

Divine King 721

Chapter 721: Intimidation in All Directions

Xu Nian gripped the sharp sword in his hand.

At that moment, he felt an unprecedented state of himself.

With the killing, he could distinctly feel it.

The murderous aura wrapped the surrounding Spiritual Energy and continuously surged into his limbs and bones.

As this murderous aura and Spiritual Energy surged in, his cultivation was also gradually increasing.

Whether it was Spirit Cultivator or Body Cultivation, both had reached the peak of Emperor Level.

The next step was to break directly into the Zifu Realm.

Of course, the Zifu was not so easy to break through.

This period required a massive accumulation of Spiritual Energy.

And for Xu Nian's Dan Sea Species Green Lotus, breaking through to Zifu was even more difficult.

But once he broke through Zifu, his Dan Sea Species Green Lotus would also undergo earth-shattering changes.

By then, Xu Nian's strength would be absolutely formidable.

For Xu Nian, there simply was no such realm as the Supreme Battle Emperor.

Because he was a person with dragon veins.

Blessed with Fortune, he could naturally break through this vast universe and reach the true Zifu Realm.

Through the recent absorption of the Three Thousand God-Slaying Technique.

Xu Nian's combat power had also reached the level of a Supreme Battle Emperor in the Pseudo Harmony Realm.

He was just a step away from the Supreme Battle Emperor in the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level.

"Shark Emperor, is this your million-strong Demon Clan army? It seems rather underwhelming," Xu Nian said mockingly, looking at the distant Shark Emperor with a laugh.

The Shark Emperor's eyes were gloomy.

The youth before him was eerily formidable.

A million-strong army attacking together, yet they hadn't been able to do anything to him.

Instead, his million-strong army had lost a hundred thousand.

If it were him, he wouldn't have been able to do this either.

"Hmph, Xu Nian, don't get too happy too soon. What you saw was just the tip of the iceberg of my million-strong army's power. Now, let me show you the true might of my Shark Clan Army. All Sea Demons, form up!" the Shark Emperor immediately coldly snorted.

Then he shouted loudly at the Demon Clan army.

Following the command of the Shark Emperor.

The previously defeated Shark Clan Sea Demons, who Xu Nian had routed, began to move.

Sea Demons below the Demon King level all retreated to the perimeter, surrounding the area.

The Demon King Level, Demon Saint Level, and Demon Emperor Level Sea Demons were divided into three rows, arranged like a pyramid.

All Sea Demons were neatly aligned, moving in unison.

From a distance, they looked like tidy black dots.

But the aura they emitted was extraordinarily formidable.

The armies of Demon King, Demon Saint, and Demon Emperor each gathered into three powerful auras, bearing down on Xu Nian.

The three auras overlapped.

Even the murderous aura Xu Nian had just gathered was somewhat shaken.

Xuan Hong also had a solemn expression.

He valiantly resisted this terrifying aura.

As for Lie Tian, he was so intimidated by this aura that he couldn't straighten his back, his legs went weak, and he almost knelt on the ground.

"What a formidable aura, this combined Shark Clan army is entirely on another level compared to the one fighting separately before," Xu Nian said to himself.

The separately fighting Shark Clan army wasn't frightening.

With Xu Nian's inexhaustible power.

He could easily kill them all.

But the combined Sea Demon army, that was truly terrifying.

Logically speaking, Xu Nian should have routed them before they could form up.

Absolutely not giving them a chance to combine.

But Xu Nian didn't do that.

He was curious to see just how terrifying this combined Shark Clan army was.

"Demon King, get ready!" a Shark Clan General stepped forward and barked a command.

As his voice sounded.

The nearly thirty thousand Demon Kings at that moment all moved as one, gripping their Battle Sabers.

Their movements uniform, their momentum formidable.

"We're in trouble now, thirty thousand Demon Kings launching a joint attack, there are few Supreme Battle Emperors who could withstand it," Xuan Hong couldn't help but say.

Facing the joint attack of thirty thousand Demon Kings, even the Xuanwu Netherworld Turtle, famed for its invincible defense, couldn't say for sure that it could withstand it.

Lie Tian, although silent.

But his expression said it all.

Clearly, he and the middle-aged man beside him shared the same thought.

Even a Supreme Battle Emperor at the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level might not be able to withstand the strike of these thirty thousand Demon Kings.

The young man in front of him was likely reaching his end.

However, Xu Nian held the Immortal Sword, looking at the prepared army of Demon Kings.

There wasn't a trace of fear in his eyes; instead, there was a hint of madness.

"Seeking death!"

The Shark Emperor sneered with a mocking look in his eyes.

