

Divine King 711

Chapter 711 Going to the Cultivation World

Xu Nian looked at the Beast God's sorrowful eyes,

feeling a flutter in his heart.

He had not expected the Beast God to have such a story.

"Senior, since you already know your daughter won't live to see the day when the Immortal Treasure opens, why not return to the Cultivation World to search for her?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Alas, I can't go back anymore!"

the Beast God sighed.

Xu Nian was puzzled.

"At that time, I was so eager to make a breakthrough that I cultivated desperately and even consumed a large amount of Pills. Now, my foundation is unstable. Although I have reached the Peak of Tribulation Crossing, my true strength is only about that of the Middle Stage Tribulation Crossing Cultivator. If I were to enter the Cultivation World, it would inevitably bring about the Crossing Immortal Tribulation. You should know that the so-called Transcendence Tribulation Stage is about crossing the Immortal Tribulation, and only after passing it can one reach the Earth Immortal realm. In this realm, where strengths are suppressed, I am still fine. But once I enter the Cultivation World, I would immediately die under the Immortal Tribulation," the Beast God said helplessly with a sigh.

Xu Nian couldn't help but widen his eyes.

No wonder the Beast God, despite being a Transcendence Tribulation Stage expert, was willing to confine himself to this small continent.

So there was such a reason.

It seemed that the Beast God's life was not as glorious as Xu Nian had imagined.

It could even be described as stifling.

Forced by an Immortal Tribulation to shrink back into this suppressed world.

As for why the Beast God was so hasty and consumed a large amount of Pills,

Xu Nian didn't even need to think about it, it was surely for the sake of his daughter.

"But Beast God, why do you think I can save your daughter? I am currently at the Battle Emperor Realm," Xu Nian said with a wry smile.

For him, a mere Battle Emperor, to save an Earth Immortal—it was something even he did not believe.

"Because, after I peered into fate, I spent a thousand years of my lifespan to divine once more for my daughter, to see how she could be saved. The divination showed only one person could save my daughter, and that is the Demon Clan Supreme. You possess the Nine Dragons Supreme Body; I cannot think of anyone else but you who could be the Demon Clan Supreme," the Beast God explained.

Xu Nian was momentarily lost for words.

He had not expected the Beast God to seek him out for this reason.

What if he wasn't the Demon Clan Supreme?

Wouldn't that be a disappointment?

However, seeing the urgent expression on the Beast God's face, Xu Nian still promised, "Alright, I agree to help. I will set out for the Cultivation World in three days. However, Senior, I can only try my best. As to whether I can save your daughter, I really can't guarantee it."

"Good, knowing you are willing to try puts my mind at ease. Xu Nian, regardless of whether you can save my daughter or not, I, Yunfeng, will remember this favor," the Beast God said appreciatively, his eyes filled with gratitude.

"It's only right," Xu Nian smiled and said. "Senior Beast God, you've helped me so much before, and you just saved my life moments ago. Even if you didn't ask me, I would do my utmost to help you."

The Beast God nodded.

His admiration for Xu Nian grew stronger in his heart.

Individuals like Xu Nian, with both talent and character, were truly rare.

He believed Xu Nian would shine brightly in the Cultivation World.

"By the way, Senior, do you know where my Master currently is in the Cultivation World?" Xu Nian asked.

He was almost certain that Bai Tianhan was now in the Cultivation World.

Thus, he was eager to meet his Master upon entering the Cultivation World.

After all, it had been a long time, and Xu Nian missed him.

"Your Master roams the four seas; he is indeed hard to find. Moreover, he has many enemies. His appearance would surely lead to being hunted, so once you enter the Cultivation World, it's best not to easily reveal that you are Bai Tianhan's disciple," the Beast God cautioned.

"Yes!" Xu Nian nodded but still inquired, "Senior, do you know how the Divine Demon Sect was destroyed back then? And why, in the end, only my Master was left?"

He had always harbored doubts about the Divine Demon Sect's fate.

The Sect had seemed extremely powerful back then, but why was it annihilated?

Hearing Xu Nian's question, the Beast God's gaze turned contemplative.

He finally sighed and said, "The Divine Demon Sect used to be incredibly powerful, so formidable that even the Three Great Sects felt threatened. As for who destroyed the Divine Demon Sect, I'm afraid that the main culprits were the Three Great Sects. There were also many powerful beings from the Cultivation World involved, all because the Divine Demon Sect had come into possession of a hot potato. As for the specifics, I am not very clear, but I believe when the time is right, your Master will naturally tell you."

Xu Nian pondered for a moment and nodded his head.

He didn't ask any further questions.

After a brief chat with the Beast God, Xu Nian returned to the Imperial Capital.

The death of Tianhen Ancestor had completely toppled the Imperial Family's foundation.

Everyone recommended Xu Nian as the new Emperor.

However, Xu Nian refused.

He relinquished the throne to his sister, Xu Xin.

His sister, Xu Xin, would now be the Emperor of the Tianhen Empire.

Naturally, no one dared to oppose this decision.

After all, Xu Nian's strength was evident for all to see.

The reason Xu Nian did this was actually to give his sister and mother more self-protective power on this grand path.

As for Leng Yanran, Xu Nian arranged for her to continue her Cultivation at the Divine River Palace.

Xu Nian simply had no way to take her with him.

It was uncertain whether he could even reach the Cultivation World.

Even if he did arrive, Xu Nian would be considered a lowly figure within the Cultivation World.

It would be very dangerous for Leng Yanran to follow him.

So Xu Nian had no choice but to leave her behind in the Tianhen Continent.

As for Xu Yu, Black Wind, Black Hou, Ice Blue, and the others.

Xu Nian decided they too should stay.

Once their Cultivation reached the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm, they could then go to the Cultivation World.

While Xu Yu and the rest were disappointed,

they knew that Xu Nian was doing what was best for them.

After all, the taboos of the Forbidden Sea were not to be trifled with.

With all preparations in place,

Xu Nian then visited the secret ground of the Imperial Family.

However, to his surprise, the Tianjian Stele had disappeared without a trace.

Clearly, someone had taken advantage of his battle with Tianhen Ancestor to steal the Stele.

After thinking it over, Xu Nian realized that

except for Lin Ruolan, likely no one else could have done this.

Three days quickly passed,

and Xu Nian finally embarked on the road to the Cultivation World.

But before that, he would have to traverse the Forbidden Sea.

"Be careful on your journey, you must come back alive," Leng Yanran said with reluctance.

"Don't worry, I will definitely return," Xu Nian solemnly nodded,

and then, accompanied by Xuan Hong, turned into a streak of light and flew towards the direction of the Forbidden Sea.

In the skies above the Imperial Capital, many powerful beings saw him off,
watching as Xu Nian departed.

Their faces all bore expressions of reluctance.

And on a hill not far from the Imperial Capital,

a woman in a red dress stood proudly.

"Leaving the Tianhen Continent, Xu Nian? I hope that when we meet again, you won't disappoint me,"
the woman said with a light smile, enchanting and captivating.

Who else could it be but the Desolate Hall Master, Lin Ruolan?

Chapter 712: The Forbidden Sea

East of the Tianhen Continent lay the East Sea.

Further east was the legendary Forbidden Sea.

This sea was filled with powerful lightning, and the spiritual energy was extremely violent.

Crossing this Forbidden Sea would lead to the near shore of another continent.

However, the length of this Forbidden Sea was something many cultivators could not traverse.

Because the area of this sea was simply too vast.

Just its width alone was several hundred thousand sea miles long, its area several times larger than the
entire Tianhen Continent.

At this moment, Xu Nian was flying side by side with Xuan Hong.

They had already reached the boundary of the Forbidden Sea.

They were about to enter this Forbidden Sea area that instilled fear in countless cultivators.

"Rumble!"

Dark clouds blanketed the distant sky.

Lightning flashed and thunder roared.

Numerous Thunder Dragons hung down.

Striking the sea surface.

Turning a patch of sea water into a blue-purple color.

The power of that lightning would kill Holy Level strong men upon contact.

Even Emperor Level strong men dared not easily traverse the airspace above this sea.

"Kid, this Forbidden Sea's lightning is no simple matter, can you withstand it?" Xuan Hong joked as he looked at the lightning ahead.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and said, "Why not!"

With that, he dashed towards the Forbidden Sea.

"Boom!"

A bolt of lightning fell directly from the sky, striking Xu Nian's body.

Xu Nian's upper clothes instantly burst apart.

Revealing his pale yet tough skin.

The lightning that struck Xu Nian seemed to be absorbed by his body.

Continuously roaming throughout his entire body.

Hammering every cell in Xu Nian's body.

Among the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique was a Body Refining Technique called Thunder Quenching.

Using the power of lightning to constantly refine the flesh.

Thus making the cells in the body stronger.

