Nian was arranged to stay in a residence.

Originally, Xu Nian wanted to leave and go to Penglai Island to treat Xu Yu first.

However, the Sea Demon King insisted on having Xu Nian stay, claiming that an important character would arrive soon.

Xu Nian felt curious and didn't understand who this important character mentioned by the Sea Demon King might be.

Still, he chose to stay.

As for the matter of killing the Sea Demon King.

Xu Nian thought that it wasn't yet the time to confront the Sea Demon King openly.

He could wait for an opportunity in the future to battle the Sea Demon King.

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As soon as Xu Nian entered the room, he took out the Jade Bottle given to him by the Sea Demon King.

What it contained was not just a Low Grade Spirit Pill.

This was Xu Yu's life.

Therefore, when taking out the Jade Bottle, Xu Nian was extremely careful.

"Buzz!"

When Xu Nian opened the Jade Bottle, a strong fragrance immediately assaulted his nostrils.

Upon smelling the Elixir Fragrance, along with the radiant smile on his face.

Yes, this fragrance was much stronger than that of ordinary pills.

Simply by smelling it, he felt extremely comfortable all over.

"Senior Wentian, this Pill should be able to save Xu Yu, right?" Xu Nian hurriedly transmitted his voice to ask Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"Kid, you've been tricked," the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"Tricked? What happened?" Xu Nian was clearly shocked.

How could he have been tricked?

Could the Pill in his hand be a fake?

"Kid, although the Pill in your hand is indeed a Spirit Pill, its quality has not reached the level of Low Grade Spirit Pills, it can at most be considered a half-finished product," the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign sounded in Xu Nian's mind.

"A half-finished product?" Xu Nian's brow furrowed.

Immediately, a surge of anger welled up in his eyes.

The Sea Demon King truly was cunning, to give him a half-finished product as a ploy.

Was this openly taking him for a pushover?

"Does that mean the Sea Demon King still has a Low Grade Spirit Pill?" Xu Nian asked.

"If I'm not mistaken, he should have one. The Sea Demon King is extremely sly. He clearly does not want to give you the real Spirit Pill. The reason he's keeping you here is also to prevent you from taking the Pill back, lest the Penglai Sect Leader discovers it," Wentian Demon Sovereign analyzed.

Hearing this, even stronger anger surged in Xu Nian's eyes.

The Sea Demon King indeed had a shrewd plan.

"So what would happen if Xu Yu swallowed this half-finished Spirit Pill?" Xu Nian asked.

"Since the Pill is only a half-finished product, if your Demon Beast brother were to consume it, his injuries would be alleviated, and his life spared, but the injuries would not be fully healed. Consequently, his cultivation would be hindered for life. You would then assume the Low Grade Spirit Pill was insufficient for your brother's recovery, without suspecting the Sea Demon King's deception. On the contrary, you would owe him a favor," Wentian Demon Sovereign explained.

"What a cunning Sea Demon King," Xu Nian sneered inwardly.

If it weren't for the extensive knowledge of the Wentian Demon Sovereign, he would have been truly deceived by the Sea Demon King.

Believing that he actually wanted to please him with a Low Grade Spirit Pill.

It seems the Sea Demon King was trying to trade a half-finished product for his favor.

Truly cunning and sly.

"The real Spirit Pill is still in the Sea Demon King's hands. Sea Demon King, you deceived me first. I was considering whether to spare your life, but since you've played me like this, don't blame me for being ruthless," a strong surge of killing intent rose in Xu Nian's heart.

Since this Pill could not fully heal Xu Yu's injuries,

Xu Nian thought it best to wait.

If it really wasn't possible to obtain that Low Grade Spirit Pill, he would have to let Xu Yu take this Pill first.

Then he would find another way.

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Just as Xu Nian saw through the Sea Demon King's trickery,

within the great hall where the Sea Demon King was, the Eight-clawed King was discussing Xu Nian with the Sea Demon King.

"Palace Master, do you really need to please this Xu Nian so much? I don't believe that even if he accepts your Spirit Pill, he will truly speak well of you in front of Dark God Island," said Eight-clawed King, dissatisfaction written all over his face.

He had been silently standing by during the conversation between Xu Nian and the Sea Demon King.

The fact that his Palace Master was so ingratiating towards Xu Nian made him extremely discontent.

"Hmph, you think I don't know? He's just a mere human; I never expected him to plead for me on Dark God Island," snorted the Sea Demon King, his eyes flashing with deep disdain.

"Then why did you still give him the Spirit Pill?" Eight-clawed King asked in astonishment.

The Sea Demon King simply chuckled and then said, "What I gave him was not the true Saint Pill, but a half-finished Spirit Luo Pill. Although both Pills have the same effects, the Spirit Luo Pill is only half-complete and nowhere near the quality of a Low Grade Spirit Pill. So the real Spirit Pill is still in my hands, while he believes he has obtained the true Spirit Pill."

"I see, Palace Master is indeed brilliant! How do you plan to deal with this fellow?" Eight-clawed King asked, his face brightening with a smile upon hearing of Xu Nian's deception.

It seemed the Palace Master was not wholeheartedly ingratiating himself with Xu Nian, which made him feel much more at ease.

"Deal with him? Naturally, I can't let him leave here alive. I've already sent someone to invite the Demon Snake Elder," the Sea Demon King said with a smile.

"The Demon Snake Elder? Palace Master, do you mean to...?" The Eight-clawed King was startled upon hearing the Sea Demon King's words,

especially at the mention of the Demon Snake Elder, his pupils visibly constricted involuntarily.

The Demon Snake Elder was a superpower in the Eastern Sea.

Even without any power and being just a lone individual, no one dared to provoke him.

The Sea Demon King had tried several times to recruit him to his side, but to no avail.

And the elder's greatest skill was his ability to take others' memories.

"Hmph, that's right. Xu Nian has many secrets. Rather than hoping he will help me clarify things on Dark God Island, it's better to take control of his secrets. Who knows, we might discover something that could aid my return to the forbidden sea," the Sea Demon King said with a cold laugh.

Upon hearing this, Eight-clawed King's face also revealed a radiant smile.

"Palace Master is truly a mastermind. Once the Demon Snake Elder makes his move, all the secrets of Xu Nian will definitely be unearthed. If Xu Nian can reach such strength before the age of twenty, he must

have a significant fortune. Then, this fortune will belong to you, Palace Master," Eight-clawed King said with a laugh.

"Haha, I apologize for the inconvenience earlier. But once the Demon Snake Elder arrives, we still need to act, to let Xu Nian lower his guard. Then, it will be much easier for the Demon God Elder to make his move," the Sea Demon King stated.

"Yes!"

Eight-clawed King immediately responded with a smile.

Then a cold gleam flashed in his eyes, and he sneered inwardly: "Xu Nian, your end is near."