Did Xu Nian really think he could withstand the joint attack of these three hundred thousand Demon Kings?

It was simply delusional.

Thus, he immediately ordered the General beside him.

"Attack!"

With the command of the General.

The three hundred thousand Demon King army swung their swords simultaneously.

In an instant, three hundred thousand sword lights converged, forming a gigantic sword light a thousand feet long.

The sword light swept across the sky.

The sea was directly split open, its aura terrifying beyond measure.

One could only imagine the power of a single sword strike formed by the joint attack of three hundred thousand Demon Kings.

From a distance, Xuan Hong and Lie Tian's scalps tingled.

Under this sword strike,

It was unlikely they would escape unscathed.

Even the entire Demon Wind Cave might be completely leveled.

However, Xu Nian held his long sword, showing no sign of retreating.

Watching the terrifying sword light cleaving down,

A slight smirk flickered in his eyes.

"Roar!"

At that moment, a terrifying roar sounded.

Then, everyone saw a massive beast, as large as a small mountain, appear in their field of vision.

Its huge, crimson eyes gave off a cold, bloodthirsty feeling.

As soon as the beast appeared, it stretched out a claw and fiercely slapped the gigantic sword light.

"Boom!"

A thunderous noise echoed.

The beast's claw clashed with the sword light, releasing a horrifying shockwave.

Everyone was dumbstruck.

Because they noticed.

The scales on the beast were only cracked.

It had only suffered a minor injury.

But it hadn't reached the core.

Moreover, the wounds were visibly healing at a speed visible to the naked eye.

"How... how is this possible?" The Sea Demons around exclaimed in surprise.

The Shark Emperor was also dumbfounded.

The appearance of this Demon Beast gave him a strong sense of oppression.

Xu Nian chuckled lightly.

The cultivation of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar had now reached a Nine-star Demon Emperor Peak.

In terms of combat power, it was not inferior to a Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Realm beast.

Even with its abnormal defense, it was clearly stronger.

This was why Xu Nian dared to let the Undying Devouring Sky Beast withstand the joint attack of the Demon King army.

"Demon Saint army, attack!"

However, the Shark Emperor wasn't giving up yet.

He directly commanded the nearby Demon Saint army.

The one hundred thousand Demon Saints immediately mobilized the Spiritual Energy within their bodies and delivered a strike.

The sword lights converged.

Forming a gigantic sword light that slashed towards Xu Nian.

However, Xu Nian sneered.

Besides him, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast's eyes also flashed with anger.

"Hum!"

A spatial vibration transmitted.

Wings fluttering behind.

An invisible, immense Space Blade instantly swept out.

And it struck towards the gigantic sword light.

Chapter 722: Swinging the Sword to Behead the Shark Emperor

"Boom!"

A deafening explosion resounded.

The Space Blade formed by the Undying Devouring Sky Beast collided fiercely with the Demon Saint Army.

The seawater instantly formed a terrifying abyssal torrent.

Everyone around was overturned to the ground by the wave.

The Demon Kings, Demon Saints, and the Demon Emperor Army were all scattered.

But Xu Nian, shielded by the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, did not waver at all.

When the wave subsided, people regained their senses.

However, when they looked at the giant beast beside Xu Nian, their eyes were filled with immense terror.

Shark Emperor's gaze was furious.

Even the Demon Saint Army could not kill Xu Nian.

Lie Tian, in the distance, was also dumbfounded.

Watching that man and beast from afar filled his heart with shock.

A million-strong army, yet blocked by this single man and beast.

"This beast is his avatar, I didn't expect it to have grown to this extent," Xuan Hong couldn't help but admire as he looked at the Undying Devouring Sky Beast beside Xu Nian.

"An avatar?" Lie Tian's eyes widened.

Filled with surprise.

The powerful beast that suddenly appeared was actually Xu Nian's avatar?

So, was it always him fighting alone from the beginning?

"Damn it, Demon Emperor Army, fall in!" Shark Emperor, now boiling with rage, saw the disarrayed Demon Clan Army and couldn't help but shout.

"Shark Emperor, you no longer stand a chance!"

However, at that moment, he saw nearly a thousand swords floating in front of Xu Nian.

Each sword emanated a golden Sword Radiance.

Among them, a giant golden sword, the aura it emitted was incredibly terrifying.

"Go!"

With Xu Nian's command,

The thousand swords instantly flew out furiously.

"No!"

Shark Emperor suddenly paled in fear and cried out in alarm.

But Xu Nian's swords cut through the Demon Emperor-Level powerhouses like slicing through straw.

One sword, one life.

Demon Emperor-Level Demon Beasts were being wildly harvested.