"Good boy, the lightning that others fear as a tiger has actually become a tool for cultivation in your case. How could there be such a freak as you among humans? But the deeper you go, the more powerful the lightning will be. You might not be able to withstand it then." Watching Xu Nian fly close to the sea surface, Xuan Hong spoke with a tone that couldn't help but carry a hint of admiration.

Ever since the battle between Xu Nian and the Tianhen Ancestor, Xuan Hong's attitude toward Xu Nian had noticeably changed.

He had to admit, the talent and potential of the young man in front of him were truly terrifying.

Xu Nian did not say much.

Indeed, the battle with the Tianhen Ancestor had brought many gains for him.

Not to mention that the Tianhen Ancestor's dragon veins had been devoured by Xu Nian's dragon veins.

Just talking about the secret technique he used.

Because of the influence of the Earth God Devouring Sky, his Body Cultivation had achieved another breakthrough.

He had officially advanced to the Nine-star Body Emperor Realm.

His Spiritual Cultivation had also reached the peak of the Nine-star War Emperor after taking a few Spirit Pills from the ruins of the Ancient Spiritual Sect.

That is to say, Xu Nian's Cultivation had reached the realm of dual Nine-star Emperor Level.

Only one step away from the Supreme Battle Emperor.

And now Xu Nian was only nineteen years old, he had every hope of reaching the Zifu Realm before the age of twenty.

"Let's go, we'll enter the seabed!"

Before long, Xu Nian dove headfirst into the water, dashing toward the depths of the sea.

At this level of realm, being underwater was no different from being on land.

With his strong body, he could withstand even the deepest sea pressures.

The reason he chose to enter the water was that Xu Nian had once promised an elderly Emperor Scorpion in the desert.

To deliver a small metal box to his friend.

And his good friend was a sea demon living in the forbidden sea region.

Named Lie Tian.

His true form was a rare Overlord Sky Splitting Shark!

It was said to reside in a place called the Demon Wind Cave.

As for its cultivation level,

Xu Nian had no clue.

However, according to Xu Nian's guess, it had likely reached the Supreme Battle Emperor Level.

Of course, the Supreme Battle Emperor level also had layers.

A typical Supreme Battle Emperor had levels called Pseudo Purple Mansion, Pseudo Void, Pseudo Harmony, Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon, and Pseudo Tribulation.

These five stages.

These represented the realms they could have reached.

Yet, they were suppressed by the heavenly laws and restrictions.

Forced to remain in the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm.

As for Pseudo Earth Immortals, they were virtually impossible.

After all, it was impossible to undergo tribulation in this part of the world.

There were hardly any Pseudo Tribulations, except for the Beast God and that person from Dark God Island.

There were a few others like Xuan Hong, who were Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenons.

Although the strength of the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Realm sounded decent, in terms of real power, they were still no match for the true Zifu Cultivators.

This was something Xuan Hong had already confirmed through an encounter with Tianhen Ancestor.

So, no matter how high their realm was, if they were not of the Zifu Realm, they were ultimately still within the Supreme Battle Emperor.

After Xu Nian entered the seabed, he became confused.

The sea region was so vast. Where could he find the Demon Wind Cave?

"I can't go on like this. I must ask for directions." Xu Nian muttered to himself.

He immediately grabbed an octopus nearby, which had reached the Saint Realm, wanting to inquire about the whereabouts of the Demon Wind Cave.

However, upon hearing the three words "Demon Wind Cave," the octopus fled in sheer panic.

Xu Nian was baffled.

Afterward, he tried a few more times, but the result was the same.

This left Xu Nian confused.

Why did these sea demons flee in fear whenever he mentioned the Demon Wind Cave?

Could it be that the Demon Wind Cave was some formidable power to be feared?

"Kid, it seems your quest for help won't go smoothly. If the sea demons are so wary, it could only mean one of two reasons," Xuan Hong spoke.

"Oh? What are the two reasons?" Xu Nian recalled that Xuan Hong was also a sea demon.

"First, this Demon Wind Cave you're asking about is a very powerful force that terrifies the entire sea region. Clearly, this scenario is highly unlikely," Xuan Hong said.

Xu Nian nodded.

Although the sea demons had several factions, none dominated over the others.

No one could suppress all.

"Secondly, the Demon Wind Cave you're asking about violated some taboo of the sea region, and someone from this power did something that instilled fear in all sea demons," Xuan Hong spoke again.

Xu Nian nodded.

He found this second explanation more plausible.

"Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh!"

Just then, a string of splashing sounds came.

A mass of giant fish, sharp as swords, headed towards Xu Nian's direction.

"These are White Patterned Sharks, kid. It seems we've gotten into some trouble," Xuan Hong said with a smile.

"I think they're here to give us some information," Xu Nian replied with a slight smile.

"Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh!"

Dozens of White Patterned Sharks surrounded Xu Nian and the others.

Eventually, all the White Patterned Sharks transformed into human forms, carrying long spears, pointing them at Xu Nian.

Their expressions were fierce and menacing.

A tall and imposing man also stepped out from the crowd.

This man's cultivation was not low; he had already reached the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm.

"So, it's you who are looking for the Demon Wind Cave?" the leading man asked, his voice booming like a bell.

His gaze towards Xu Nian was also extremely unfriendly.

Chapter 713: The Secret of Lie Tian

The man's voice was very loud.

It made Xu Nian's ears buzz.

"Yes, we just arrived here, and a friend asked me to deliver an item to someone in the Demon Wind Cave."

Although Xu Nian didn't know why this middle-aged man harbored such strong hostility,

he still stated his purpose.

He was eager to see how the man would react to his words.

"Hmph, seize them, take down those two!"

However, upon hearing Xu Nian's words, the man gave a direct order.

The Sea Demons wielding long spears around them started to close in.

Xu Nian frowned and hurriedly objected, "Wait a moment, we bear no grudges or grievances, why do you want to capture us?"

"Hmph, you're looking for the Demon Wind Cave, and that makes you accomplices of the traitor. Why do you think we want to capture you?" The middle-aged man snorted again.

"Traitor? Accomplice? We're merely passing by, entrusted by someone. We're not aware of the specific situation regarding the Demon Wind Cave," Xu Nian said once more.

"I don't care what your reasons are. Looking for the Demon Wind Cave is a capital offense. Seize them! If they resist, kill them without mercy," the middle-aged man immediately ordered.

"Kill!"

Dozens of Holy Level White Patterned Sharks charged at Xu Nian and Xuan Hong.

A surge of anger welled in Xu Nian's eyes.

These Sea Demons were utterly unreasonable.

Truly beyond all reason.

"Hmph, since you were the first to strike, don't blame me for being discourteous," Xu Nian snorted coldly.

Then he immediately attacked the Sea Demon soldiers.

"Boom, boom, boom!"

The Sea Demon soldiers were no match for Xu Nian.

Directly knocked out by Xu Nian with a punch each.

With every punch, he could turn them into a mist of blood.

"Eh!"

Witnessing this scene, a flash of anger crossed the middle-aged man's eyes.

Then he produced a long spear in his hand and thrust it towards Xu Nian.

The spear was imbued with the powerful Water Attribute Profound Argumentation.

As the long spear was thrust out, it was like a massive Water Dragon roaring towards him.

As if it would swallow Xu Nian whole.

A flash of rage flickered in Xu Nian's eyes.

The Kunlun Hammer appeared in his hand.

"Break!"

Xu Nian swung the hammer and launched it fiercely.

"Boom!"

The impact from the hammer instantly shattered the Water Dragon.

The long spear also burst apart.

As for the middle-aged man, he was struck by the terrifying impact, causing him to spit out blood.

A mere Pseudo Zifu Level Supreme Battle Emperor.

Xu Nian naturally found it easy to deal with him.

"Buzz!"

But the middle-aged man hadn't even had the chance to retreat.

He was sucked back by Xu Nian's palm, his neck grasped and lifted in his hand.

"Speak? Why do you want to kill us!" Xu Nian demanded coldly.

"Hmph, even if you kill me, I won't tell you," the middle-aged man said furiously, utterly disregarding Xu Nian's threat.

Xu Nian gave a faint smile, "Do you think that if you don't speak, I won't know?"

The middle-aged man felt a shiver down his spine at the sight of Xu Nian's smile.

Then he saw Xu Nian's palm pressing on top of his head.

"Buzz!"

Instantly his whole body began to tremble.

He was shocked to discover that his memories were actually being extracted by the youth before him.

"No... no, I'll talk, I'll tell you everything!" The middle-aged man hurriedly cried out in alarm.

"Too late!"

Xu Nian, however, let out a cold laugh and continued to extract the middle-aged man's memories.

Soul Search!

A powerful yet sinister secret technique taught to him by the Wentian Demon Sovereign.

Xu Nian had not wanted to use it.

But this Sea Demon was simply too stubborn.

He had no choice but to employ such a direct method to gather intelligence.

