

Divine King 701

Chapter 701 - 701 Imperial Capital Array

Just in a brief moment,

Qi Lei's body had been pierced by a dozen sharp swords,

like he had been nailed to the ground, unable to move.

Yet, at this moment, he was not dead.

Because Xu Nian, when sticking those swords in, had avoided his vitals.

Ensuring Qi Lei wouldn't die while making him suffer excruciatingly.

At this moment, Qi Lei wished for death.

"Xu Nian, just kill me, please kill me!" Qi Lei painfully begged.

Being smeared with swords, this feeling,

was hardly better than being hacked a thousand times.

Hearing Qi Lei's pleas for mercy, a cold smile appeared on Xu Nian's lips.

For a person like Qi Lei, letting him die easily was just too lenient.

A typical bully who fears the hardy.

Unable to handle Xu Nian, he resorted to tormenting Xu Nian's family.

How could Xu Nian easily let go of such a scoundrel?

"Qi Lei, if you had approached me openly and fairly, even if you had lost, I might have spared your life, but you should never have troubled my family, so everything today is your own fault," Xu Nian said with a cold smile.

And with a flick in the air,

a Sword Radiance instantly streaked past in front of Qi Lei's eyes.

"Ah!"

Qi Lei let out another miserable scream.

His eyes were blinded by that blow of Sword Qi from Xu Nian.

Qi Lei was in unbearable pain.

At this moment, there wasn't a single part of his body that was unharmed.

The torment by Xu Nian nearly drove him mad.

"Xu Nian, you will not die a good death, Emperor Tianhen will never let you go," Qi Lei shouted angrily.

His voice was filled with endless rage.

But Xu Nian was disdainful.

He ignored Qi Lei's threats.

"Buzz!"

However, just then, above Xu Nian, something began to stir.

A powerful energy fluctuation gathered above the Divine River Palace.

"Is this the Imperial Capital Array? Has Emperor Tianhen really activated the Imperial Capital Array to annihilate the Hall Master?"

The bigwigs of the Divine River Palace were all exclaiming in shock.

Leng Yanran and Xu Xin also slightly frowned.

Xu Nian's mother also wore a worried expression.

The power of the Imperial Capital Array was not to be taken lightly.

It was said that a Supreme Battle Emperor once, relying on his Cultivation, caused trouble in the Imperial Capital and ultimately died under this Imperial Capital Array.

Now that Emperor Tianhen had activated the Imperial Capital Array against Xu Nian,

didn't that mean Xu Nian's prospects were grim?

"Haha, Xu Nian, you are doomed. Emperor Tianhen has already activated the formation; I want to see where you can flee to," Qi Lei laughed loudly.

Although blinded, he was still able to sense the strong fluctuations.

So, when he felt the powerful energy brewing overhead, a look of elation crossed his face.

"Is that so? I'm afraid I'll have to disappoint you," Xu Nian said with a slight smile as he moved next to Qi Lei and stood firm.

"You... what are you trying to do?" Qi Lei, sensing Xu Nian's intent, frantically asked.

"Didn't you say that the formation is powerful? Naturally, I should let you experience it first. Besides, previously you were begging me for death, right? I'm just obliging you," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Xu Nian, you will not die a good death!" Qi Lei shouted furiously.

Yet Xu Nian just smiled slightly, looking up at the energy overhead and said with a slight smile, "Here it comes!"

The energy in the sky was now almost fully gathered.

A pulsating force emanated from the energy fluctuation, followed by a powerful white beam that shot down from the sky, fiercely targeting Xu Nian.

Xu Nian simply smiled slightly.

His feet moved, and a Thunderclap Flash sparked.

He instantly retreated explosively.

"Boom!"

The beam was incredibly fast,

striking the ground where Xu Nian had just been standing.

Qi Lei, who lay on the ground, was suddenly hit by a terrifying beam of light.

"Ah!"

A miserable scream echoed.

Qi Lei turned into ashes under the terrifying beam, not even a bit of residue remained.

Even the dozens of sharp swords held by Xu Nian were completely shattered under the bombardment of the beam's energy.

"What powerful energy!"

The onlookers couldn't help but exclaim.

Surprise also appeared in Xu Nian's eyes.

No wonder they said the energy of this beam was extremely terrifying.

It was indeed as expected.

If one were really hit by the energy of this beam, death was absolutely certain.

"Buzz!"

At that moment, fluctuations transmitted from the sky once more.

Another beam of energy struck towards Xu Nian at a speed that was obviously faster than before.

The fierceness in Xu Nian's eyes flickered as he immediately employed the Thunderclap Body Technique.

By now, Xu Nian's Thunderclap Flash had reached the second level.

His understanding of the Profound Argumentation of Thunderclap Speed had also entered the threshold level.

Thus, Xu Nian's speed was quite formidable.

"Boom!"

However, even so, Xu Nian still couldn't completely dodge the attack of the beam's energy.

The instant Xu Nian left his original position,

the beam directly fell down.

The impact of the energy formed by the beam still blasted Xu Nian away.

"Pu!"

Xu Nian was shaken by the energy wave and spat out a mouthful of fresh blood.

His body flew backward hundreds of feet before he could stabilize his figure.

"What powerful force, is this the Great Formation of the Imperial Capital?" Xu Nian looked up at the sky.

He could see that energy was accumulating above his head once again.

Seeing this, Xu Nian frowned slightly.

Then he turned to look at Xuan Hong beside him.

"Kid, do you finally need me to take action?" Xuan Hong, seeing Xu Nian looking his way, hooked up the corners of his mouth in a light smile.

While speaking, he also used a finger to dig in his ear.

He completely radiated an air of nonchalance.

"Senior Xuan Hong, can you block the energy of this formation?" Xu Nian asked.

"Kid, you're really underestimating me, aren't you? This little formation isn't even enough to tickle me," Xuan Hong said disdainfully.

Hearing this, Xu Nian felt immediately relieved.

With that statement from Xuan Hong, all was well.

"However, kid, although I can block this Great Formation for you, you'll have to break the formation yourself," Xuan Hong added.

Then, he directly spurred his Spiritual Energy.

"Buzz!"

A huge shell formed completely of Spiritual Energy appeared above their heads.

"Boom!"

Another beam from the formation struck directly onto the huge shell.

However, it didn't cause even the slightest tremor in the light beam.

The onlookers, seeing this scene, revealed expressions of surprise.

Who was this middle-aged man?

How could he block the energy of the formation so effortlessly?

Xu Nian, however, showed not the slightest surprise.

After all, Xuan Hong was of the Wanxiang Realm, and even though his cultivation was suppressed,

his level of comprehension was still there.

Additionally, his true body was Xuanwu, primarily known for its defense.

Naturally, the formation's energy could not trouble him.

Of course, as Xuan Hong said, although he could withstand the formation's attacks,

breaking the formation could only be done by Xu Nian himself.

The only one who could help Xu Nian now was Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Chapter 702: Full Firepower

"Senior Wentian, do you recognize this formation?" Xu Nian spoke to Wentian Demon Sovereign through telepathic communication.

"Kid, this Great Formation is known as the Qiankun Locking Sky Array. It's a large-scale formation that, once activated, will consume a huge amount of Spiritual Energy. This formation is capable of both defense and offense and has reached the peak level of Low Grade Spirit Arrays," Wentian Demon Sovereign replied.

"Qiankun Locking Sky Array? Then, Senior, do you know of any methods to break the formation?" Xu Nian asked.

Breaking the Imperial Capital Array was essential.

If it wasn't broken, even if he himself wasn't afraid,

Xu Xin and the others wouldn't be able to handle it.

Moreover, without breaking the formation, they wouldn't be able to leave the Imperial Capital.

Because once the formation was activated, those inside couldn't even dream of leaving.

Therefore, to get out, the formation had to be broken.

"It's difficult to break this formation, but not without methods," the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign rose.

"What methods?" Xu Nian immediately felt elated.

What he feared most was the lack of solutions.

Now that he heard Wentian Demon Sovereign say there were ways, he was naturally very pleased.

"Kid, don't get too excited yet. Although I said there are methods, they're not easy to achieve, and one could even lose their life if not careful," Wentian Demon Sovereign cautioned.

Xu Nian nodded.

He also knew that with his current strength, it was impossible to contend with such a formation.

Unless he chose an unconventional path, a risky strategy.

"Kid, I have two methods for you to choose from; one is relatively easier, and the other is very dangerous. The choice is yours," Wentian Demon Sovereign explained.

Xu Nian didn't speak, continuing to listen.

"The first, using Earth God Devouring Sky to attack the Imperial Palace of the Imperial Capital. The center of the Array Source is underground of the palace. Destroying the Array Source will naturally break the formation, but this means you'll have to face the Imperial Family head on," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

Xu Nian fell silent.

A head-on battle with the Imperial Family didn't scare him.

In fact, he had considered it on his way here.

He knew that even if he didn't trouble the Imperial Family, they wouldn't let him off easily.