The surrounding Demon Emperors, frightened by this scene, madly fled.

No longer caring about forming their ranks.

The Demon Saints and Demon Kings were even more terrified out of their wits.

Yet Xu Nian simply spread his arms.

Killing Intent and Spiritual Energy continuously surged towards his body.

As this Spiritual Energy wildly surged,

Xu Nian's power also rapidly increased bit by bit.

The seawater around him, under the surge of this Spiritual Energy, actually formed strong water tornados.

Like numerous Water Dragons entwining around Xu Nian.

And the aura on Xu Nian's body continued to rise further and further.

"Hum!"

Xu Nian suddenly opened his eyes.

The surrounding seawater, as if impacted by a terrifying force,

Actually created energy fluctuations, pushing violently in all directions.

Everyone around was left dumbstruck.

What on earth had this human youth done?

How could he be so powerful?

Yes, Xu Nian's Cultivation had risen again.

He had essentially reached the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level of the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm.

Not far from the true Zifu Realm.

At this moment, not to mention this Sea Demon Army, even the remaining nine Generals were already seized with fear.

The human youth before them exuded a terrifying aura, a mere glance was enough to send chills down one's spine.

Moreover, there was a powerful and immeasurable Demon Beast by his side.

Such a combination directly dispelled any desire for battle among the surrounding people.

The Sea Demon army greatly regretted their actions.

At this moment, they could no longer care about the orders of the Shark Emperor.

"Attack, kill him!"

The Shark Emperor desperately roared, yet everyone remained indifferent.

The Shark Emperor was furious.

His expression as he looked at Xu Nian became even more fierce.

"Shark Emperor, it seems your million-strong army no longer listens to you, how about it, do you still think you can kill me?" Xu Nian said with a light smile, looking at the Shark Emperor.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, a strong rage surged in the Shark Emperor's eyes.

"Xu Nian, it seems I truly underestimated you, I didn't expect you to have such tricks up your sleeve," the Shark Emperor said viciously.

His eyes filled with intense killing intent as he gazed at Xu Nian.

"How about that, I told you I wouldn't disappoint you," Xu Nian said with a faint smile.

However, his smile appeared as a strong mockery in the eyes of the Shark Emperor.

The Shark Emperor ground his teeth, speaking to Xu Nian, "Xu Nian, I'll repeat my offer, cooperate with me. The four treasures we obtain, we'll split evenly, I might even let you choose first."

Upon hearing the Shark Emperor's words, Xu Nian burst into laughter.

"Sorry, what interests me now is not those four treasures, but your position as the Shark Emperor," Xu Nian said lightly.

"You're asking for death!"

The Shark Emperor was furious.

After speaking, a strong crimson Spiritual Energy surged out from his body.

The powerful crimson Spiritual Energy formed a powerful whirlwind, stirring the surrounding seawater.

"Ah, the original form is actually Blood Kun Tiger Head Shark, interesting," Xu Nian made a light exclamation upon seeing the crimson Spiritual Energy around the Shark Emperor.

"Ha ha, Xu Nian, you didn't expect this, did you? I am a descendant of the Taigu Blood Dragon's bloodline, my body contains as high as ten percent of the Taigu Dragon Clan bloodline, this qualifies me as a Divine Beast Level Demon, my strength is almost three times stronger than an ordinary Shark Clan Demon," the Shark Emperor laughed heartily, thinking Xu Nian was frightened upon seeing his surprised expression.

Xu Nian, upon hearing this, just laughed.

"Taigu Blood Dragon bloodline? If only you had said so sooner, I wouldn't have had to exert myself so much," Xu Nian said, still laughing.

"What do you mean?" the Shark Emperor asked, puzzled.

He didn't understand why Xu Nian would say such a thing.

The surrounding Sea Demons also looked on in surprise.

Only Xu Nian smiled, stepping forward directly.

"Roar!"

A terrifying dragon's roar sounded from within Xu Nian's body.

Next, a terrifying aura intermixed with a powerful killing intent burst forth violently.

"Thud!"

The Shark Emperor was immediately forced to kneel on the seabed's mantle by that terrifying aura.

His eyes filled with horror and fear.

"No... no way, absolutely impossible, are you... a Dragon God Body?"

The Shark Emperor looked at Xu Nian with a terrified face, his mind resisting while his body couldn't move an inch.

The oppression from the bloodline pressed down so intensely that his body wouldn't obey his commands.

A strong fear spread from the depths of his heart.

All the surrounding Sea Demons were shocked beyond measure.

The Shark Emperor actually knelt down.

A Dragon God Body?