After a long while,

Xu Nian finally released the head of the Sea Demon.

At this moment, the Sea Demon had completely turned into an idiot.

"So that's what's going on, interesting." Xu Nian murmured with a smile.

"Kid, if there's something fun, why don't you share it with this old man?" Xuan Hong also curiously leaned in.

The Soul Search technique Xu Nian just performed had also scared him.

He had not expected Xu Nian to know such an evil method.

However, he was not a pedantic Xuan Turtle.

He knew that the goodness or evilness of a secret technique depended on the person who wielded it.

"Senior Xuan Hong, you might not know what kind of place we're looking for, this Demon Wind Cave?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Stop beating around the bush and tell me already!" Xuan Hong said anxiously.

His curiosity had already been piqued by Xu Nian.

How could he not be anxious now that Xu Nian was being coy?

"This begins with the powers of this Forbidden Sea's domain. The sea area is divided into four major forces, namely the Shark Clan, the Whale Clan, the Jiao Long Clan, and the Xuanwu Clan. Each clan controls numerous caverns overseeing their respective sea area. Among them, the Demon Wind Cave is a cavern of the Shark Clan." Xu Nian answered.

"The ones chasing us just now were from the Shark Clan, right?" Xuan Hong asked.

"Correct, the ones who chased us were from the Shark Clan. You also heard him saying that the Demon Wind Cave harbored a traitor, which is actually because Lie Tian has done something we couldn't have imagined." Xu Nian said with a mysterious smile.

This Lie Tian was really daring and reckless to have done such a thing.

"What did he do?" Xuan Hong asked.

Xu Nian smiled and said, "This Lie Tian humiliated the Demon Queen of the Shark Clan. The key point is, the Demon Queen was utterly devoted to him. Now the Demon Emperor of the Shark Clan is wearing a green hat, and he's scouring the ocean in pursuit of Lie Tian."

Xu Nian chuckled as he said this.

Lie Tian really was a legendary figure.

No wonder the surrounding Sea Demons reacted to the name "Demon Wind Cave" as if they'd seen a ghost.

Now, anyone and anything related to the Demon Wind Cave or Lie Tian,

The Shark Emperor wanted to eradicate.

Thus, no Sea Demon dared to discuss the matter.

"Amazing, amazing, this old turtle has lived so long and never done something so thrilling. I really must meet this character," Xuan Hong couldn't help but exclaim in admiration.

Xu Nian just smiled.

But then he started to smile wryly.

"However, we have some big trouble coming up. We killed this Sea Demon, and the surrounding marine life has already relayed information back to the Shark Clan. Now, a large number of the Shark Clan's powerhouses are rushing over here. This place is still within the Shark Clan's territory; it seems we are going to be quite busy soon." Xu Nian said with a bitter smile.

"Humph, I'm not afraid. However many come, I'll kill however many! I refuse to believe they can do anything to me, Xuan Hong," Xuan Hong declared with spirit.

Xu Nian simply smiled slightly and pointed ahead, saying, "Oh, really? Then take a look over there!"

Xuan Hong followed the direction Xu Nian pointed, and his face immediately stiffened.

In the sea ahead, swarms of Sea Shark Demon Beasts were surging towards them.

The number was easily tens of thousands.

There were all kinds of levels among them.

Even Xuan Hong's mouth twitched involuntarily.

Damn it, with so many Sea Sharks, even if you fought, wouldn't you get exhausted to the point of death?

Consequently, Xuan Hong turned tail and ran.

Xu Nian, seeing this scene, was speechless.

This Xuan Hong had been so curious, and now he was running away at the drop of a hat.

But Xu Nian wasn't planning to face off against the Shark Clan's army either.

He turned into a streak of thunderous light, catching up to Xuan Hong!

Chapter 714 Shark Emperor

Xu Nian and Xuan Hong both fled rapidly toward the distance.

However, they ultimately underestimated the situation.

Soon they discovered that they were surrounded by Sea Shark Demon Beasts on all sides.

If there's anything the undersea Demon Beasts didn't lack, it was their frightening numbers.

The total number from all directions was no less than two hundred thousand.

"Damn, the Shark Emperor must be insane!"

Xuan Hong couldn't help but curse.

Being encircled by nearly two hundred thousand of the Shark Clan Demon Beasts.

Even if these were the lowest-level Sea Shark Demon Beasts,

it would be enough to make one's scalp tingle.

Xu Nian's mouth also twitched for a moment.

Now he truly appreciated just how terrifying the force of the undersea Demon Beasts could be.

Among these two hundred thousand Sea Demons, there were no less than thirty thousand that were of the Demon King Level or above.

There were no less than ten thousand at the Demon Saint Level.

Even the Demon Emperors numbered no less than one thousand.

Faced with such a fearsome number, Xu Nian simply couldn't imagine.

Engaging in combat with such a large army of Demon Beasts,

even Xu Nian had no confidence that he could contend against them.

"Buzz!"

Just then, a commotion arose from within the Shark Clan group.

Following, the sharks parted, and a figure walked forward from the front.

Seeing this figure, Xu Nian knew who it was.

It was the Red-Eyed General, one of the Ten Great Generals of the Shark Clan.

He was also the one in charge of apprehending the associates of Lie Tian.

Upon receiving information from below,

he left the massive Shark Clan army to this place.

Finally encircling these two associates of Lie Tian.

"Are you two accomplices of Lie Tian?" Red-Eyed asked Xu Nian and Xuan Hong with a cold voice.

His tone was equally haughty and domineering,

just like the middle-aged man they had encountered before.

"You've got it wrong, I don't even know any Lie Tian," Xu Nian said.

"Hmph, if you don't know Lie Tian, then why were you running?" Red-Eyed coldly interrogated.

Xu Nian's mouth twitched again.

Such a question was truly idiotic.

Seeing such a terrifying army charging towards you, you wouldn't run?

Seemingly realizing the stupidity of his own question, Red-Eyed continued to question coldly, "The Guard Commander who was killed, it was you two, wasn't it?"

"Correct, it was us who killed him, but they were the ones who tried to kill us first; we had no choice but to defend ourselves," Xu Nian replied.

"Hmph, don't you know the crime for killing someone of my Shark Clan? Kid, you look to be a human, are you? A human dares to trespass in the territory of my Shark Clan, are you seeking death?" Red-Eyed scoffed once more.

Xu Nian shook his head helplessly.

It seems today's events would likely not have a peaceful resolution.

"Senior Xuan Hong, once we begin, we'll fight our way out together!" Xu Nian said to Xuan Hong through a mental transmission.

"Kid, you don't need to worry about me. My turtle shell is extremely hard; these little sharks can't hurt me. As for you, you'd better be careful," Xuan Hong responded via mental transmission.

Xu Nian was left speechless.

He knew full well that his previous remark was completely unnecessary when he thought of the old turtle's abnormal defenses.

"Charge! Kill them."

Red-Eyed immediately gave the order.

The two hundred thousand Sea Shark Demon Beasts rushed directly towards Xu Nian and Xuan Hong.

Xu Nian immediately summoned his Immortal Sword,

ready to carve a bloody path through the enemy.

"Stop!"

However, at that moment, a commanding shout came from the distance.

All the Sea Sharks halted in their tracks.

Xu Nian and Xuan Hong were also taken aback as they looked toward the newcomer.

"White Zero, what are you doing?" Red-Eyed asked the newcomer in a cold voice.

Xu Nian immediately understood the identity of the newcomer.

White Zero, too, was one of the Ten Great Generals of the Shark Clan.

"The Shark Emperor commands that you must not be rude to the two distinguished guests and orders you to immediately invite them into the palace; otherwise, you need not return to see him," White Zero declared in a cold voice.

"What?" Red-Eyed obviously couldn't believe it.

However, he knew that White Zero's words could not be false.

He just couldn't understand how this human could possibly be a distinguished guest of the Shark Emperor?

In the past, any human cultivator who invaded their territory would end up as a meal in their bellies.

Moreover, this human had some connection with Lie Tian.

Xu Nian and Xuan Hong were somewhat astonished.

They hadn't expected the Shark Emperor to actually invite them.

This really piqued their curiosity.

Could the Shark Emperor recognize them?

"Distinguished guests, I was truly offensive just now, please forgive me. Since the Shark Emperor commands it, please allow me to escort you to the Shark Palace!" Red-Eyed struggled for a moment before speaking to Xu Nian and Xuan Hong.

"Why should we go with you?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

Red-Eyed became immediately enraged.

But he still held it in.

"The two of you, I truly did not intend to offend earlier. If you feel that you cannot let it go, I will apologize to you after we return to the Shark Palace," Red-Eyed said.

Xu Nian just smiled.

He exchanged a glance with Xuan Hong.