Xu Nian was ready for a thorough battle.

However, the application of Earth God Devouring Sky came with strong side effects.

Once used, he would likely end up at the mercy of others.

Hence, this method was undoubtedly risky.

"The second method is to devour!" Wentian Demon Sovereign responded.

"Devour?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Yes, devour. Since this Great Formation is maintained using the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy within the Imperial Capital, you could use this opportunity to absorb the Imperial Capital's Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy. Not only will this enhance your own Cultivation, but it will also break the Great Formation. When your devouring speed exceeds the energy accumulating speed of the Great Formation, it will collapse. However, this method is extremely dangerous, as you might be blown apart by the expanding Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy," Wentian Demon Sovereign warned.

Hearing this, Xu Nian's eyes suddenly lit up.

To devour the power of the Imperial Capital Array.

This truly mustn't be something an ordinary person would dare to contemplate, right?

After all, this was the Spiritual Energy of the entire Imperial Capital!

How could one person's Cultivation speed possibly exceed the Spiritual Energy absorption rate of an Imperial Capital Array?

But Xu Nian was different.

Not to mention his own absorption speed, the devouring speed of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast was horrifying.

"Fine, I'll go mad this once and devour all the Spiritual Energy of the entire Imperial Capital. Let's see if this Imperial Capital Array can hold up," Xu Nian murmured to himself with determination in his eyes.

"Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh!"

At that moment, Ice Blue and Xu Yu, among others, flew over from a distance.

Xu Nian knew when he saw Ice Blue and the others arriving that they had already annihilated the Fang Family.

"You have arrived at the perfect time. Look after my mother and the others for me, ensure their safety," Xu Nian instructed Ice Blue and the others.

"Yes, Hall Master!"

Ice Blue and the others responded immediately.

Then they moved to Xu Xin and Leng Yanran's side.

Xu Nian felt much more at ease seeing this scene.

He then stopped hesitating and sat down cross-legged straight away.

At the same time, Xu Nian waved his sleeve.

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast appeared before him.

The people around were all unclear what Xu Nian wanted to do.

"What's this kid trying to pull off?"

Even Xuan Hong looked curiously at Xu Nian.

At that moment, his defense had already enveloped the entire Divine River Palace.

In the short term, the Divine River Palace was unlikely to be in any danger.

Thus, he was very curious about what Xu Nian was planning to do next.

However, Xu Nian did not pay attention to the puzzled looks of the crowd.

Instead, he closed his eyes and began to circulate his cultivation technique.

The "Dan Sea Species Green Lotus" and the "Divine Demon Refining Body Technique" were deployed simultaneously.

Instantly, a strong suction force emerged.

The terrifying suction formed into a giant vortex of spiritual energy.

Indeed, these two major cultivation techniques were exceedingly against the heavens.

At this moment, as Xu Nian put forth his full power for the casting, one could imagine the magnitude of disturbance it created.

"Hum!"

Suddenly, a giant spiritual energy vortex, a kilometer in diameter, materialized in the sky.

The surrounding spiritual energy frantically rushed towards it, eventually pouring into Xu Nian's body.

"What a terrifying cultivation speed, what combat technique is the Hall Master practicing, and how could it cause such a large disturbance in the spiritual energy?" People from the Divine River Palace revealed their astonishment one after another.

Undoubtedly, the commotion caused by Xu Nian's cultivation had frightened them.

Xuan Hong, however, chuckled lightly.

He had already seen through Xu Nian's intentions.

Still, he shook his head.

This rate of absorption was still not fast enough to keep up with the recovery speed of the surrounding spiritual energy.

After all, the Imperial Capital was not completely sealed off.

With the city gates open, spiritual energy was continuously replenished within the city.

So he did not think that Xu Nian's swallowing speed could affect the Great Formation.

"Roar!"

However, at that moment, the avatar of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast let out a fierce roar.

Then, everyone saw the Undying Devouring Sky Beast opening its massive maw.

"Hum!"

Instantly, a supermassive suction force emanated from that gaping mouth.

The massive spiritual energy was drawn directly into the mouth of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The spiritual energy vortex in the sky instantly expanded tenfold.

At that moment, the spiritual energy of the entire Imperial Capital was being drawn.

A giant spiritual energy vortex, nearly ten thousand meters in diameter, formed in the sky.

At this moment, the entire population of the Imperial Capital was alarmed.

They could feel the surrounding Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy rushing crazily towards the center of the vortex.

At this point, deep within the Emperor Palace.

Emperor Tianhen stood before the hall.

Staring intently at the giant spiritual energy vortex in the sky.

His eyes became extremely gloomy.

At this moment, the spiritual energy of the entire Emperor Palace was rapidly depleting.

If this continued, the Imperial Capital Array would certainly collapse.

"Summon the Mo Family's three brothers to the Divine River Palace, and make sure that they stop Xu Nian from continuing to absorb the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy," Emperor Tianhen commanded directly towards the empty grand hall.

These three brothers of the Mo Family were the last three Battle Emperors of the Imperial Family.

Currently, with the ancestor not out of seclusion, he naturally could not allow Xu Nian to continue to act recklessly.

"Yes!"

A low voice echoed from the shadows.

Immediately after, a black light disappeared inside the grand hall.

Chapter 703 The Great Formation is Broken

Xu Nian was frantically absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy around him.

As he absorbed it, his Cultivation also continued to rise.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian's Spiritual Cultivation directly broke through to the Six-star Battle Emperor Realm, and it was still increasing.

His Body Cultivation also experienced a significant increase.

At this moment, it had reached the peak of the Five-star Body Emperor.

All of this was thanks to the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The effect produced by the simultaneous absorption of Spiritual Energy through three major Cultivation Techniques was undoubtedly terrifying.

The crowds around were also dumbstruck.

This was the first time they had seen someone's cultivation cause such a huge commotion.

Xuan Hong was somewhat astonished.

Even during his peak period in the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm when he used his Cultivation Techniques, he might not have caused such a huge commotion.

The youngster in front of him truly took him by surprise.

And that Demon Beast avatar, such a fearsome beast, was also something he had seen for the first time.

"Buzz!"

Just at that moment, a strong fluctuation came from the horizon.

Then, three fierce beams shot towards Xu Nian, who was sitting cross-legged.

These weren't just any beams; they were three incredibly sharp Spirit Axes.

Xuan Hong's eyes narrowed, and he let out a disdainful snort.

"Buzz!"

With a sweep of his sleeve,

the hurtling Spirit Axes stopped less than a meter away from Xu Nian.

"Huh?"

A surprised and questioning voice came from a distance in the shadows.

"Scram!"

Xuan Hong shouted loudly.

The hovering giant axes immediately flew back the way they came.

"Ahhhh..."

A series of screams arose.

The three individuals hiding in the shadows died on the spot.

Yes, they were the Mo Family's three brothers, whom Emperor Tianhen had just summoned.

These three Nine-star War Emperors died without even showing their faces.

...

"Your Majesty, the Mo Family's three brothers are all dead in battle!"

In the Emperor Palace, a man in black spoke to the Emperor seated high above.

His voice clearly trembled.

He obviously knew that the Emperor had reached the brink of a rampage.

"Useless, all of you are useless!" Emperor Tianhen roared, his aura bursting forth.

"Puff!"

The man in black was blown away, crashing into a wall.

He was dead.

A Battle Saint Level, unable to withstand the aura of a Supreme Battle Emperor Level expert.

As soon as the Battle Saint died, men in black emerged from the shadows, carrying away his body.

"Your Majesty, calm your anger. Xu Nian has a super expert by his side. It should be the Xuanwu Netherworld Turtle from the Ancient Spiritual Sect, whose realm has reached Heavenly Phenomenon. The Mo Family's three brothers couldn't even get close to him," a voice spoke again from the shadows.

The Imperial Family controlled a massive intelligence department.

It comprised hundreds of members, all of whom were Battle King Level or above.

These people, like shadows, followed the commands of the Emperor.

Normally, they handled various matters for Emperor Tianhen.

But today's battle had exceeded their capabilities.

With their strength, they could only relay intelligence for Emperor Tianhen.

Nothing else could be done.

"A Heavenly Phenomenon Realm Xuanwu Netherworld Turtle? Why would such a powerful being willingly follow this Xu Nian?" Emperor Tianhen said angrily.

"It is said that Xu Nian released the Xuanwu Netherworld Turtle from a Small World, and it vowed to protect him for half a year. Your Majesty, what should we do? If this continues, in less than two hours, the Imperial Capital Array will collapse," the person in the shadows asked again.

Emperor Tianhen's brows were tightly furrowed.

Clearly, he was very wary of the Xuanwu Netherworld Turtle.

By now, Xu Nian had grown to a point where even the Imperial Family was helpless.

"It seems we can only wait for the ancestor to emerge from seclusion. It will be soon. Once the ancestor emerges, Xu Nian, today will be your end, even if you have a Heavenly Phenomenon Realm Xuan Turtle to protect you," Emperor Tianhen said angrily.