Isn't that the legendary Demon God Body?

How could such a physique exist in a human?

Lie Tian was also utterly shocked.

The surprises Xu Nian brought him were beyond measure.

"I declare, from this day forward, the leader of the Shark Clan will be Lie Tian. If anyone objects, feel free to come to me, but your fate may be just like his."

Xu Nian walked with his sword, covering hundreds of meters with each step.

In three steps, he was in front of the Shark Emperor.

Then, without a word,

He raised the sword and swung it down.

Thus, everyone around them saw their Shark Emperor split into two by this single stroke!

Chapter 723 - 723 Incomplete Star Domain Map

Xu Nian, after slaying the Shark Emperor,

extracted the essence of his blood from within his body.

He directly swallowed it down.

Indeed, as the essence entered his body,

the blood-colored Dragon Energy inside Xu Nian became even denser.

Under the nourishment of this Dragon Energy, the dragon scales on Xu Nian's body continued to strengthen,

and even the muscles and bones within him were greatly fortified.

This meant that Xu Nian's Dragon Transformation had progressed from the surface-level Blood-colored Dragon Scales to the inside of his body.

Feeling the changes within his own body, Xu Nian was also pleased.

He then collected his thoughts and looked around.

At this moment, everyone around him was still in shock from what had just transpired.

Nobody expected that Xu Nian could slay the Shark Emperor so easily.

The Nine Dragons Supreme Body also signified that Xu Nian was the legendary body of the Demon God,

the Sovereign of the Demon Realm!

Therefore, the look in their eyes when they gazed at Xu Nian became one of reverence.

Suddenly, the Nine Great Generals trembled.

They discovered that Xu Nian was staring right at them.

"Hum!"

Without any hesitation, they immediately knelt down.

Following their lead, the vast army of the Shark Clan also dropped to their knees.

At this moment, they deeply revered the Killing God before them.

In terms of both power and bloodline, he was far superior to their Shark Emperor.

Lie Tian, who was in the distance, was also immensely shaken by this scene.

He then began to kneel in the direction of Xu Nian.

"You don't need to kneel, from today onwards, you are the Shark Emperor of the Shark Clan," Xu Nian said to Lie Tian.

"But..." Lie Tian still seemed hesitant.

Xu Nian turned his head toward the Nine Great Generals and asked in a cold voice, "I made him the Shark Emperor, do any of you have objections?"

"No!" The Nine Great Generals looked at each other and replied in unison.

"Then what are you waiting for? Pay your respects to the Shark Emperor!" Xu Nian demanded again.

The Nine Great Generals immediately turned to Lie Tian and said in unison, "We greet you, Lie Tian, the Shark Emperor!"

With the voices of the Nine Great Generals,

a million Demon Beasts of the Shark Clan behind them also chorused, "Greetings to Lie Tian, the Shark Emperor!"

The sound was deafening, thundering continuously.

Lie Tian, however, was in a daze.

He had become the Shark Emperor?

He had done nothing, and yet he had become the Shark Emperor just like that?

At this moment, everything felt incredibly unreal to him.

However, the kneeling army of the Shark Clan made him realize that all of this could not have been faked.

"Thank you!" Lie Tian turned his head and said to the approaching Xu Nian.

"You don't need to thank me. I did this for my own reasons. Rest assured, I generally won't involve myself in your affairs. But when I am in need, you must act on my behalf. Of course, I won't ask you to do anything against your wishes," Xu Nian explained.

"No problem, my benefactor!" Lie Tian said, excitedly.

"Don't be too excited just yet. Although I have helped you to this position as the Shark Emperor, whether or not you can firmly keep your throne will depend on yourself. Remember, defending a territory is always more difficult than conquering it," Xu Nian said to Lie Tian with earnest gravity.

He had done what he needed to do.

The rest was up to Lie Tian alone.

"Lie Tian will faithfully abide by the teachings of the benefactor," Lie Tian promised solemnly.

Xu Nian nodded.

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Next, Xu Nian returned to the Shark Palace with Lie Tian and the million-strong army of the Shark Clan.

When Lie Tian and the Shark Empress met, they were overjoyed.

After hearing about Xu Nian's deeds, the Shark Empress was astoundingly surprised.

She never thought that Xu Nian would actually help them kill the Shark Emperor.

This reminded her of the words Xu Nian had once said.

She initially thought Xu Nian was joking.

But it turned out to be true.

In the end, she insisted on pulling Lie Tian to kneel and pay their respects to Xu Nian once more, expressing their gratitude.

Xu Nian only smiled slightly at this but did not stop them.

Afterward, Xu Nian had Lie Tian and the Shark Empress get along well for two days.