"Alright, since it's your Shark Emperor who has invited us, then lead the way. Oh, and your Shark Empress, I've heard she's especially beautiful, I'd like to meet her as well," Xu Nian said, bringing up the most awkward subject.

At his side, Red-Eyed's mouth twitched, and he made a gesture of invitation.

He really couldn't understand why the Shark Emperor would treat these two as distinguished guests.

Xu Nian followed the Shark Clan army toward the Shark Palace.

Xu Nian and Xuanwu each rode on the back of a giant shark.

It had to be said that underwater, the Sea Clan had a huge advantage in speed.

Xu Nian and his companions found their speed greatly reduced.

Generally, if pursued by the Sea Clan, human cultivators had nowhere to escape.

Soon, they were brought to the Shark Palace.

The architecture of the Shark Palace was extremely luxurious.

It was several tens of times more luxurious than the Sea King Palace they had seen earlier.

"Buzz!"

They soon arrived at the palace where the Shark Emperor resided.

The Shark Emperor and the Shark Empress were already seated in the great hall.

The Shark Emperor had a handsome and burly appearance, exuding an extraordinary aura.

As for the Shark Empress, she was breathtakingly beautiful.

No wonder the Shark Emperor, knowing full well that his empress had been desecrated, still chose to keep her by his side.

She indeed was very beautiful.

Upon seeing Xu Nian and Xuan Hong enter.

The Shark Emperor burst into hearty laughter, "Haha, you've come, come, please take a seat!"

Xu Nian and Xuan Hong exchanged looks.

They wondered what the Shark Emperor was up to.

However, they didn't stand on ceremony.

They directly sat down on the coral chairs to the side.

"Come, you two must not know my name yet, let me introduce myself. I am Sha Bao, the Shark Emperor of the Shark Clan, and this is my empress, Sha Sha," the Shark Emperor laughed heartily.

The Shark Empress beside him also followed with a curtsy.

Xu Nian and Xuan Hong nodded.

"Shark Emperor, let's cut to the chase. What's your purpose for summoning us here?" Xu Nian got straight to the point.

The Shark Emperor smiled in response, "Haha, you're indeed straightforward. Yes, I want to cooperate with you. Aren't you looking for Lie Tian? I would like you to help me lure them out. Once the deed is done, I assure you that you won't be unrewarded."

On hearing this, Xu Nian and Xuan Hong burst into laughter.

So that was the purpose of the Shark Emperor's invitation.

Chapter 715 The Secret of the Shark Empress

Shark Emperor truly seemed to despise Lie Tian to the bone.

However, Xu Nian had no desire to get involved in this matter.

After all, he was just passing through.

He was not foolish enough to help the Shark Emperor without reason.

Besides, the Shark Emperor did not appear to be a good person either.

"Let's talk benefits first. Without substantial benefits, I'm not doing such a despicable thing," Xu Nian said with a smile to the Shark Emperor.

The smile on the Shark Emperor's face immediately stiffened.

A flash of anger darted through his eyes.

He hadn't expected this human youth before him to be so difficult to deal with.

But soon, the flicker of anger in his eyes was concealed.

"Oh, what kind of benefits would you like, young sir? Frankly speaking, Lie Tian has a very precious treasure. If we can capture him, how about we split it equally?" the Shark Emperor proposed to Xu Nian.

"A treasure? Oh, what treasure?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"Lie Tian has a treasure chest that was taken from the Immortal Treasure by his ancestors. It's said to contain four extremely valuable Spiritual Treasures. If you help me capture Lie Tian, how about we share these four Spiritual Treasures equally?" the Shark Emperor proposed to Xu Nian.

At this, Xu Nian burst into laughter.

A treasure chest?

Containing four Spiritual Treasures?

So, the Shark Emperor was so eager to find Lie Tian, and it wasn't just because of being cuckolded; it was more for the treasures in Lie Tian's possession.

"Oh, how do you know that Lie Tian has a treasure chest? And since he has it, why hasn't he used the treasures himself?" Xu Nian quickly asked.

"Ah!" the Shark Emperor sighed on hearing this.

"To be honest, all this information was personally acquired by my Imperial Concubine. There had been rumors, and to verify them, I sent my Imperial Concubine to the Demon Wind Cave to coax the location of the treasure chest from Lie Tian, but unexpectedly..." the Shark Emperor said helplessly.

"Pfft!"

Xu Nian was just lifting a cup of wine but burst out laughing on hearing the Shark Emperor's words.

The Shark Emperor was really foolish.

To think he sent his own Imperial Concubine to seduce Lie Tian.

In the end, not only did he not get the treasure, but he also lost his wife.

Seeing Xu Nian's reaction, the Shark Emperor's face turned ashen.

"Sorry, couldn't help it. Please go on!" Xu Nian quickly waved his hand, restraining his laughter.

The Shark Emperor's expression grew even more embarrassed.

By now, the entire Taboo Sea was abuzz with this story.

His reputation had been completely ruined.

"Lie Tian can never use these Spiritual Treasures because though he has the chest, he lacks the key. So, he can never access the treasures," the Shark Emperor said coldly.

Xu Nian nodded in sudden realization.

Suddenly, he thought of the metal box he had in his possession.

Instantly, he seemed to understand everything.

It looked like the box he had contained the key to the treasure chest.

And the real reason the Shark Emperor had lured him here was to use the key in Xu Nian's possession to entice Lie Tian.

Then, to kill two birds with one stone, obtain both the treasure chest and the key.

"Smart plan!"

Xu Nian couldn't help but admire.

It seemed the Shark Emperor was not entirely foolish.

Of course, neither was he particularly intelligent, merely a bit presumptuous.

"Okay, I agree. But before we find Lie Tian, I need to have a private chat with the Shark Empress," Xu Nian said with a smile.

As he spoke, Xu Nian's gaze fell on the Shark Empress standing nearby.

"I?" The Shark Empress looked visibly panicked.

Her gaze subconsciously shifted toward the Shark Emperor.

After pondering for a moment, the Shark Emperor agreed, "Alright!"

Having said that, he walked straight out of the grand hall.

However, as the Shark Emperor was leaving, his expression visibly darkened.

Xu Nian witnessed this scene and couldn't help but laugh.

This Shark Emperor really was a patient fellow.

He actually agreed to Xu Nian's unreasonable request.

Was he not afraid that Xu Nian would make him wear another green hat?

Xuan Hong remained silent all this time.

But obviously, he shared the same thoughts as Xu Nian.

...

"My lord, are you really letting the Empress and this human boy stay inside together?" Red-Eyed followed the Shark Emperor out of the grand hall and asked anxiously.

The Shark Emperor had already become a laughingstock.

He was genuinely worried that the Shark Emperor might become the butt of another joke.

"Hmph, if he dares, I'll be waiting right here. The moment there's any commotion, I will burst in. If he truly commits any rash actions, I will kill him without hesitation," the Shark Emperor snorted.

"But, my lord, why are you placing such importance on this young human?" Red-Eyed asked in confusion.

"You don't understand. This guy has the key that Lie Tian needs. I clearly remember Lie Tian mentioning once that someone would deliver the key to him. It seems it must be this young man. Now you understand, don't you!" the Shark Emperor snorted.

"So that's it. No wonder, my lord, you were so courteous to this young man; you wanted to use him as bait. Brilliant, brilliant!" Red-Eyed hurriedly flattered.

A proud smile appeared on the Shark Emperor's face as he said, "Once I get those four Spiritual Treasures, I will see who in the Forbidden Sea can oppose me. Unifying the entire Forbidden Sea is within sight."

Red-Eyed's eyes also gleamed with brilliance.

Thinking about their Shark Clan ruling over the entire sea area,

his heart was filled with intense excitement.

Meanwhile, as the Shark Emperor and Red-Eyed were feeling pleased with their plans,

Xu Nian was looking at the Shark Empress in front of him.

At this moment, the Shark Empress still maintained a crumbling expression.

In fact, her Cultivation was not low; she had already reached the Pseudo Purple Mansion level of Supreme Battle Emperor Realm.

But right now, she seemed somewhat guilty.

It seemed she was genuinely afraid that Xu Nian would do something untoward to her.

However, Xu Nian just smiled.

"Empress, I heard you have a good relationship with Lie Tian. Do you know his whereabouts?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"This palace has no idea. If I knew, I would have told the great king a long time ago," the Shark Empress responded.

Hearing this, Xu Nian's smile grew even wider.

"Are you really sure you don't know? Your great king isn't here. What could you not say?" Xu Nian continued with a smile.

"I really don't know. If you have no other questions, please leave!" the Shark Empress's expression turned cold as she issued an order for Xu Nian to leave.

Xu Nian wasn't offended and said with a smile, "Are you really sure you don't know? Then what is this?"

Saying this, Xu Nian spread open his palm, and there lay a Pearl Earring.

Seeing the Pearl Earrings, the Shark Empress's face suddenly turned fearful.