Sending more people now would be useless.

After all, that Xuan Turtle was too powerful.

Inside the territories of the Xu Family of the empire.

Three Battle Emperor Level experts stood in front of the sect's gate.

As they looked up at the massive storm in the sky, their hearts were filled with both shock and awe.

They all knew who was the one stirring up the Spiritual Energy of the entire Imperial Capital.

And they were very clear about the reason why the Fang Family was annihilated.

For this young man, who had numerous ties with their Xu Family.

They truly regretted from the bottom of their hearts.

Regretted how they had treated Xu Nian in the past.

Now, they had already revoked the position of Family Head Xu.

It was Xu Nian's grandfather who was appointed as the new Family Head of the Xu Family.

Xu Nian had also heard about it from Xu Xin and others through the Communication Spirit Talisman.

He knew this was the Xu Family making their stance clear to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was also pleased with this.

If it weren't for considering his grandfather, mother, and sister's feelings,

Xu Nian would have long since annihilated the Xu Family.

After all, Xu Nian had no feelings for the Xu Family.

The Leng Family felt the same, but they were also relieved.

Because of Leng Yanran, Xu Nian had not troubled them.

But the Lin Family was different.

At this moment, they were extremely anxious.

They were truly afraid that Xu Nian would also order their Lin Family to be exterminated.

Terrified, they arranged for their important family disciples to quietly leave the Imperial Capital.

Xu Nian, however, paid no heed to these matters at this time.

Right now, he had reached a critical moment in his cultivation.

By now, the Spiritual Energy of the entire Imperial Capital had been almost entirely depleted by them.

And his Body Cultivation had also reached the realm of a Seven-star Body Emperor.

His Spiritual Cultivation had also reached the realm of an Eight-star Battle Emperor.

This frenzied absorption was,

undoubtedly like taking a miraculous Spirit Pill for him, making his Cultivation skyrocket.

The gains for the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar were also substantial.

It had now reached the peak of the Eight-star Demon Emperor.

In terms of combat power, even a regular Supreme Battle Emperor was no match for it.

The Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy was finally completely absorbed.

The Great Array in the sky of the Imperial Capital was also on the verge of collapse now.

Xu Nian smiled faintly, a Immortal Sword appearing in his hand.

"Mixed Element Slash!"

Xu Nian shouted loudly.

The sword in his hand immediately chopped out.

Instantly, a massive gap was torn in the Great Array in the sky.

Eventually, the whole Great Array completely collapsed.

Without the support of Spiritual Energy, the Great Array naturally crumbled as though it were made of paper.

The people from the Divine River Palace all around witnessed this scene,

and they all showed expressions of surprise.

Followed by elation.

"The Imperial Capital Great Array has really been broken!" Everyone was surprised in their hearts.

With the Imperial Capital Array broken,

they too were safe now.

Xu Nian also smiled faintly.

Without the Imperial Capital Great Array, the Imperial Family had lost a trump card.

The only thing left to be cautious about was perhaps the Tianhen Ancestor who had not yet appeared!

"Hum!"

However, at this moment.

A purple light soared into the sky from within the empire.

A giant purple sword struck the heavens.

A powerful fluctuation immediately pervaded the entire Imperial Capital, making everyone's heart tremble.

"This... this is..."

Everyone in the Imperial Capital was drawn by this fluctuation, showing surprised looks.

Even Xuan Hong's eyes showed a look of astonishment as he exclaimed in shock, "This is impossible, how can there be fluctuations of the Zifu True Essence?"

Chapter 704 - 704 Tianhen Ancestor

"Zifu Cultivator?"

Xu Nian, upon hearing the words of Xuan Hong beside him, also showed a surprised expression on his face.

If it were merely a Zifu Cultivator, Xuan Hong wouldn't have been so surprised.

The only possibility that could have evoked such a shocked exclamation from him must have been that the Zifu Cultivator he mentioned was a true one, not one whose realm was suppressed.

Then there was this fluctuation.

This purple fluctuation was very powerful, powerful enough to permeate the entire Imperial Capital.

However, this fluctuation was different from that of Spiritual Energy.

The energy within this fluctuation was clearly more domineering and powerful than Spiritual Energy.

"Could this really be the legendary True Essence? But hasn't this world already been suppressed? How could there still be a true Zifu Cultivator?" Xu Nian wondered in his heart, puzzled.

"Ha ha, I've broken through, I've finally broken through."

However, at that moment, a hearty laugh came from deep within the Emperor Palace.

Then, everyone saw the buildings of the Emperor Palace directly explode.

An aged figure burst out from the blasted buildings.

The fluctuations radiating from his body directly crushed all the surrounding buildings into dust.

A terrifying aura burst forth from his body like waves.

Sweeping across the entire Imperial Capital.

"Congratulations to the Ancestor for breaking through to the Zifu Realm!"

The figure of Emperor Tianhen also appeared in the air.

He immediately knelt down in midair.

His voice was loud and clear, echoing throughout the entire Imperial Capital.

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

They all looked towards the old man.

When they saw the figure of this elder, they all showed surprised expressions.

Looking at the kneeling Emperor Tianhen beside him, their hearts were even more staggeringly shocked.

They immediately guessed the identity of this elder.

The founding emperor of the Tianhen Empire, the Ancestor of the Tianhen Imperial Family, Xia Tianhen.

It had long been rumored that he was still alive.

Unexpectedly, he really was still alive in this world.

Not only that, his Cultivation had truly broken through the constraints of heaven and earth and reached the Zifu Realm.

It had to be known that breaking through to Zifu and not breaking through were completely different matters.

A cultivator who truly reached the Zifu Realm was far more formidable than Xuan Hong, whose Cultivation was suppressed.

After all, he was a cultivator who could truly utilize True Essence.

And the quality of True Essence far surpassed that of Spiritual Energy.

"Kid, it looks like you're in big trouble now," Xuan Hong said to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian smiled.

Although he didn't speak, the hint of bitterness at the corner of his mouth was self-evident.

But soon, that bit of bitterness was dispelled by Xu Nian, replaced by a kind of unyielding determination.

So what if you are powerful?

Even if I die fighting today, I must shake your thousand-year dynasty.

"Buzz!"

At the same time, the elder in the distance also looked towards Xu Nian.

The moment his gaze landed on Xu Nian.

Xu Nian distinctly felt an intense oppressive force coming from the heavens and earth.

This oppressive feeling, though slightly weaker than the aura brought by Xuan Hong, was much more real.

Like a colossal mountain pressing down on Xu Nian.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian released the power of his Spiritual Sense from the Zifu Realm, which made him feel much relieved.

"Ah!"

A distant elder emitted a light exclamation.

Clearly, he hadn't expected that the imposing aura he had gathered with his cultivation would be so easily dissolved by Xu Nian.

"Hum!"

The elder took a step forward.

The space beneath his feet suddenly rippled like waves.

His figure, resembling instant teleportation, appeared directly a hundred yards in front of Xu Nian.

"What terrifying speed, is this the true Zifu Realm?"

Xu Nian exclaimed in shock.

The speed demonstrated by the Tianhen Ancestor was indeed frightening.

To think that just a second ago, the Tianhen Ancestor was still more than ten miles away from him.

In merely the blink of an eye, he had appeared a hundred yards in front.

Such terrifying speed was indeed shocking.

"Are you Xu Nian?"

After sizing up Xu Nian, the Tianhen Ancestor asked.

His tone carried a condescending air.

"Are you the Tianhen Ancestor?"

Xu Nian, not to be outdone, mimicked the Tianhen Ancestor's tone.

The onlookers from the Imperial Capital were all surprised.

This Xu Nian truly was a fearless newbie.

To speak so arrogantly in front of the Tianhen Ancestor.

However, the Tianhen Ancestor just smiled and said, "Young man, I have lived for a thousand years. Logically, I am your senior. Isn't your tone a bit disrespectful?"

"Respect?" Xu Nian smiled, his smile cooling a few degrees, "Standing here, talking to you calmly, I consider that quite respectful. Tianhen Ancestor, have you lived a thousand years just for today's breakthrough?"

"Well spoken, sharp-tongued lad. You're right, I have indeed lived a thousand years for today. Don't you know what stepping into the Zifu Realm means?"

"What does it mean?" Xu Nian asked coldly.

"It means rebirth. Once you step into the Zifu, you gain three thousand years of life, qualified to pursue immortality. What so-called Battle Emperor, Supreme Battle Emperor, without entering Zifu, they are but ants," the Tianhen Ancestor explained, becoming more enthusiastic as he spoke.

Xu Nian smiled.

It seemed that this breakthrough made the Tianhen Ancestor a bit too self-congratulatory.

However, it was indeed baffling for Xu Nian that someone could achieve a breakthrough to the Zifu Realm in this confined space.