Only then did he take out the box that the Desert Emperor Scorpion had asked him to deliver.

Lie Tian opened the box, and indeed, there was a key inside.

Next, Lie Tian took out a metal box from his storage ring.

The material of this metal box was extremely special.

Even an ordinary Spiritual Artifact couldn't split it open.

To open this metal box, one had to use this key to unlock it.

"Is this the treasure chest that the Shark Emperor desperately wanted to find?" Xu Nian, seeing this scene, also showed a surprised expression in his eyes.

Truth be told, he was indeed quite curious about what treasures were inside the box.

"Buzz!"

As the box opened,

Xu Nian distinctly felt a dazzling burst of light.

A dense wave of Spiritual Energy emanated from it.

"There really are treasures!"

Xu Nian exclaimed in surprise.

At this moment, exactly five items were placed inside the box.

Seeing this, Xu Nian revealed a surprised look in his eyes.

Lie Tian was also full of astonishment,

carefully looking at the items in the box.

Inside were placed four items,

a purple-gold gauze dress, a metal dagger, a bottle of Spirit Pills, and an incomplete scroll.

Curious, Xu Nian picked up the purple gold gauze dress.

The material of this purple-gold gauze dress was very thin but extremely sharp.

It was definitely a top-grade Spiritual Weapon Level treasure.

Worn on the body, the attacks of ordinary strong beings would hardly be able to penetrate it, and this gauze dress also had hidden Array Patterns.

It could block forty percent of an attack's power.

Definitely a rare defensive Spiritual Treasure.

However, the style seemed more like women's clothing.

As for the metal dagger, it was also a top-grade Spiritual Artifact.

It was engraved with runes,

and was extremely sharp.

Most importantly, it had an additional bonus to attack speed.

It could increase the attack speed by thirty percent in the blink of a swing,

indeed making it an excellent weapon for close-quarters killing.

As for that bottle of pills,

there were a total of three inside.

The quality was extremely extraordinary,

having reached the level of top-grade Spirit Pills.

It seemed to be a type of Cultivation-enhancing pill.

Such precious pills were something Xu Nian was seeing for the first time.

No wonder the Shark Emperor fought so desperately for these treasures.

Just one of these items alone would constitute a huge fortune.

However, what intrigued Xu Nian the most was the last item, the ragged scroll.

Once this ragged scroll was opened, it revealed a map,

but a piece was missing.

Or to be more precise, it was a Star Domain Map,

with the De Cloud Star System marked on it.

However, this Star Domain Map was incomplete and didn't reveal much.

But Xu Nian could vaguely sense the significance of this Star Domain Map.

After all, anything placed together with three treasures in a chest must be extremely special.

"Benefactor, please take these four treasures," Lie Tian said to Xu Nian after looking at these treasures.

"No, since this chest of treasures was left for you by your father, I won't take possession of it. However, I am interested in this map, what if you give it to me?" Xu Nian said to Lie Tian.

If you like it, just take it. My life is given by you, would I care about these things?" Lie Tian said solemnly.

Xu Nian smiled and nodded.

He put away the map.

The reason he supported Lie Tian was precisely because he valued his loyal and righteous heart.

Chapter 724 - 724 Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower

Xu Nian had stayed at the Shark Palace for another three days.

Eventually, Xu Nian left with Xuan Hong.

As for the bodies of the Demon Emperor Level creatures Xu Nian had slain,

they had been completely consumed by the Netherworld King alone.

The Netherworld King relied on consuming Blood Food to increase his strength.

With so many bodies now, among them not lacking powerful individuals of Demon Emperor Level,

it was immensely nourishing for him.

Ultimately, the Netherworld King had elevated his cultivation to the peak of Nine-star Demon Emperor, even showing signs of breaking through to the Zifu Realm.

Xu Nian had always been curious about this.

He wondered what realm the Netherworld King could reach if he continued cultivating in this way.

Since it was an evil being by nature, breaking through to Zifu would undoubtedly summon a Heavenly Tribulation.

It was uncertain what kind of scene that would be.

Xu Nian didn't think too much about it; he believed in the wisdom of the Netherworld King.

He was sure it could withstand it.

Continuing east,

Xu Nian, leading Xuan Hong, soon arrived at the junction of the Four Great Sea Clans.

This area was also the very center of the entire sea domain.

However, when Xu Nian reached this central area, he was still frightened by the scene before him.

It was a massive pit.

The diameter was at least tens of thousands of zhang long.

Its depth was unfathomable.

Inside, it was pitch black, making it impossible to see what was at the bottom.

Moreover, within this darkness, a dense, terrifying dark aura pervaded.