She quickly touched her own ears, only to find that the earrings that had been there were now gone.

"Give it back to me!" the Shark Empress said anxiously.

Her figure actually dashed toward Xu Nian.

Seeing this, Xu Nian just smiled.

He deployed the Space Folding Profound Argumentation.

The Shark Empress passed directly through Xu Nian's body.

Chapter 716 The Past of the Shark Empress

The Shark Empress was shocked.

Clearly, she did not understand why her attack had missed.

However, when she saw the earrings in Xu Nian's hands, her eyes immediately became fierce.

Without a moment's delay, she produced a sharp sword and swung it toward Xu Nian.

Xu Nian merely smiled slightly.

His figure mysteriously appeared right in front of the Shark Empress.

"Bang!"

He struck out with his palm.

Instantly, he sent the Shark Empress flying.

Blood trickled from the corner of the Shark Empress's mouth, her gaze towards Xu Nian turning even fiercer.

She was about to strike again.

"If you try to attack again, believe it or not, I will crush this pearl right now," Xu Nian said angrily.

The Shark Empress's delicate body shivered, and she finally put away her sword.

"What exactly do you want? This is but a mere earring of mine, take it if you wish," the Shark Empress coldly questioned.

She showed none of her previous weakness or shyness.

Yet, Xu Nian simply smiled and said, "Is that so? Then I will not be polite and will take it."

"You..."

The Shark Empress was furious once again.

From the beginning to the end, she had been led by the nose by this young man.

And the actions of this young man before her were impeccably thorough.

Leaving his cultivation aside, this meticulous mindset alone was enough to send chills down one's spine.

"Tell me, what must I do to get the earring back?" the Shark Empress asked.

"Take me to meet Lie Tian. Since you can use this earring to communicate with him, you must know his whereabouts," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Indeed, the seemingly ordinary pearl earring that Xu Nian held was actually a specially made Communication Spirit Talisman.

Ordinary people could not recognize it.

Xu Nian had discovered it only because of Wentian Demon Sovereign's extraordinary insight and powerful Spiritual Sense perception.

Even Xuan Hong, who stood nearby, had not noticed it.

Naturally, the Shark Emperor would not be able to discern the clues here.

It was laughable that the Shark Emperor was still desperately searching for Lie Tian's whereabouts.

Yet he did not know that the person beside him was secretly communicating with his rival in love.

This was also why the Shark Empress had been so nervous about the earring just now.

Because if the Shark Emperor ever discovered the secret of this earring,

not only would she face death, but Lie Tian would also suffer the consequences.

"Impossible, even if I die, I will not take you to meet him," the Shark Empress said firmly.

Xu Nian raised an eyebrow.

Things just got interesting.

It seems the Shark Empress truly holds deep feelings for Lie Tian!

"Not meeting is fine, then tell me your story with Lie Tian. Don't worry, I won't tell the Shark Emperor your business, he and I are neither kin nor kith," Xu Nian said with a smile.

After finishing speaking, he took a seat on a chair nearby.

Xuan Hong also sat down.

The Shark Empress stared at Xu Nian for a while and realized that Xu Nian wasn't lying.

She then gritted her teeth and spoke, "Lie Tian and I truly love each other. We've known each other since childhood and grew up together, what you humans would call childhood sweethearts, but then..."

"Afterward, the Shark Emperor forcibly took you away, and you and Lie Tian were forced to separate. Meanwhile, the Shark Emperor accidentally learned about the treasure in Lie Tian's possession, so he wanted to use your relationship to trick the treasure from him, while you seized the opportunity to reunite with Lie Tian. When the Shark Emperor discovered your affairs, he was furious and sent men to kill Lie Tian. To protect Lie Tian, you chose to stay by the Shark Emperor's side," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"How did you know?" the Shark Empress asked, shocked.

The story Xu Nian told closely paralleled her own experiences.

Seeing the astonished look on the Shark Empress's face, Xu Nian smiled wryly, "Old story. Such things happen in our Human Clan every year, but I didn't expect to see it among your Demon Clan too."

Hearing Xu Nian's words, the Shark Empress didn't smile. "You're right, but there's one thing you got wrong. I protected Lie Tian not just for him, but also for our child."

"Child? You're pregnant?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Yes, I'm pregnant. The child is Lie Tian's," the Shark Empress said.

Xu Nian was dumbstruck.

The Shark Emperor was practically a cuckolded husband.

And to think he had just slapped the Shark Empress's stomach.

Fortunately, Xu Nian hadn't used much force.

Otherwise, the child might have died by his hand.

"Does the Shark Emperor know?" Xu Nian asked.

"He doesn't know. If he did, he would never let me live. Despite his courteous facade, he actually wants to extract Lie Tian's whereabouts from me. Once he finds Lie Tian, he would kill us without batting an eye. He's the type of person who would sacrifice anything for his own goals, and you're just a pawn he's using," the Shark Empress said, her gaze turning cold.

Xu Nian chuckled.

He had figured this out already.

That's why he had requested to negotiate with the Shark Empress alone.

"Why haven't you considered killing the Shark Emperor?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"That's impossible. Not to mention that the Shark Emperor has reached the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon's Peak within the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm, even if we could kill him, his army of three million demon beasts of the Shark Clan wouldn't let us go. There are over three hundred thousand Demon Kings, a hundred thousand Demon Saints, and even ten thousand Demon Emperors. The entire sea area is littered with the Shark Clan's spies; it's impossible to escape," the Shark Empress sighed helplessly.

Xu Nian was astonished.

Ten thousand Demon Emperors?

That was more than all the Battle Kings on the entire Tianhen Continent.

The power of these Devil Cultivators was terrifying?

"Our Sea Demons are not like your humans; we can cultivate from birth. Moreover, our Sea Demons have high fertility rates, giving birth to tens or even dozens, so naturally, there are many Devil Cultivators," the Shark Empress explained, seeing Xu Nian's astonishment.

Xu Nian nodded, enlightened.

The power of the Sea Demons was truly terrifying.

If one could control this power, not to mention flattening the entire continent,

just a stomp of the foot could shake the whole continent.

"I've said all I have to say, and now you should understand your situation," the Shark Empress spoke.

Xu Nian nodded, smiling.

"So, do you still plan on dealing with the Shark Emperor?" the Shark Empress asked.

"Deal, of course, I'll deal," Xu Nian said, smiling.

"You!" The Shark Empress was instantly enraged.

She had wanted to persuade Xu Nian to take the key and flee far away.

But now, after hearing her story, Xu Nian still wanted to make a deal.

Wouldn't that put her and Lie Tian in great danger?

Xu Nian seemed to discern the Shark Empress's thoughts and smiled, "A deal indeed, but it seems the Shark Emperor needs to be replaced. What do you think about Lie Tian?"

The Shark Empress was stunned.

What did that mean?

Chapter 717 Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique

The Shark Empress was stunned for a long time after hearing Xu Nian's words.

However, Xu Nian strode out of the grand hall with Xuan Hong.

Full of doubts, the Shark Empress couldn't understand what Xu Nian was planning.

Just as she was about to catch up to ask him, she saw that the Shark Emperor had already positioned himself by Xu Nian's side.

"What's the situation, any success?" the Shark Emperor asked.

"No success, the Empress doesn't know Lie Tian's whereabouts," Xu Nian said, shaking his head helplessly.

The Shark Emperor nodded.

This, he had already verified many times.

Even he was convinced that the Shark Empress had no idea where Lie Tian was.

Thus, when he heard Xu Nian voice these words, he knew that Xu Nian had gained nothing this time.

"Next, I will need Your Majesty to release a message stating that someone is looking for him on behalf of the Desert Emperor Scorpion to deliver an item; I believe he will show himself once he hears this news," Xu Nian said to the Shark Emperor.

"That's not a problem. As long as he is still in our Shark Clan's territory, the moment he shows up, I'll immediately be aware. He won't be able to escape even if he grows wings," the Shark Emperor's eyes shone as he spoke.

He immediately ordered the Red-Eyed behind him to handle this matter.

Xu Nian nodded as well.

"There's another thing I need help with from the Shark Emperor. I want to visit the Demon Wind Cave, but I don't know its location. Could you send a Sea Demon to guide me?" Xu Nian spoke again.

"There's no problem with that. Brother Xu Nian, would you like me to arrange a few beauties from our Shark Clan as well?" the Shark Emperor said with a smile.

"No need for that, I prefer the quiet. Just have someone guide me there," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"Very well, then. Someone come here! Our honored guest is going to the Demon Wind Cave. You take him there and serve him well!" the Shark Emperor ordered on the spot.

Xu Nian nodded and immediately followed a Sea Demon to leave.

From beginning to end, Xu Nian did not glance at the Shark Empress even once.

However, the Shark Empress's eyes were fixated on Xu Nian the entire time, a thoughtful shade in her gaze.