"Boy, are you wondering how I managed to break into the Zifu Realm?" the Tianhen Ancestor asked with a smile.

"Oh? Are you willing to tell?" Xu Nian asked with a cold laugh.

The Tianhen Ancestor, detecting Xu Nian's tone, his face flickered with a hint of mockery as he coldly laughed, "Actually, to break through the Zifu Realm in this confined space depends on nothing else but Fortune."

"Fortune?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"That's right, Fortune. Though this space is confined by a powerful Immortal, he's strong but still just an Immortal, not the real Heavenly Dao. So when your Fortune is strong enough, it can break his restraints, freeing you from his confinement. And this Fortune relies on the dragon veins," the Tianhen Ancestor explained with a light laugh.

"Dragon veins?" Xu Nian's face immediately showed an even more astonished expression.

"Dragon veins?" Xu Nian repeated, still confused.

Weren't the dragon veins supposed to be with him?

Where did the Tianhen Ancestor get dragon veins for a breakthrough?

Could it be...

"Haha, you guessed it right. I have waited a thousand years for the Great Formation of dragon veins, which you didn't expect. Through the Fortune of Emperor Tianhen, I have condensed a new dragon vein, which I used to achieve my breakthrough to the Zifu Realm," the Tianhen Ancestor laughed heartily.

After he finished speaking, a massive purple dragon soared up behind him.

The huge dragon shape hovered in the air.

A pair of enormous dragon eyes looked down on Xu Nian.

"Is it really the dragon veins?"

The surrounding people all showed surprised expressions.

They had not expected the Tianhen Ancestor to really condense a new dragon vein.

Chapter 705: The War Erupts

Xu Nian finally understood.

Why the Tianhen Ancestor had broken through the Zifu Realm.

It turned out to be the great fortune of the dragon vein blessing him.

Xu Nian had heard from Emperor Bai before.

That having the fortune of the dragon vein could break the shackles of heaven and earth.

And the Tianhen Ancestor had long coveted this dragon vein.

Now it seemed that all of this was true.

The dragon vein did indeed possess the ability to break the restraints of heaven and earth.

But unexpectedly, Xu Nian had obtained the dragon vein,

Yet the Tianhen Ancestor had created a new dragon vein and stepped into the Zifu Realm in advance.

"I really want to know how you have managed to live so long without breaking through the Zifu Realm in these thousand years," Xu Nian asked, looking at the Tianhen Ancestor.

Even at the Supreme Battle Emperor Level, one could only live at most five hundred years.

The Tianhen Ancestor had lived for a thousand years.

There must be something special about him.

"Haha, since you want to know, I will satisfy your curiosity. After all, I haven't appeared in the public eye for nearly a thousand years. It's time for the world to know about my great deeds," the Tianhen Ancestor laughed heartily.

Xu Nian smiled silently, quietly waiting for Xia Tianhen's answer.

"Actually, more than five hundred years ago, I was nearly at the end of my life's tether, but unexpectedly, fate was kind to me. I found a meteorite from outer space, the Tianjian Stele. On this sword stele, there was a supreme heart method recorded. Although this heart method couldn't increase strength, it was able to absorb the spiritual energy of heaven and earth, nourishing my body and extending my lifespan. It is with the heart method from the Tianjian Stele that I have managed to live to this day," the Tianhen Ancestor declared proudly.

Xu Nian was momentarily startled.

Hadn't Wudi's master, the Wine King, said that a fearsome powerhouse was hidden behind the Tianhen Empire?

Listening to the Tianhen Ancestor, it seemed he had survived till now by his own means?

"Kid, stop wondering. The Tianhen Ancestor is lying. If I'm not mistaken, the strong force behind the Tianhen Ancestor is precisely that Tianjian Stele," the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"The Tianjian Stele? How can a stele be a powerhouse?" Xu Nian asked in surprise and confusion.

"You probably don't understand. All things possess spirit. If I'm not wrong, a powerful innate spirit must have been born within that Tianjian Stele. This innate spirit is very strong and is actually what has been extending the Tianhen Ancestor's lifespan," Wentian Demon Sovereign explained.

"An innate spirit?" Xu Nian revealed a look of surprise.

If Wentian Demon Sovereign was right,

That could indeed be troublesome.

Innate spirits are usually born from the spiritual intelligence of heaven and earth.

These types of spirits typically emerge within powerful spirit stones or spiritual treasures.

They are incredibly rare!

And the longer an innate spirit exists, the stronger it becomes.

Powerful Artifact Refiners usually capture these innate spirits

And integrate them into their weapons, turning them into artifact spirits.

It seemed the Tianhen Ancestor had encountered a very powerful innate spirit with high spiritual intelligence.

But instead of controlling the innate spirit, the Tianhen Ancestor was controlled by it.

"Senior Wentian, is there no way to deal with the Tianhen Ancestor?" Xu Nian asked through a psychic transmission to Wentian Demon Sovereign.

"It won't be easy. Although this guy has just entered the Zifu Realm, he has already mastered True Essence. Not to mention you, even the Xuan Turtle next to you might not be a match for him," Wentian Demon Sovereign replied.

"Then is there no way?" Xu Nian asked anxiously.

A major battle was inevitable between him and the Tianhen Ancestor now.

If there was no way to deal with the Tianhen Ancestor,

Today, his life might be forfeited here.

"There is a way, but it's still the same advice. If you use the third level of Earth God Devouring Sky, you might be able to contend with him, but the cost will be enormous," Wentian Demon Sovereign said.

"Earth God Devouring Sky Third Level?" Xu Nian mused to himself.

When he had used the second level of Earth God Devouring Sky previously, his body was already overwhelmed.

Using the third level now might be strenuous.

But without using it, death was the only other option.

"It seems I have to take the risk," Xu Nian said to himself.

"Senior Xuan Hong, I will need your help later to hold off the Tianhen Ancestor," Xu Nian transmitted his voice to Xuan Hong beside him.

"Kid, let me make it clear beforehand," replied Xuan Hong through voice transmission, "I can help you escape, but I won't be able to look after your relatives or anything like that. If you're thinking of fighting, I can't defeat this guy. At most, I can only hold him off for 15 minutes."

"15 minutes is enough," Xu Nian thought for a moment and then transmitted back.

Escape!

That was impossible.

He had already witnessed the speed of the Tianhen Ancestor.

Escaping from his grasp would undoubtedly be harder than reaching the heavens.

So now, he had only one path left, and that was to fight!

15 minutes was enough time for him to use Earth God Devouring Sky.

Earth God Devouring Sky Third Level, Swallowing the Sun!

Yes, this third level would consume the Power of the Sun directly above.

If one's physical strength wasn't sufficient, they would be burned alive by this Power of the Sun.

With Xu Nian's current physical strength, he was only just able to use it.

"Kid, I've said everything I need to say. If you have any last words, make them now because today, I'm going to celebrate my breakthrough with your blood," said Tianhen Ancestor as he stepped forward.

A surge of purple Sword Qi instantly shot up to the sky.

The thick clouds in the sky were split open as if by a giant sword.

A glorious dawn light cascaded down.

"I do have a last word, eat my hammer!" Xu Nian's eyes suddenly sharpened.

The Kunlun Hammer suddenly appeared in his hand, and he ferociously hurled it towards the Tianhen Ancestor.

"Trivial skill!"

Tianhen Ancestor sneered coldly and simply extended a hand.

"Clang!"

The hammer was actually blocked by the Tianhen Ancestor with one hand.

However, the force that erupted from the hammer still forced the old man to take a step back.

This step landed on the void, directly exploding the air with a thunderous roar.

Xu Nian, witnessing this scene, was also somewhat astonished.

He had not expected his considerably heavy Kunlun Hammer to be blocked single-handedly by the Tianhen Ancestor.

Tianhen Ancestor was equally shocked.

The weight of the hammer was somewhat beyond his expectations.

"Hum!"

Before he could recover,

Xu Nian had already retrieved the Kunlun Hammer.

At the same time, Xuan Hong's figure had already reached in front of Tianhen Ancestor, launching a punch at him.

Tianhen Ancestor had long noticed Xuan Hong,

and certainly knew the other's origin and true form.

But as a genuine Zifu, he was not at all afraid of the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon in front of him.

"Boom!"

He mobilized True Essence and directly threw a punch.

The terrifying force burst forth.

Xuan Hong was directly pushed back hundreds of meters by this punch.

While Tianhen Ancestor only took three steps back.

The disparity in strength was dramatically evident!

The surrounding crowd was all astonished beyond expectation.

This level of battle had far exceeded their imagination.

And while everyone's attention was drawn to the fight between Xuan Hong and Tianhen Ancestor, Xu Nian was already sitting cross-legged in mid-air.

He began to operate the Earth God Devouring Heaven Secret Technique!

Chapter 706: Strength Overwhelming

The Earth God Devouring Sky was unleashed.

Instantly, the sun in the sky burst into a radiant brilliance.

And this radiance, astonishingly, all fell upon Xu Nian.