The immense black hole felt like a super-giant ancient Fierce Beast lurking within the darkness,

ready to burst forth at any moment and swallow him whole.

It sent shivers down one's soul.

"How terrifying this cave is, could this be the location of the 'Immortal Treasure'?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"When I left this sea domain, this cave already existed, but the aura inside wasn't this terrifying. I can feel that deep within this sea area, there exists a tremendous, horrifying power. If I'm not mistaken, the Immortal who left his heritage here probably also left behind something fearsome to guard it," Xuan Hong added, looking down into the pitch-black cave.

Xu Nian nodded.

The Sea Demon King had told him before.

The spiritual energy in their world had been brought to this planet by a meteorite.

It seemed likely that this deep pit was created by that meteorite.

"Let's go, with my current strength, it's not enough to explore such a massive pit. We'll come back in twelve years," Xu Nian told Xuan Hong.

Currently, he held two tokens in his hands.

He would definitely be able to enter this Immortal Treasure in the future, but to acquire the treasures, he must strive to enhance his strength.

Xu Nian led Xuan Hong eastward and soon entered the range of the Xuanwu Clan's sea territory.

After all, the Xuanwu Clan's sea territory was Xuan Hong's old home.

After Xuan Hong had broken through to the Zifu stage, he had left the Xuanwu Clan's sea territory.

He had gone to the Tianhen Continent.

Then he had encountered the Ancient Spiritual Sect.

At that time, the heaven and earth were not yet bound, Xuan Hong was defeated, and was eventually trapped within the Ancient Spiritual Sect.

It was only after the Ancient Sect was destroyed, nearly ten thousand years later, that Xu Nian released him.

As for why the Ancient Spiritual Sect was destroyed,

Xuan Hong had never spoken of it.

Xu Nian also did not press him for answers.

However, Xu Nian could vaguely guess.

There must have been a secret behind the destruction of the Ancient Sect back then.

Otherwise, why would the Goddess have appeared in the Ancient Spiritual Sect for no reason.

"Whoosh!"

As Xu Nian and his company moved forward,

they ventured deeper into the Xuanwu Clan's sea territory.

Along the way, Xu Nian also encountered many patrolling Demon Beasts.

These patrolling Demon Beasts were low-level sea fishes.

Had it not been for Xuan Hong's reminder, Xu Nian would never have known that these ordinary sea fishes were a means used by the Sea Demon forces to gather information.

Among them is a type of Sea Demon known as the Purple-eyed Lightning Fish, which is the most common and suitable for gathering intelligence.

This Sea Demon can share visual information, is small in size, and extremely fast.

As long as they are scattered throughout the entire sea area, they can easily scout the entire range.

Not to mention finding a person, they can even find a needle for you.

Thus, ordinary fugitives find it very hard to escape the surveillance of these information gatherers.

Xu Nian was amazed in his heart.

This Sea Demon World was truly not inferior to the humans in any way.

In fact, in some talents, Sea Demons were clearly much stronger than humans.

"Ah!"

As Xu Nian passed by a large underwater rock, he distinctly felt an odd fluctuation.

This fluctuation was very subtle, like a strange fragrance that instantly attracted Xu Nian.

Xu Nian stepped back and approached the pitch-black boulder.

The scent grew even richer.

Xu Nian immediately moved the rock.

Beneath it appeared a cyan-like flower.

This flower was very delicate and grew in the crevices of the rock.

If it weren't blooming just right, Xu Nian might not have noticed it at all.

"Is this... the Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower?"

Xuan Hong also came over, his face showing a surprised expression.

Clearly, he recognized the origin of this flower as well.

"Yes, it is indeed the Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower, a legendary Low Grade Spiritual Medicine," said Xu Nian with a smile.

The flowering time of the Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower is only two hours.

It blooms once every hundred years.

Its petals can be consumed directly or used as an ingredient for the Low Grade Spirit Pill, Qingluo Pill.

The Qingluo Pill can equate to ten years of cultivation for a person.

Direct consumption might have a slightly lower effect, equivalent to six or seven years.

But this is enough to prove the preciousness of this Spiritual Medicine.

Think about it, how much Spiritual Energy a person can accumulate in six or seven years.

It can certainly allow a Zifu Cultivator to advance from the Early Stage to the Middle Stage.

Furthermore, the older the Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower, the more precious it becomes.

This Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower in front of us is definitely six hundred years old.

It is truly a finest among Low Grade Spiritual Medicines.

Just direct consumption alone might be enough to achieve the effects of ten years of cultivation.

"Didn't expect to find such an unexpected harvest," Xu Nian smiled, feeling a wave of joy.