"What exactly did he say to you?" the Shark Emperor suddenly turned his head and asked the Shark Empress in a cold voice, his expression extremely stern.

"He didn't say much, just asked about Lie Tian's whereabouts. But I know nothing," the Shark Empress replied.

"Bitch!"

The Shark Emperor slapped the Shark Empress's face and then walked straight into the grand hall.

He also called for Bai Ling, whom Xu Nian had met earlier.

"Bai Ling, you keep a watch on this Xu Nian in secret. If he does anything unusual, report to me immediately," the Shark Emperor instructed Bai Ling.

"Yes!" Bai Ling took the command immediately and left the grand hall.

The Shark Empress, overhearing this conversation, also showed a glimpse of worry in the depth of her eyes.

Thinking of her pearl earrings still in Xu Nian's possession, she was in turmoil.

...

Xu Nian and Xuan Hong were led by an Emperor Level Sea Demon towards the Demon Wind Cave.

The reason Xu Nian wanted to visit the Demon Wind Cave was that he had his own purpose.

He believed that Lie Tian certainly hadn't gone far and might even be within the Demon Wind Cave itself.

Of course, Xu Nian knew that the Shark Emperor wouldn't just trust him.

He would definitely send someone to covertly follow him.

"Kid, what are you planning to do? Why can't I fathom your next move? Are you truly going to aid this Lie Tian?" Xuan Hong transmitted his voice to Xu Nian.

Since entering the Shark Palace, he hadn't said a word.

Yet now, Xu Nian's actions puzzled him.

Could it be that Xu Nian really intended to kill the Shark Emperor?

But even if he were to kill the Shark Emperor, why head to the Demon Wind Cave?

"I wasn't keen on getting involved in this mess, but since it's beyond my control, since I've gotten myself involved, I might as well see it through!" Xu Nian transmitted back.

"But killing the Shark Emperor is not so easy; we've seen his Sea Demon army before, and that was just a part of it," Xuan Hong couldn't help but chide via telepathy. "I'll tell you, these Sea Demons can execute combined attacks. With ten thousand Demon Emperors striking at once, let alone you, even I might not be able to withstand it."

Xu Nian, however, just smiled.

"Although the Demon Clan's million-strong army is somewhat difficult to deal with, it's not without a solution. Rest assured, in ten days' time, I'll show you the outcome of this matter," Xu Nian said through telepathy.

Xuan Hong heard this and said no more.

But in his heart, he still didn't believe it.

Xu Nian could not possibly withstand the Demon Clan's million-strong army by himself.

Let's not speak of anything else; just the Ten Great Generals were extremely difficult to handle.

And Xu Nian's strength, at the moment, was at best that of the Pseudo Void Realm's Supreme Battle Emperor.

Of course, this Pseudo Void did not mean that Xu Nian could break through to the Cave Void Realm as soon as he entered the Cultivation World.

It only meant that Xu Nian's current combat power was similar to that of a Cave Void Realm powerhouse whose realm was suppressed.

When Xu Nian went to the Cultivation World, he would still have to climb up from the Zifu step by step.

After all, Xu Nian had never cultivated in that realm before.

And there was a fundamental difference between him and those who were originally of the Cave Void Realm and whose strength had been suppressed.

Therefore, Xuan Hong did not believe Xu Nian could stand against the entire million-strong Sea Demon army.

But Xu Nian didn't care at all.

He had the air of having a card up his sleeve.

In fact, at that moment, Xu Nian truly couldn't achieve it.

But after his conversation with the Wentian Demon Sovereign, he gained great confidence.

Soon, Xu Nian and his party arrived at the Demon Wind Cave.

The Demon Wind Cave wasn't large but had the appearance of an underwater cave dwelling.

This Demon Wind Cave, usually guarded by many Sea Demons, was now deserted.

After sending away the Demon Emperor who had guided them,

Xu Nian led Xuan Hong into the depths of the Demon Wind Cave.

Although the cave didn't boast a gilded splendor, it was still extremely lavish.

The Demon Wind Cave was not big, housing a total of thirteen cave dwellings.

Xu Nian directly chose one as his residence and immediately entered a closed-door cultivation state.

Xuan Hong was left feeling frustrated.

Xu Nian had come to this Demon Wind Cave to enter seclusion.

What exactly did he intend to do?

...

But at that moment, Xu Nian had already sat down on the cushion in the cave dwelling.

"Senior Wentian, let's begin!"

Xu Nian said to the Wentian Demon Sovereign through telepathy.

"Kid, are you sure you want to do this? The God Slaying Technique is not something to be trifled with," the ephemeral figure of the Wentian Demon Sovereign appeared before Xu Nian. "Although the more you kill, the greater power you gain, once you start cultivating it, if your mind isn't strong, you might descend into the Demon Path and become a remorseless killer."

"I'm sure!" Xu Nian replied without any hesitation.

"Good, since you've made up your mind, I will teach you this Cultivation Secret Technique," said the Wentian Demon Sovereign. "It is a technique that I obtained from the ruins of an ancient Divine Court. There are three parts in total, and I only have the first foundational part right now. But if you successfully cultivate it, becoming a Killing God is definitely within your grasp."

The Wentian Demon Sovereign then pointed a finger at Xu Nian's forehead.

"Ah!"

Xu Nian immediately let out a painful scream.

This information was too much!

His head could scarcely bear it!

Chapter 718 Lie Tian Appears

Xu Nian writhed in agony on the ground.

The information transmitted into his mind by the Wentian Demon Sovereign was simply too vast.

So vast that Xu Nian's head felt like it was about to explode.

After a full four hours, Xu Nian managed to gradually digest these memories, and the pain in his head slowly subsided.

"Such immense information, and this is merely the foundation of the three chapters. If all three were to be infused into my mind at once, wouldn't my soul truly collapse?" Xu Nian exclaimed sincerely.

This Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique was indeed too powerful.

"Kid, now that you have acquired the Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique, I hope you will be extra cautious when you cultivate. If you are consumed by the killing aura, you will turn into a demon who kills without blinking an eye," the Wentian Demon Sovereign warned solemnly again.

Xu Nian nodded.

After accepting the Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique, he realized the fearsomeness of this technique.

The Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique could be considered a kind of Combat Technique for cultivation.

But it could also be considered an extremely powerful secret technique that assisted in cultivation.

And the method of cultivating it was through killing.

With each person killed, another portion of killing aura would be added.

This killing aura could be integrated into one's Spiritual Energy and Gang Qi.

It not only emitted a chilling might but also made one's attacks all the more powerful.

This secret technique did not offer much help for one-on-one combat.

However, for group battles, it was especially beneficial.

The more Xu Nian killed, the fiercer his aura would become.

In other words, the more courageous he would be in battle.

This was the very reason Xu Nian had the confidence to go against a million-strong army.

Of course, if a million-strong army were to utilize united combat strategies from the start, Xu Nian would not possibly be able to withstand it.

But if it really came to that, Xu Nian had his ways to deal with it.

He would then use the Space Power of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast to launch a surprise attack.

Directly scattering the opponent's formation.

With these thoughts, Xu Nian hesitated no longer.

He began to meticulously focus and familiarize himself with the operation of the Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique.

As days passed, Xu Nian's mastery of the Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique became ever more proficient.

It had to be said, the Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique was undoubtedly a supreme method of slaughter.

Just the basic operation of the technique had consumed nearly seven days of Xu Nian's time.

And that was due to Xu Nian's exceptional understanding.

Had it been someone else, they might not have grasped it even in seventy days.

...

During the time Xu Nian was in closed-door cultivation,

Inside the great hall of Shark Palace, the Shark Emperor was seething with anger.

"You're saying Xu Nian has been in closed-door cultivation ever since he arrived at the Demon Wind Cave and hasn't come out?" The Shark Emperor asked, looking down at Bai Ling.

"That's right, Your Majesty. That guy really hasn't come out. The middle-aged man with him comes out often, but Xu Nian has not been seen," Bai Ling responded respectfully.

The Shark Emperor's brows furrowed tightly.

He appeared deep in thought.

He had originally thought that Xu Nian would make a clandestine visit to Lie Tian.

But unexpectedly, Xu Nian had chosen to go into seclusion.

"Keep a close watch, especially on anyone going to the Demon Wind Cave. Make sure you note it all down; not a single person should be missed," the Shark Emperor ordered sternly.

"Yes!" Bai Ling replied immediately.

"How are things on Lie Tian's side? Any news?" the Shark Emperor asked again.

"No news. Lie Tian seems to have vanished without a trace; no sign of him can be found. Even after we've spread the word, the other three major Demon Clans have been talking, but Lie Tian hasn't shown up. Your Majesty, do you think he might have already left the Shark Clan's territory?" Bai Ling inquired with a frown.

The Shark Emperor's gaze was dark and foreboding.