At that moment, Xu Nian's body seemed to ignite with roaring flames, emitting a dazzling light.

As the illumination continued to rain down upon Xu Nian.

The aura emanating from Xu Nian was also soaring ceaselessly.

"Eh, Xu Nian is using a secret technique, could it be that he intends to use it to battle the Tianhen Ancestor?"

"It looks like he's deploying a secret technique, but what's the use? The Tianhen Ancestor is a genuine Zifu Cultivator, he's not even the Supreme Battle Emperor, how could he be an opponent for the Tianhen Ancestor?"

Discussions were heard from the surroundings.

Clearly, everyone was drawn by the fluctuations emanating from Xu Nian.

However, the majority were pessimistic about Xu Nian's chances.

Thinking that what Xu Nian was doing was in vain.

On the side of the Divine River Palace, Leng Yanran and the others were looking on with concern.

They knew that even if Xu Nian managed to defeat the Tianhen Ancestor with such a secret technique, his own situation would be dire.

However, they also knew that Xu Nian had no choice but to proceed.

They could only keep their distress buried in their hearts.

On the other side, Xuan Hong had once again engaged in battle with the Tianhen Ancestor.

His goal was to assist by holding off the Tianhen Ancestor, to buy time for Xu Nian.

The Tianhen Ancestor naturally noticed Xu Nian's action and saw through his intentions.

However, this Xuan Turtle was extremely difficult to deal with.

His attacks landing on the shell defense formed by the Xuan Turtle caused only a tremor on the shell.

It was impossible to breach the Xuan Turtle's defenses in a short period of time.

"Boom, boom, boom!"

The Tianhen Ancestor unleashed three palm strikes in quick succession.

Each palm contained immensely powerful True Essence.

Strong enough to explode a small-sized city.

However, Xuan Hong's shell, condensed from Spiritual Energy, just wobbled before the disturbance settled.

"Humph, do you think you can buy him time by stopping me?" the Tianhen Ancestor laughed lightly as he fought Xuan Hong.

"My purpose is to hold you back, that's enough for me," Xuan Hong insisted stubbornly.

The Tianhen Ancestor responded with a disdainful sneer, continuing the battle while shouting toward the distant Emperor Tianhen, "Go, disrupt Xu Nian's secret technique for me!"

"Yes, Ancestor!" Emperor Tianhen immediately replied.

Having said that, he rushed towards Xu Nian at high speed.

He had long wanted to deal with Xu Nian.

Xu Nian had killed his four sons.

The hatred in his heart for Xu Nian was already immeasurable.

Now that he had received the order from the Ancestor, he was extremely pleased.

"Hum!"

All he did was wield a sharp sword and transform into a purple Thunderclap.

With powerful lightning, he swung down at Xu Nian.

The Thunderclap was vast and fiercely struck towards Xu Nian.

The might of the Thunderclap contained within this lightning was tremendously terrifying.

The Thunderclap Sky Explosion Profound Argumentation.

At this moment, it was fully showcased.

Within the Thunderclap, there was even the essence of the Emperor's domineering spirit.

"This is Emperor Tianhen's Purple Thunder Emperor Technique. Looks like Xu Nian really is in dire straits this time. Even if he doesn't die, his secret technique will surely be interrupted."

"Yeah, Emperor Tianhen has cultivated in seclusion for decades, his strength is not to be underestimated, certainly not comparable to Qi Lei."

...

The powerful figures from the Imperial Capital spectating from afar muttered among themselves.

Even from a great distance, they could feel the irresistible imperial dominion contained within the Sword Intent.

"I'll go help Brother!" Xu Yu hastily said.

But he was held back by a firm grip from Black Wind.

"Don't worry, Big Brother has his own way of dealing with it, have you forgotten that Big Brother is not alone?" said Black Wind.

He carried the Bai Ze Bloodline, his intellect was extremely sharp.

He naturally anticipated what was about to happen.

"Roar!"

Just when everyone thought that Xu Nian's secret technique would be interrupted by the Thunderclap Sword Radiance.

A roar emanated from the Void.

Then, everyone saw a huge claw reach out from the Void.

Splitting the Thunderclap Sword Radiance in half by force.

"He actually withstood the Thunderclap Emperor Sword!"

The crowd around suddenly let out cries of shock.

Emperor Tianhen also frowned.

He then remembered that Xu Nian still had a powerful Demon Beast Avatar.

"Roar!"

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar stepped out from the void.

Its massive body, glossy black Scale Armor, and cold blood-red eyes gave off a strong visual oppression.

"Xu Nian, you think you can stop me with your Demon Beast Avatar? Today, I will avenge my four sons," Emperor Tianhen snorted coldly.

Then, the purple lightning surged again.

The emperor's majesty roared like a storm.

The Thunderclap Purple Sword in his hand, wrapped with the purple Thunder Dragon, dominated the surroundings with its overwhelming presence.

However, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar simply snorted with contempt, showing no regard for Emperor Tianhen's actions.

"Seeking death! Emperor's Thunder Fury!"

Emperor Tianhen let out a loud shout.

The sharp sword in his hand immediately swung down again.

This one sword tore a Thunderclap Sword Light in the air, nearly a hundred zhang long.

To split mountains with one sword.

Would be nothing more than this!

The crowd around took a deep breath of cold air.

If this sword were to behead them.

Not only would they die, but perhaps half of the Imperial Capital would be destroyed in an instant.

It was truly terrifying.

Yet, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar looked at this huge Sword Radiance.

A hint of mocking interest flashed in its eyes.

The giant wings behind it flashed instantly.

Charging towards the terrifying Sword Radiance.

"What? Is he planning to take on this Sword Radiance with his body?"

The crowd immediately cried out in surprise.

Xu Nian's actions left them utterly shocked.

Even Emperor Tianhen was startled by Xu Nian's move.

Just when everyone thought Xu Nian's bizarre beast avatar was courting death.

The head of the bizarre beast suddenly enlarged.

That huge maw resembled a vast black hole.

Directly swallowing the Thunderclap Sword Light in one gulp.

"What?"

The crowd was utterly dumbfounded.

Some even rubbed their eyes, unwilling to believe what they were seeing.

A hundred zhang long Thunderclap Sword Light, just gulped down?

What the hell kind of Demon Beast is this?

Emperor Tianhen was also shocked.

However, before his surprise could fade away.

He found that the space around him had seemingly solidified.

A giant Demon Beast's claw fiercely swatted towards him.

"Damn it!"

Emperor Tianhen roared in anger, quickly mobilizing the purple lightning.

To form a Thunderclap Dragon, attempting to resist the Thunderclap claw.

At the same time, trying to break free from the bonds of lightning.

"Boom!"

However, his Thunderclap Dragon dispersed instantly when it hit the claw.

And that gigantic beast claw, without any hindrance,

fiercely struck Emperor Tianhen's body.

"Boom!"

An earth-shattering noise.

The Emperor Tianhen was forcefully smashed into the ground by the claw of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar.

The ground instantly burst open, forming a huge pit.

The crowd around took another deep breath of cold air.

It was only at this moment that they realized how formidable Xu Nian's avatar beast truly was.

And at that moment, Xu Nian used two claws to pinch Emperor Tianhen's collar.

Lifting him up and tossing him towards that huge maw, akin to a black hole.

"He's going to..."

The surrounding crowd discerned Xu Nian Avatar's intentions.

Stunned, they found themselves unable to speak.

Chapter 707: A World-Shocking Blade

Emperor Tianhen was disoriented by the blow from the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar.

Just as he regained his senses, he saw himself being gripped by Xu Nian's monstrous avatar and thrown towards the gaping maw.

Emperor Tianhen panicked and quickly summoned the thunder to break free from the clutches of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar's giant claw.

However, to his shock, his thunder attack had no effect on the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar.

He was on the verge of being thrown into the massive mouth.

Once swallowed, death was certain.

The surrounding crowd was also stunned.

Could it be that Emperor Tianhen was going to be eaten just like that?

"Xu Nian, you forced my hand."

At that moment, Emperor Tianhen let out a loud shout.

A terrifying surge of lightning light then enveloped him.

Even in his purple pupils, powerful purple thunder raged.

"Boom!"

The hand of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar was forcibly opened.

The terrifying aura pushed its massive body back.

"Is that... the Xia Family's Thunder God Summoning Technique?" someone in the crowd exclaimed.

"Yes, it's the Thunder God Summoning Technique, a powerful secret technique said to sacrifice one's own fortune to release strength several times greater than before," someone explained.

Eyes around revealed surprised expressions.

Nobody expected Emperor Tianhen to be driven to this point.

"Xu Nian, die!"

Emperor Tianhen roared, his purple Thunder Sword reappearing in his hand.

He swung the sword at Xu Nian.

His momentum was fierce and powerful, as if capable of splitting the heavens and the earth.

Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar watched this scene with a slight smirk.