Although he had obtained many Spirit Pills from the Ancient Spiritual Sect,

most of these pills were for healing.

A top-quality medicinal ingredient like the Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower among Low Grade Spirit Pills,

Xu Nian was encountering this for the first time.

"Stop!"

However, just as Xu Nian was about to reach out and pick the Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower.

A fierce glint shot towards him from afar.

It was incredibly fast.

And it also contained a powerful surge of Spiritual Energy.

This surge of Spiritual Energy was enough to injure a Pseudo Purple Mansion Level Supreme Battle Emperor Expert.

Xu Nian's eyes narrowed instantly.

His body turned into a shadow.

Dodging this fierce glint.

"Boom!"

The fierce glint streaked past.

And struck a small mountain on the seabed.

Directly blasting the mountain into pieces.

Xu Nian saw clearly what the fierce glint was.

It was a spear imbued with powerful thunder.

Even if it stuck into the mantle, the lightning on it still flickered.

Yet Xu Nian was intently looking forward.

He saw two figures rushing towards him from the distance at high speed.

Chapter 725: Black-armored Man

Xu Nian looked at the two figures approaching.

Among them, a middle-aged man clad in black armor, his face full of arrogance.

His cultivation had already reached the peak of the Supreme Battle Emperor at the Pseudo Purple Mansion Level.

However, the one walking in front of him was a youth dressed in an elegant purple robe.

This youth's cultivation was extremely high.

Clearly higher than that of the middle-aged man.

He had reached the realm of the Supreme Battle Emperor at the Pseudo Void Level.

This youngster was even more haughty, nose pointed skyward, as if he regarded no one else present.

Xu Nian sneered inwardly at this scene.

It was clear that these two were up to no good.

And that spear from earlier had been exceptionally vicious in its strike.

If Xu Nian's cultivation had been any less, he likely would have perished by that spear.

"Who are you people? Why did you attack me?" Xu Nian asked coldly.

The actions of the two before him had clearly incited his anger.

"Hmph, you touched something belonging to our young master, so you tell me why I shouldn't attack you?" the black-armored man retorted with disdain.

The youth in the brocaded garment even showed a look of scorn.

"Something belonging to your young master? Are you referring to this Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower?" Xu Nian asked with a light chuckle.

"That's right, this Spiritual Medicine was discovered first by our young master. That rock was placed there by our young master, too. It was all so he could wait for the flower to bloom before retrieving it; hence, if you know what's good for you, you'd better scram," the black-armored man bellowed.

Xu Nian burst into laughter.

The black-armored man's words were truly laughable.

As if this Spiritual Medicine really was something they had discovered a long time ago.

Even if at the time the medicine hadn't bloomed and couldn't be picked,

Most people would move it, definitely not casually press a large rock on top of it.

Moreover, judging from the marks on the rock, it was quite obvious that the stone had been there for hundreds of years.

So, Xu Nian could tell at a glance that these two were making unreasonable claims.

"You say this Spiritual Medicine was discovered by you first—is that so? Where's the proof?" Xu Nian asked with a sneer.

Upon these words,

The black-armored man and the brocaded youth immediately grew displeased.

Many Sea Demons had already gathered around upon hearing the commotion, pointing at Xu Nian and whispering among themselves.

Their implications were clear; evidently, they thought Xu Nian was courting death.

"Proof, kid? It looks like your brain is damaged. Do you know who my young master is? He is the son of our Xuanwu Clan's South Pacify General, so what he says is the proof," said the black-armored man with contempt.

The bystanders also murmured amongst themselves.

"Yeah, where is this guy from, daring to compete with Luo Hen over treasures?"

"Luo Hen is the son of our Xuanwu Clan's South Pacify General, and his cultivation has reached the realm of the Supreme Battle Emperor at the Pseudo Void Level. Anyone who angers Luo Hen never ends well."

"That's right, not to mention Luo Hen, even the guard beside him is a strong Pseudo Purple Mansion Level expert. The last time a Sea Demon was blind enough to compete with Luo Hen for treasure, he ended up getting beaten so badly by his guard, he didn't dare even fart in protest."

"I think this guy must be some numbskull who's popped up from somewhere."

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The Sea Demons around were all pointing and saying Xu Nian was looking for death.

Xu Nian, however, couldn't help but chuckle.

Because he had used the Kun Cave Power of the Black Jade to conceal his aura completely,

None of these Sea Demons could tell that Xu Nian was a human.

"The son of the South Pacify General? Sorry, I really don't recognize him," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Upon hearing this, the youth in the brocade garment's expressions immediately darkened as his gaze at Xu Nian turned angry.