That damn Lie Tian hadn't taken the bait.

"No, we'll just wait slowly. As long as that wretch isn't dead and Xu Nian is still within our control, Lie Tian will definitely show up. Keep a tighter watch," the Shark Emperor declared.

"Yes!"

Bai Ling immediately accepted the order and exited the great hall.

The Shark Emperor's gaze became as dark as could be.

Not only had he suffered a great humiliation, but now he hadn't even caught a glimpse of the treasure's shadow.

It pushed his suppressed anger nearly to its limit.

"Hmph, once I obtain the treasure, you will all die!" The Shark Emperor roared in fury, his terrifying aura causing the entire great hall to tremble violently.

...

At this moment, Xu Nian had almost finished his cultivation and stood up again.

Having mastered the Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique, he was now much more confident than before.

"It's time to meet this Lie Tian," Xu Nian said with a faint smile.

A pearl earring then appeared in his hand.

Yes, this pearl earring was exactly what Xu Nian had acquired from the Shark Empress.

At this moment, Xu Nian took out the earring with only one purpose in mind.

That was to lure Lie Tian out.

So, Xu Nian immediately used the power of his Spiritual Sense to send a message through the pearl earring: Lie Tian?

After Xu Nian sent the message, he didn't receive a response for a long time.

But Xu Nian wasn't in a hurry.

He believed that Lie Tian would eventually reply.

Indeed, three two-hour periods later, a message materialized from the Chuanxu Spirit Talisman and entered Xu Nian's mind.

"Who are you? How did you come to possess Shasha's Communication Spirit Talisman?"

Upon seeing the message, Xu Nian's face also revealed a brilliant smile.

"Who I am is not important. What matters is that Yan Sha is currently in my hands. If you want her to stay alive, come and meet me," Xu Nian replied through the talisman.

"Where are you?" This time, as soon as Xu Nian sent his message, the other party immediately responded.

"Your Demon Wind Cave!" Xu Nian answered through the talisman.

"Good, wait for me!"

Seeing the message that came again on the Spirit Talisman, Xu Nian immediately smiled.

Lie Tian was willing to do this much for the Shark Empress.

It was clear to see that he truly loved the Shark Empress.

Because as soon as he shows up, he would be captured by the Shark Emperor's spies.

And then, the Shark Emperor would surely send a large army.

In that case, even if Lie Tian had wings, escape would be difficult.

Soon, Xu Nian met a man at the entrance of the Demon Wind Cave.

A very tall and intimidating man.

Xu Nian observed this man and found that his cultivation had already reached the Pseudo Void Level of the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm.

His aura was exceptionally domineering and powerful.

It was clear that this person must be Lie Tian, whom the Shark Emperor had been searching for.

While Xu Nian was sizing up Lie Tian, Lie Tian was also observing Xu Nian.

Clearly, he hadn't expected that the person threatening him this time would be a human youth.

However, the presence of Xuan Hong made Lie Tian extremely cautious.

Obviously, he had discerned that Xuan Hong was no ordinary person.

"Where is Shasha?" Lie Tian, straightforward, asked.

He was here for the Shark Empress.

Thus, his first words naturally were these.

Xu Nian merely smiled faintly and answered truthfully, "The Shark Empress isn't here; she's still in the Shark Palace. I deliberately deceived you into coming."

Upon hearing this, a flash of anger crossed Lie Tian's eyes.

He then attempted to turn and leave.

"If you're content to live the rest of your life in such a sneaking survival, by all means, leave."

However, before he had even taken a few steps, an icy voice came from behind him.

Chapter 719 A Man Guards the Pass

Lie Tian immediately stepped forward and turned to look at Xu Nian.

His eyes brimmed with unceasing anger.

"You don't have to look at me like that, you can't even protect the woman you love, you're more like a stray dog fleeing everywhere, only able to cower in a corner. Do you dare say you aren't just scrounging to survive?" Xu Nian scoffed with a mocking laugh.

Lie Tian clenched his fists, his eyes bloodshot.

Seeing this, the sneer on Xu Nian's face grew even more intense.

"Resent it? Your Shasha is now pregnant, carrying your flesh and blood, yet you left her with someone who wishes to kill her at any moment. What are you if not useless?" Xu Nian mocked again.

Lie Tian was so beaten down by Xu Nian's words that he staggered back two steps.

His gaze became distant.

Clearly, Xu Nian's words had struck the deepest part of his heart.

Watching this unfold, the smirk on Xu Nian's lips grew even thicker.

"Who are you? Did the Shark Emperor send you to deliberately stall for time, then have the Shark Emperor's army come to kill us? You know nothing. Only if I am not found can Shasha safely survive." Lie Tian suddenly looked up, his expression fierce as he spoke.

"Is that so? Then hide for a lifetime. I want to see how long your Shasha can live," Xu Nian said with a flippant scoff.

His tone was filled with disappointment.

Lie Tian backed away another two steps, now with tears streaming down his face.

Xu Nian, on the other hand, chuckled.

Looking at the nearly broken Lie Tian, he spoke, "I'm giving you a chance right now. I can help you fend off the approaching million-strong army, and I can kill the Shark Emperor for you, reunite you with your Shasha, and even let you sit upon the throne of the Shark Clan."

Lie Tian halted his tears and looked at Xu Nian with astonishment.

Resist a million-strong Sea Demon army?

Kill the Shark Emperor?

Let him take the throne of the Shark Emperor?

Was he hearing this correctly?

"You don't have to look so surprised. Since I've made the offer, I can naturally accomplish it, but you must have something that makes it worth my while to help you." Xu Nian gazed at Lie Tian haughtily.

Lie Tian's heart trembled instantly.

For some reason, at this moment, he felt an uncontrollable urge to submit.

The previously absurd words now seemed as though they could truly be realized.

He didn't know where this inexplicable trust came from.

"Fine, as long as you help me withstand this million-strong army and kill the Shark Emperor, letting me be with Shasha, I will give you my treasure chest," Lie Tian promptly said.

Now he could only trust the mysterious young human in front of him.

"Hmph, do you think I care about your treasure chest?" Xu Nian sneered disdainfully.

That left Lie Tian stunned.

The treasure chest was all he had to offer.

And yet this young man seemed not to care for it.

"Then what do you really want?" Lie Tian hastily asked.

"I want your submission to me. I won't ask for your Soul Mark, but I want your heartfelt loyalty to me. Also, you need a strong heart. My people, in this world, will not be humiliated by anyone but me," Xu Nian declared proudly.

Lie Tian was startled.

For some reason at that moment,

when the young man uttered those words, his heart surged with a boiling passion.

Especially the last sentence, which shook his soul profoundly.

"Fine, as long as you can help me, it's not just about submitting to you. Even my life is yours," Lie Tian said immediately.

Xu Nian smiled faintly, stepped forward, and patted Lie Tian on the shoulder.

"Then observe closely. As the future king of the Shark Clan, see what kind of spirit you should have," Xu Nian told Lie Tian.

Having said this, he brushed past Lie Tian.

Lie Tian turned his head, only to find that they were already surrounded by a densely packed Shark Clan army.

The number of soldiers was countless.

The entire Demon Wind Cave was besieged, with no means of escape.

A majestic aura emanated from this vast army of the Shark Clan.

That powerful presence directly suffocated those nearby, leaving them gasping for air.

Lie Tian was horrified, even feeling weak in the knees.

However, when he saw the young man approaching defiantly, utterly unaffected by the menacing aura of the surrounding Shark Clan forces,

his heart was filled with shock.

Could it be that what this youth had said was true?

Could he truly face this million-strong army alone?

"Buzz!"

Just then, within the million-strong Shark Clan army,

ten men and women stepped forward.

Among them were Bai Ling and Red-Eyed, unmistakably among their number.

Yes, they were the ten generals of the Shark Clan.

The mobilization of ten generals at the same time indicated that the Shark Emperor was determined to have them win at all costs.

But this was not the end yet.

These ten generals suddenly stepped aside,

and from behind them emerged a burly man with a commanding aura of a superior.

"We greet our Emperor!"

As the man stepped forth, the million-strong army cried out in unison,

their presence shaking the heavens and the earth.

However, the man paid no attention to the million-strong army but instead fixed his gaze upon Xu Nian and Lie Tian.

Especially when he caught sight of Lie Tian, a strong killing intent flickered deep within his eyes.

"Ha ha, Brother Xu Nian, I didn't expect you to actually have the ability, and you really did lure out Lie Tian. Don't worry, the conditions I promised you before, I will certainly fulfill," the Shark Emperor said to Xu Nian with a hearty laugh.

Lie Tian, on the other hand, was taken aback and then turned his venomous gaze towards Xu Nian,

"You trickster, you're in league with him," Lie Tian angrily accused.

Xu Nian had just kept on saying so much,

And he had actually believed it.