Looking at the charging Emperor Tianhen, disdain flickered in its eyes.

"Hum!"

A gleam flashed in the eyes of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar.

Suddenly, the space around them started rippling.

The purple thunder from Emperor Tianhen's attack was completely shattered by this spatial ripple.

"Space Crushing? How is this possible?" Emperor Tianhen immediately wore an expression of shock.

After deploying the secret technique, his thunder attack had grown several times stronger.

Yet, it was now crushed by this invisible force of space.

What kind of beast was this, mastering such terrifying spatial power?

"Hum!"

At that moment, a terrifying spatial fluctuation arrived.

Then, Emperor Tianhen felt the space around him stretching out like countless tentacles.

He was wrapped tightly, completely immobilized.

"No... Ancestor save me!" Emperor Tianhen struggled a few times and, failing to break free, shouted for help.

Far away, Tianhen Ancestor frowned, ready to intervene.

However, he was tied up by Xuan Hong.

At the same time, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast opened its massive mouth.

It swallowed Emperor Tianhen in one gulp.

The surrounding crowd was dumbfounded.

Emperor Tianhen had actually been swallowed.

This was a Supreme Battle Emperor Level powerhouse!

Swallowed just like that.

How could Xu Nian's avatar be so powerful?

Leng Yanran and others were also incredibly surprised.

In their minds, Emperor Tianhen had always been an extremely powerful being.

And now, he had been swallowed by Xu Nian in one gulp.

This was something they had never even dared to imagine.

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar showed no significant surprise.

By now, its cultivation had reached the peak of an Eight-star Demon Emperor.

He was close to breaking through to the Nine-star Demon Emperor level.

With his abnormal defense and Space Profound Argumentation attribute, killing a Supreme Battle Emperor Level was naturally not a difficult task.

However, Xu Nian's actions had infuriated Tianhen Ancestor at his side.

"Get lost!"

Tianhen Ancestor roared loudly.

Then he directly slapped his palm onto Xuan Hong's defensive shell.

"Boom!"

A thunderous noise shook the heavens.

Though the shell did not shatter, Xuan Hong's entire body was blasted away.

Like a meteorite, he smashed into a distant building.

Directly collapsing a huge palace.

"Tianhen Ancestor has shown his power!"

"Yes, Xu Nian killed Emperor Tianhen, and now almost all of the Imperial Family are dead, all because of Xu Nian. How could Tianhen Ancestor not be furious?"

The surrounding crowd discussed.

It was clear that Tianhen Ancestor was already angered.

Yet deep within, they still greatly admired Xu Nian.

A youth not even twenty years old,

had single-handedly brought down a thousand-year-old dynasty to such ruin.

Even if he died here today, his name would be remembered through the ages.

"Xu Nian, you dared to disrupt the foundation of my empire, today I must kill you," Tianhen Ancestor stared intently at the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar, his eyes filled with intense killing intent.

"It is because your empire is incompetent; had the Xia Family not provoked me, why would I disrupt your court?" the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar coldly retorted.

Only officials are allowed to set fires, not the common folk—such is the common ailment of all great powers.

"Hmph, no amount of your words matter, today I will use your blood to warn everyone that my Imperial Family is not something common people like you can contend with," Tianhen Ancestor snorted coldly.

Immediately, he transformed into a shadowy figure and appeared right in front of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar.

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar was startled and quickly mobilized Space Power to form a space barrier.

"Humph, useless, in front of my True Essence, all your defenses are futile," Tianhen Ancestor bellowed.

He then slapped down on the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar.

"Boom!"

True Essence dissipated.

The Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar immediately felt an immensely powerful force explode upon him.

Then the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar directly rolled out,

destroying a swath of buildings far away.

The surrounding crowd all gasped.

Previously, Emperor Tianhen was only abused in front of this fragment of Xu Nian.

But even this avatar of Xu Nian still only got brutally abused in front of Tianhen Ancestor.

"Hmph, go die!"

Tianhen Ancestor roared again, then his hand transformed into a blade, slashing out a terrifying Sword Light.

This Sword Light was entirely condensed from True Essence,

the fluctuations from it caused one's heart to palpitate.

This slash, if it landed, might obliterate half of the Imperial Capital.

Xu Nian was likely doomed!

"Boom!"

A colossal sound akin to a sky thunder,

a long, massive rift immediately tore through the landscape, creating a gigantic sword mark ravine.

The storm created by the Sword Light completely leveled both sides of the mark.

It was fortunate that Divine River Palace was located in a secluded area.

Had this slash fallen at the city center,

perhaps it would have resulted in tens of thousands of casualties.

The crowd around was dumbstruck.

Some with weaker Cultivation even felt their legs go weak.

They watched the sky filled with dust,

sighing in their hearts.

Even if this avatar of Xu Nian was incredibly strong, it probably couldn't withstand this terrifying attack.

After all, this slash was just too powerful, too frightening.

Chapter 708: Ice Domain

Leng Yanran and the others were also shocked to their cores.

Yet, what worried them more was concern.

After all, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast was Xu Nian's avatar.

It was like another life for Xu Nian.

If this Demon Beast were to die, it would surely have a tremendous impact on Xu Nian.

So, when they saw the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar being cleaved by that sword,

Their hearts were filled with endless pain.

"Damn it, this old geezer actually treats Brother's avatar like this, if I get the chance, I'll make sure he pays," Xu Yu said angrily.

The power of this sword was simply too terrifying.

Below Zifu, to withstand such a strike,

One would hardly survive.

Tianhen Ancestor, on the other hand, looked at everyone with disdain.

Then he couldn't be bothered to look at Xu Nian's avatar anymore and turned his gaze towards Xu Nian himself.

In his eyes, having been struck by his sword, Xu Nian's avatar simply couldn't survive.

"Roar!"

However, just at that moment,

A roar came from afar.

The dust was scattered by the roar.

Xu Nian's Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar once again appeared before everyone's eyes.

However, on the back of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar, there was a long, massive gash.

Clearly, although it had survived that strike, it had also sustained serious injuries.

"How is it not dead? My heavens, what kind of Demon Beast is this? How could its defenses be so strong?"

"Yeah, look, although its Scale Armor is shattered, its sinews and bones are unharmed. If it were any other Demon Beast, its entire body would probably have been cleaved in half."

...

There were exclamations of shock all around.

Clearly, they were astonished by the Undying Devouring Sky Beast's incredible defensive strength.

Tianhen Ancestor was also a bit surprised.

He hadn't expected Xu Nian's avatar to still be alive.

"Xu Nian, what kind of Demon Beast is this avatar of yours?" Tianhen Ancestor asked in surprise.

"You are not worthy of knowing!" the low voice of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar sounded.

Tianhen Ancestor's eyes immediately darkened.

"Young man, arrogance comes with a price. Shouldn't you be pleading with me to go easy, to give you a swift end?" Tianhen Ancestor said with scorn.

"Old Undying, you might be celebrating too early," the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar said with a cold laugh.

Tianhen Ancestor's gaze turned sinister, his eyes brimming with killing intent.

"Swoosh!"

Tianhen Ancestor's figure once again transformed into an afterimage.

In the blink of an eye, he was up close to the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

His palm was emitting a surge of incredibly powerful Sword Qi.

He swung his sword towards the head of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The fluctuations contained in this sword were clearly much more ferocious than the previous Sword Light.

However, this time, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar seemed as if it didn't notice at all,

Allowing Tianhen Ancestor to cleave down.

"Is it seeking its own death?"

The surrounding crowd, seeing the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar offering no resistance, all thought Xu Nian had given up the struggle.

However, just when everyone thought the head of Xu Nian's Demon Beast avatar was about to be cut off by Tianhen Ancestor,

A figure appeared eerily beside Tianhen Ancestor.

"Boom!"

The hand-sword that Tianhen Ancestor had chopped down was actually forcefully caught by someone's wrist.

"This... What is this..."

The surrounding crowd was instantly shocked by this scene.

Tianhen Ancestor too was looking at this suddenly appearing figure with astonishment.

"Xu Nian..."

Leng Yanran and the others also revealed looks of surprise.

Yes, this suddenly appearing figure was Xu Nian.

But at this moment, Xu Nian was different.

His body was emanating dazzling light.

He was like a Little Sun incarnate, luminous and splendid.

"So this is your secret technique, I see it's nothing but—" Tianhen Ancestor started to jeer.

However, before he could finish, he was punched in the abdomen by Xu Nian.

"Pugh!"

Tianhen Ancestor suddenly spat out blood, his eyes bulging violently.

The terrifying force coming from his abdomen caused him to spasm.

"Do you want to say 'Is that all you've got'?" Xu Nian sneered.

Then he gave Tianhen Ancestor another kick.

"Boom!"

Instantly, Tianhen Ancestor flew backward as if struck by a meteorite, his body hurtling through the air.

The onlookers were taken aback.

They couldn't believe their own eyes.

How had Xu Nian suddenly become so powerful?

This was a real Zifu Cultivator, right?

"Such a powerful secret technique, no wonder it required such a long time to prepare," remarked Xuan Hong from afar, unable to hide his admiration.

At this moment, the aura emanating from Xu Nian was something even he felt somewhat inferior to.

However, Xu Nian had no intention of posturing.

A sharp glint flashed in his eyes.

Immediately, he stepped on the void.

With a grasp into the emptiness, the Kunlun Hammer appeared in his hand.

"Go!"

Xu Nian swung the Kunlun Hammer fiercely toward Tianhen Ancestor.

"Swish!"

As Xu Nian threw it.

The Kunlun Hammer transformed into a terrifying fireball.

Now, with the secret technique active, Xu Nian's strength had reached an incredibly terrifying level.

The thrown Kunlun Hammer was like a meteorite.

The bystanders watched the scene, their faces showing amazement.

Seeing this, Xu Yu and the others' eyes widened.

"I told you, brother's hammer throw could smash the Battle Emperor to death. I think it could probably kill a Zifu Cultivator too!" Xu Yu said excitedly.

Black Wind and the others were also incredibly surprised.

They had witnessed the weight of this iron hammer.

Now being thrown with such strength, the destructive power was undoubtedly terrifying.

Tianhen Ancestor saw the iron hammer flying toward him.

His face instantly changed color.

He immediately mobilized his True Essence to defend.

"Puff!"

However, the moment his True Essence touched the iron hammer, it was shattered by the hammer.

Then Tianhen Ancestor spat out another mouthful of blood.

He slammed heavily to the ground.

The surrounding buildings were directly smashed to pieces, forming a huge crater.

Energy fluctuations surged out like a tide.

Xu Nian, however, grabbed the Kunlun Hammer.

The form of the Kunlun Hammer instantly expanded, reaching two to three meters in length.

Xu Nian swung it with an earth-shattering force, hammering down fiercely on Tianhen Ancestor.

"Scram!"

Tianhen Ancestor roared furiously.

A surge of True Essence boomed out from his body.

Then the onlookers saw a giant ice hand surge forth from behind him.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's iron hammer collided with the ice hand, producing a thunderous explosion.

The ice hand shattered into pieces.

However, it had given Tianhen Ancestor a moment's respite.

The terrifying fluctuation turned into a storm, sweeping around.

"Is this... the Absolute Ice Domain?" Xu Nian showed a surprised expression.

The surrounding crowd was also baffled.

Tianhen Ancestor had actually mastered the Ice Domain Profound Argumentation.

"This Xu Nian is in big trouble now, the Ice Domain Profound Argumentation is one of the few truly fearsome Argumentations," someone in the crowd said.

"Yes, since the Ancestor has reached Zifu, it means that his Argumentation has entered the Initial Formation Realm, making his power all the more terrifying," someone else chimed in.

Tianhen Ancestor also slowly stood back up.

His gaze was icy cold as he stared straight at Xu Nian.

A powerful chill, with him at the center, spread outward to the surrounding area.

Absolute Ice Domain!

Within the Domain, unrivaled!

Chapter 709: The Final Sword

The cold aura pervaded.

Within a ten-mile radius, a layer of frost directly formed.

The onlooking crowd retreated outside the area.

Fearful of being invaded by this terrifying cold aura and ultimately meeting a tragic death.

Yet even as they fell back tens of miles, they still felt a chill all around.

They had no choice but to mobilize Spiritual Energy to resist this dreadful coldness.

Xu Nian also felt a strong wave of chill at this moment.

Fortunately, the secret technique he was using absorbed the Power of the Sun.

Originally, the scorching sensation brought about by the Power of the Sun actually received some relief under this Ice Cold Attribute.

"It seems that even the heavens are helping me. I was only able to endure for 15 minutes, now it looks like I can last for an additional 15 minutes," Xu Nian mused to himself.

He truly never expected that Tianhen Ancestor would actually master the Ice Cold Attribute Profound Argumentation.

"Xu Nian, I originally felt that to deal with a mere Battle Emperor like you, I would not need to use Profound Argumentation, but unexpectedly, you have pressured me to this point, to tell you the truth, I really do appreciate you. If you were my descendant, I promise I would spare no expense to train you," Tianhen Ancestor spoke.

Xu Nian heard Tianhen Ancestor's words but merely sneered in disdain.

"However, since you have already chosen to take the path of an enemy against me, today I absolutely cannot let you leave here alive," Tianhen Ancestor said coldly.

As soon as his words ended,

a powerful Sword Intent surged forth from his body.

Immediately in front of him, ten ice swords formed entirely from frost were directly condensed.

On these ice swords, a terrifying Sword Intent fluctuated.

"Eh, such strong Sword Intent!"

Xu Nian exclaimed in surprise to himself.

Being a cultivator of swordsmanship as well, his perception of Sword Intent was naturally very clear.

At this moment, the Sword Intent emanating from Tianhen Ancestor's Ice Cold Attribute was exceedingly frightening.

Further boosted by True Essence,

Xu Nian could feel that each of these ice swords wielded a power not inferior to his Evil Extermination Sword Array.

"This Sword Intent I comprehended from the Supreme Sword Stele has never been used before—you should take pride in dying by it. Go!"

Tianhen Ancestor issued the command.

Instantly those ice swords turned into streaks of light and furiously shot toward Xu Nian.

The fluctuations on the Sword Radiance had the power to slay any Supreme Battle Emperor.

Xu Nian's gaze became focused.

He dared not take it lightly.

Right away he put away the Kunlun Hammer and summoned the Immortal Sword.

"Buzz!"

The Immortal Sword swung.

It turned into a sky full of sword shadows.

Immediately, Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation was applied atop the Immortal Sword.

"Clang, clang, clang!"

A series of crisp sounds rang out.

Xu Nian swung his sword to cut down the ice swords.

Directly severing those ice swords one after another.

But the Profound Argumentation attached to the ice swords still sent shockwaves through Xu Nian's arms, causing them to go numb, and his figure had no choice but to retreat dozens of yards, only then did he dispel the momentum on his body.

"Hmph!"

However, just as Xu Nian parried these sharp swords.

Tianhen Ancestor let out a cold snort.

Then Xu Nian saw a huge ice sword descend directly from the sky.

This ice sword was a full forty yards in length, and the Sword Intent contained within it was even more overwhelmingly domineering.

Falling from the sky, it seemed poised to suppress Xu Nian eternally.

Xu Nian's expression shocked.

He directly mobilized all the strength in his body to defend against this sword.

"Buzz!"

The ice sword struck the hilt of Xu Nian's sword.

The resulting terrifying impact force pressed down so hard on Xu Nian's body that it suddenly sank.

Even his legs went soft for a moment, nearly causing him to kneel on the ground.

The sword force contained in this giant sword was too strong and too domineering.

The impact it created was even more grandiose than Kunlun Mountain.

"Haha, Xu Nian, it's all over! Die!"

Tianhen Ancestor burst out laughing.

Then another several dozen ice swords began to condense in front of him.

With a sweep of his sleeve, Tianhen Ancestor sent the dozen or so sharp swords flying towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, seeing the Ice Swords rushing at him, also felt a surge of intense anger in his eyes.

"Buzz!"

With a flick of his sleeve, a powerful Wind Wave spread out from him.

The dozen sharp swords collided with the defense created by the Wind Wave.

They were directly blocked.

"Eh? Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation?"

Tianhen Ancestor was taken aback, clearly not expecting Xu Nian to use such a technique.

"Break for me!"

Xu Nian shouted loudly.

He slapped his own sword's surface.

As the sword vibrated, the Second Level Wind Wave abruptly diffused out, transmitting to the massive Ice Swords.

"Boom!"

The giant Ice Sword exploded directly.

It turned into a sky full of ice shards.

With a swipe of his sleeve.

Those floating Ice Swords were shattered in an instant.

The crowd around gasped in surprise.

Xu Nian had actually resolved all of Tianhen Ancestor's techniques.

What secret technique had he used that made him so strong?

Tianhen Ancestor was also somewhat surprised.

He had already used his True Essence, yet it was still neutralized by Xu Nian.

To him, this seemed like an impossible feat.

"Tianhen Ancestor, looks like your Ice Domain is of no use to me. You have made many moves, and now it's my turn. I have only one sword strike. If you can block it, then it's my fate to end here. However, if you can't, then your Xia Family's reign will be completely overturned," Xu Nian said to Tianhen Ancestor.

His tone was filled with a potent domineering presence.

At this moment, all the people around were influenced by Xu Nian's tone.

Could it be that Xu Nian truly had the power to overthrow the entire Tianhen Empire?

"Hmph, don't talk about one sword strike, even ten, I will receive without fail," Tianhen Ancestor snorted coldly.

"Then catch it well," Xu Nian replied with a faint smile.

And then he waved the sharp sword in his hand.

"Buzz!"

As Xu Nian raised his hand.