It turned out Xu Nian was in league with the Shark Emperor.

What about the claim of facing a million-strong army alone?

That was nothing but a deceitful tall tale.

However, Xu Nian just laughed, paying no mind to the malicious look in Lie Tian's eyes.

Instead, he looked up to the Shark Emperor and said, "Shark Emperor, what are you really thinking? Do you think I wouldn't know that you need the key I hold in my hand, so from the very beginning, you never intended to share the treasure with me? Once you get both the treasure chest and the key in your hands, you'll probably kill me first thing."

The Shark Emperor's brow furrowed, but it quickly smoothed out.

He laughed out loud, "Ha ha, Xu Nian, I didn't expect you to be quite clever, but don't you think it's a bit late to be saying this now? Today, neither you nor this damned Lie Tian will escape, and the treasures you hold will belong to me."

Upon hearing this, Lie Tian's brows furrowed deeply.

Xu Nian, however, began to chuckle.

"Too late? I don't think it's too late at all. Killing you now is the perfect timing," Xu Nian said as he flicked his hand, and a sharp sword appeared in his grip.

"Pretentious fool, I have a million-strong army here. Killing you is as easy as crushing an ant. You're facing death and you still dare to be arrogant. Red-Eyed, attack, kill this boy!" the Shark Emperor ordered furiously.

"Yes!"

Upon hearing the order, Red-Eyed produced two giant axes in his hands.

Swinging the axes, he charged toward Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, watching Red-Eyed's approach, had a cold smile playing at the corner of his mouth.

He then uttered a sentence that left everyone present dumbfounded, "Since you don't believe me, today I shall fight until your courage shatters!"

Chapter 720: Slaughter to Prove the Tao

"Big talk that you can't back up! Die!"

Red-Eyed let out a furious roar.

Then he swung his giant axe toward Xu Nian.

As the giant axe swung, the tremendous Axe Light split the seawater apart.

Creating a huge arc of rainbow, it cleaved towards Xu Nian.

The crowd around showed shock on their faces.

With a single axe strike, even the seawater was directly cleaved apart.

The Sea Demons around also showed surprise.

The power of this axe strike was simply beyond their ability to contend with.

Lie Tian's expression was also grave.

Red-Eyed's strength was not much different from his own.

He wouldn't dare to easily intercept such an axe strike.

However, Xu Nian just chuckled softly.

Looking at the Axe Light that was cleaving towards him,

he casually swung his sword.

"Boom!"

The Sword Radiance flew past, instantly shattering the dazzling Axe Light.

"Such a casual sword strike, and it broke through?" the surrounding Sea Demons exclaimed in surprise.

Lie Tian was also taken aback.

Xu Nian had just so easily neutralized the move.

This Red-Eyed was a Pseudo Void Level Supreme Battle Emperor just like him.

The power of his attacks was naturally imaginable.

Yet, it was so easily neutralized by Xu Nian's casual sword strike.

Seeing this scene, Red-Eyed's eyes also revealed surprise.

But soon, a hint of rage flashed through his eyes.

"Seeking death!"

Red-Eyed bellowed, this time directly rushing forward in his figure.

He intended to completely split the human before him in half.

The giant axe in his hand was extraordinarily heavy.

Each weighed a colossal five hundred thousand pounds.

He didn't believe the human before him could withstand his giant axe's attack.

However, Xu Nian chuckled lightly again.

"You'll be the first spirit to fall under my Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique."

Xu Nian's eyes flashed coldly.

Following that, the sharp sword in his hand transformed into a streak of afterimage.

"Pu-chi!"

Xu Nian's Immortal Sword instantly streaked through the seawater, blood spurting out.

Red-Eyed's eyes widened, hardly believing that all this was real.

However, the sword wound on his neck gradually widened, eventually leading to a severed head.

His life came to a definitive end.

And the giant axe in his hand was also cleanly broken into two halves.

"So... so fast!"

The surrounding Sea Demons were all shocked beyond measure.

Xu Nian's sword strike was just too quick.

So quick that they could not react in time, and Red-Eyed was killed.

Lie Tian, standing behind Xu Nian, was also startled.

He was certain that if he were to face that sword strike, he would no doubt meet his death.

From a distance, the Shark Emperor, watching Red-Eyed's corpse, had an even gloomier look in his eyes.

However, Xu Nian stood proudly with his sword, his aura even stronger than before.

Indeed, this was the effect of the Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique.

Killing to steal momentum!

The more he killed, the stronger his momentum became.

When Xu Nian slaughtered a million, his momentum would reach an unparalleled height.

By then, not to mention a Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Realm Supreme Battle Emperor, even a true Zifu Cultivator, he would dare to battle.

And all of this without the slightest side effect.

"On him, now! Whoever kills him, I'll let him take Red-Eyed's place," ordered the Shark Emperor immediately.

Those Sea Demon Beasts from the Shark Clan's eyes turned scarlet in an instant.

All of them surged towards Xu Nian.

Red-Eyed's position was that of the Ten Great Generals!

Once one became a General of the Shark Clan, they held not only an exalted status,

but also an abundance of Cultivation Resources and the affections of beauties from the Shark Clan; wasn't that all within reach?

So these Sea Demons charged at Xu Nian like mad, cacophonous and countless.

Seeing this scene, Xu Nian's eyes revealed a hint of amusement.

"Perfect timing!" Xu Nian thought as the Shark Clan's army lost its mind—this was his opportunity. Otherwise, had the Shark Clan's army used ranged combined attacks, then Xu Nian would have truly been unable to resist.

"Kill!" The army of the Shark Clan charged.

A fierce light surged in Xu Nian's eyes. His sword danced in his hand like rain.

"Ptui!" The leading three Sea Demons were immediately cleaved in two by Xu Nian's sword.

"Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!" Xu Nian swung his sword again. Each swing of his sword took at least three lives.

For a moment, the Sea Demons kept coming, one after another. However, none could get within ten meters of Xu Nian.

Any Demon Beast that came close died miserably under Xu Nian's sword. In just a few breaths' time, the area around was littered with limbs and body parts.

The bright red blood dyed a vast expanse of the sea. The thick smell of blood permeated the entire sea area.

"One thousand three hundred forty-eight, one thousand three hundred fifty-two!" Xu Nian swung his sword more and more valiantly.

His sword in hand became like the scythe of the Death God, constantly reaping the lives of the Sea Demons.

Regardless of whether they were Demon King Level, Demon Saint Level, or Demon Emperor Level. Under Xu Nian's sword, it all took just one stroke.

Lie Tian, from a distance, saw the bodies of Sea Demons continuously falling and revealed a look of immense surprise on his face.

This method of slaughter was something he could achieve too, but he definitely couldn't keep fighting more and more vigorously like Xu Nian.

At most, he could maintain this kind of high-intensity battle for a few 15-minute intervals. Once time passed, the spiritual energy inside his body would be completely drained.

At that point, death was the only path waiting for him.

However, right now, not only did Xu Nian's cultivation not show the slightest sign of decline, but the spiritual energy within his body seemed to become even more abundant.

"Hum!" Xu Nian's cultivation even began to soar. He directly reached the Peak of the Ninth Level Battle Emperor and even showed signs of breaking through to the Zifu Realm.

His aura became increasingly terrifying. That killing intent, amassed together, was like a peerless Killing God descending to earth, involuntarily arousing a chilling fear in people's hearts.

"Hum!" Xu Nian slashed out with his sword again.

"Ptui!" Nearly thirty Demon Beasts fell dead on the spot.

The Sea Demons surrounding him were completely stunned. At the start, Xu Nian's sword could only claim the lives of three or four Sea Demons.

Now, just one stroke had already taken more than thirty lives. All this in just the span of 15 minutes.

The number of Sea Demons that had died had already reached over a hundred thousand.

The key was that this young man showed no signs of exhaustion.

"How... How is this possible?" The Sea Demons around were too scared to advance any further.

This young man in front of them was just too bizarre, too terrifying.

The more he killed, the more ferocious he became. If this kept up, their million-strong army would be slaughtered, and this young man wouldn't have the slightest problem.

The Nine Great Generals and the Shark Emperor in the distance also furrowed their brows.

This young man in front of them was truly strange. The more he killed, the braver he became. Now even they were thrilled by the murderous aura on him.

"Interesting, I didn't expect this lad to have such a trick up his sleeve—using killing intent to enhance cultivation. The more he kills, the stronger his cultivation and momentum become. If he continues like this, he might really break through to the Zifu Realm," Xuan Hong couldn't help but speak in admiration.

He had not expected Xu Nian to possess such a terrifying Secret Technique of Slaughter. Such a powerful technique was simply tailor-made for an assassin.

Hearing Xuan Hong's words, Lie Tian next to him was also flabbergasted. Cultivation through slaughter—did such a bizarre and fearsome method of cultivation truly exist in this world?