His Immortal Sword let out a strong quivering sound.

Following that, a formidable force surged out from above Xu Nian's Sword Radiance.

The Sword Qi formed made the whole world tremble.

At this moment, the people of the Imperial Capital felt as if a mighty sharp sword hung above their heads.

It could take their lives away at any moment.

"Such strong Sword Intent, what kind of technique is this?"

Everyone in the crowd exclaimed.

They were all shocked by the momentum of Xu Nian's sword strike.

Tianhen Ancestor's expression changed as well, and he looked at Xu Nian with an urgency not to underestimate him, as an Immortal Sword appeared in his hand.

Xu Nian's gaze, however, was icy cold.

The Immortal Sword in his hand was slowly raised.

The Sword Radiance emitted a powerful ghostly light.

In this light, Kun Cave Power was contained.

Besides that, there was also Xu Nian's understanding of the Second Level Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation.

"Slash!"

Xu Nian roared.

He swung out the Immortal Sword in his hand.

In an instant, the whole world seemed to dim.

Everybody felt darkness before their eyes.

As if all the light was being absorbed.

Around them, the Ice Domain formed by Tianhen Ancestor was also shattered by this sweep of Sword Radiance.

Becoming broken and fragmented.

Tianhen Ancestor was greatly shocked and quickly mobilized all of his True Essence to resist this sword strike.

Even he, a true Zifu Cultivator, felt a strong palpitation from this strike.

...

Chapter 710: Beast God's Request

"Boom!"

As if the heavens had split and the earth had shattered.

Under that one sword strike, Tianhen Ancestor was sent flying.

His body hit the ground like a massive rock, crashing into the distant buildings.

"Boom!"

The building collapsed.

The life or death of Tianhen Ancestor was uncertain.

Onlookers all around were in awe.

The roaring sounds by their ears were deafening.

Everyone's eyes were wide open as they looked at the distant collapsed ruins.

This sword strike was overly domineering and powerful.

Even the Tianhen Ancestor couldn't withstand it.

Xu Nian's strength was incredibly formidable.

It was truly inconceivable.

However, Xu Nian then seemed like a deflated ball.

He was limp on the ground.

Although this sword strike was tremendously powerful, it had drained all the energy in his body.

The side effects of the Earth God Devouring Sky Secret Technique were also starting to manifest.

At this moment, his limbs were trembling and his muscles were spasming.

Let alone fight, he was having difficulty even standing.

Xu Nian coldly watched ahead, his brows slightly furrowed.

There wasn't a trace of joy in the depths of his eyes.

The outcome of this last sword strike seemed not as optimistic as he had thought.

"Boom!"

Sure enough, at that moment, the distant building suddenly exploded.

An old man with disheveled hair walked out of it.

The elderly man had gray, chaotic hair, and his clothes were tattered.

His damaged clothing was stained with blood.

However, the look he gave Xu Nian was filled with anger and a ferocious smile.

"Ha ha, Xu Nian, although your sword strike was powerful, it didn't kill me. Now you must be at the end of your strength!" Tianhen Ancestor laughed heartily.

His laughter was wild.

The people around were stunned.

Tianhen Ancestor wasn't dead?

It seemed this battle was about to come to a close.

Xu Nian's brows were also deeply furrowed.

He had used the Wind Cutting Second Level with the power from the Kun Cave.

And yet, it wasn't able to kill Tianhen Ancestor.

Could he really be about to die here?

"Xu Nian, it's over. Rest assured, after I kill you, your friends and family, I'll send them swiftly to hell to reunite with you soon. Now, go and die!"

Tianhen Ancestor shouted.

Then he swung the sharp sword in his hand.

"Buzz!"

The sword was slashed out, and instantly a terrifying massive Sword Radiance sliced toward Xu Nian.

But Xu Nian couldn't even move his body.

He watched as he was about to be split into two by this sharp sword.

"Buzz!"

However, just at that moment, a dark light flashed across the sky.

"Boom!"

That massive Sword Radiance inexplicably shattered.

And the form of Tianhen Ancestor suddenly stiffened.

"It's... it's you..."

Tianhen Ancestor looked at the black-robed man who suddenly appeared in the sky, his eyes filled with unwillingness.

Yet before he could finish his speech, his entire body split in two and he was utterly dead.

Everyone around was completely dumbstruck.

Dead?

Tianhen Ancestor was just like that, dead?

Xu Nian was also astonished.

His gaze landed on the black-robed figure that had suddenly appeared in the sky.

The person stood there in the void, not intentionally emitting a strong aura.

But the aura from his body gave an undeniable sense of authority.

"Beast God!"

Xu Nian recognized the face of the newcomer.

Indeed, the man in black was none other than the Beast God who presided over the deep forest of wild beasts.

The super powerful being who had already reached the Transcendence Tribulation Stage.

This being was even more formidable than Xuan Hong.

As expected, Tianhen Ancestor could suppress Xuan Hong, but he was still no match for the Beast God.

The crowd around, upon hearing Xu Nian's words, immediately realized the identity of the newcomer.

Each one became silent as they were stricken with fear, not daring to speak.

This being was almost like an Immortal.

Angering him would likely result in certain death.

"Junior Xu Nian pays respects to the Elder Beast God!" Xu Nian spoke respectfully.

However, due to side effects, he was unable to stand up and perform the proper salute.

"Swallow this!"

The Beast God threw a Jade Bottle to Xu Nian, containing a pill.

Without a word, Xu Nian tossed the pill into his mouth.

As the Pill dissolved,

Xu Nian's injuries were instantly alleviated.

Surprisingly, he was able to stand up quickly.

While he might have lacked combat strength, he had no problems with normal activities.

"Thank you, Elder Beast God," Xu Nian spoke again.

"Hmm, follow me; I have something to tell you," the Beast God said to Xu Nian.

After saying that, he enveloped Xu Nian with a burst of power.

Xu Nian only felt a gust of wind as swift as lightning.

He was then brought by the Beast God to a desolate mountain outside the Imperial Capital.

"Such speed, even faster than Tianhen Ancestor," Xu Nian thought in shock.

The Beast God, even when suppressing his realm, was so formidable.

How terrifying must he be at his peak strength?

However, Xu Nian soon pushed this question out of his mind.

He knew the Beast God was not here just to save him; it was definitely not that simple.

There must be something more important.

Sure enough, the Beast God turned to look at Xu Nian with a very serious expression.

"Xu Nian, when do you plan to head to the Cultivation World?" the Beast God asked.

Xu Nian was taken aback, not expecting the Beast God to ask this question.

"It should be soon. My initial plan was to deal with the Imperial Family and then move on to the Cultivation World. Now that the Xia Family is destroyed, it's about time to start the journey, but there's something I'm worried about," Xu Nian pondered and said.

"Are you worried about the safety of your relatives?" the Beast God asked.

Xu Nian nodded.

Although the Imperial Family had been annihilated,

There was still the Desolate Hall.

Xu Nian still remembered Lin Ruolan, that enigmatic woman.

Although it was unlikely she would target his family,

Xu Nian was still somewhat concerned.

"Worry not. With me here, I can assure the safety of your family; you can proceed to the Cultivation World with peace of mind," the Beast God spoke.

Xu Nian was delighted.

With the protection of the Beast God,

Xu Xin and Leng Yanran were naturally out of danger.

"Elder, are you so eager for me to go to the Cultivation World because there is some urgent matter that needs attending?" Xu Nian asked.

Although the Beast God was good to him,

he would definitely not show such concern without a reason.

This meant the Beast God must have had a purpose in seeking him.

"Indeed, there is something very important I need to ask of you, I need you to go to Tianhan Star in the Sky Wind Star Domain to rescue someone," the Beast God said.

"Rescue someone?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Yes, that person is my daughter, who is also the strongest Female Demon Empress of Tianhan Star. Her strength surpasses mine and has reached the Earth Immortal Realm!" the Beast God solemnly nodded and said.

"Wait... hold on!"

Xu Nian was momentarily stunned.

The Beast God's daughter?

The strongest Female Demon Empress of Tianhan Star?

And an Earth Immortal?

This Beast God must be mistaken!

To have him, a person with Battle Emperor Level Cultivation, rescue an Earth Immortal Realm Female Demon Empress?

If someone else had said this to him, he would have called that person insane.

"I know you must think I've lost my mind, but I am not joking. Although she is currently at the Earth Immortal Realm, her body has suffered from a Tao cleavage, and her life is not long for this world. Only the Great Tao Immortal Pill can save her. My purpose in staying here is to await the opening of the Immortal Treasure to find the Immortal Pill to revive her. However, a short while ago, I sacrificed a hundred years of my life to peer into heaven's will, only to discover she only has ten years left!" the Beast God said.

Xu Nian was momentarily taken aback.

Ten years of life, but doesn't the opening of the Immortal Treasure require twelve years?

Doesn't that mean the Beast God's daughter won't live to see the Immortal Treasure open?