The surrounding crowd's murmuring turned even more fervent.

All of them were basically saying that this young man was seeking death.

Not even knowing who the South Pacify General is.

"Boy, do you realize what you're saying? The South Pacify General is the number one general of our Xuanwu Clan. You're saying you don't recognize him?" the black-armored man said angrily.

"Should I recognize him?" asked Xu Nian, still smiling.

"You..." The black-armored man's eyes flashed with even more fury.

The silk-robed youth also felt a surge of anger.

He looked at Xu Nian with extreme displeasure in his eyes.

Xu Nian, however, simply chuckled.

He who was unafraid of the millions-strong army of the Shark Clan, bold enough to kill the Shark Emperor himself,

Would he fear a general of the Xuanwu Clan?

As for Xuan Hong, he had remained hands in sleeves, indifferent throughout.

Now that Xu Nian's strength had grown, he no longer needed Xuan Hong's protection.

As long as they remained within these confined heavens and earth, Xu Nian's cultivation was above him.

Of course, once they left this realm, he would truly be in the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm.

While Xu Nian would still have to slowly cultivate from the Zifu Level.

"Boy, cut the chatter. Are you giving up the spiritual medicine or not?" the black-armored man coldly huffed.

With a beckoning gesture,

The Thunder Spear flew straight back to him.

As soon as the Thunder Spear was in hand,

A terrifying burst of thunder instantly exploded.

The dreadful lightning caused all the sea demons nearby to shudder with fear.

When Xu Nian witnessed this scene, a hint of amusement gleamed in his eyes.

This level of thunder was probably incapable of harming him in the slightest.

"In one word, no!" Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"You're courting death!" The black-armored man was instantly enraged.

He then stomped his foot on the ground,

And his body shot forth like a rampaging thunderbolt.

The Thunder Spear in his hand shone like a beam of light, illuminating the entire sea area.

"It's over, that kid is done for. Black Element has made his move; he's the kind that kills without even blinking."

"Indeed, his Thunderclap Sky Explosion Profound Argumentation is very terrifying. One strike and even a general Pseudo Purple Mansion Level Supreme Battle Emperor can't withstand it. I think this lad is at most of Battle Emperor Level strength."

"Yes, such a young age, and he's about to die so soon, he truly is a greenhorn."

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The surrounding discussion buzzed continuously.

Everyone seemed to think that the young man would die at the hands of this black-armored man.

The dressed-up youth in the distance also sneered.

Clearly, he too believed that this young man was no match for his guard.

"Prepare to die!"

The black-armored guard also revealed a light smile as he instantly approached Xu Nian.

At this moment, he imagined the scene where his Thunder Spear would pierce through the young man's body.

He wanted to see if the young man would still dare to be so arrogant then.

"Buzz!"

However, just as the Thunder Spear was about to pierce the young man's chest,

He found that the young man had caught the spear with one hand.

The thunder from the Thunder Spear struck the young man's arm but left not a single mark on it.

The black-armored guard exerted force, trying to thrust deeper.

However, the Thunder Spear seemed to be firmly welded in place,

Completely immovable.

"This... how is this possible?"

The surrounding crowd all showed expressions of astonishment.

Even the silk-robed youth displayed a look of surprise.

As for the black-armored man, his eyes were now wide open.

However, at that moment, he saw the young man in front of him giving him a cryptic smile.

"Crack!"

And then he saw the Thunder Spear, forged from a strange metal, being broken in half just like that.

Chapter 726: Letting the Tiger Return to the Mountain

With the snapping sound of the Thunderclap Spear breaking,

Everyone around them gasped in astonishment.

This was a weapon forged from some unique metal!

To be broken so casually?

Wasn't that just too exaggerated?

Of course, the one most surprised was the Black-armored Man.

Now, his gaze toward Xu Nian had completely changed.

At this moment, Xu Nian stood before him like an unshakeable mountain.

"Retreat!"

A thought sprang up in the Black-armored Man's mind.

He was now almost certain that this young man before him was an existence he could not contend with.

However, before he could muster his Spiritual Energy, he felt a powerful Space Binding force emerging around him.

Then, he found himself completely immobilized.

"What... what's going on?" the Black-armored Man exclaimed in fright.

He didn't understand why he suddenly couldn't move.

Everyone around them was too shocked for words.

Just before, they had been saying that this young man was doomed before the Black-armored Man.

Now, it seemed they were wrong.

They had all been slapped in the face.

The strength of this young man had reached a terrifying level.

Xu Nian's palm conjured a force.

The Black-armored Man, bound by the space, was directly pulled in front of him.

Xu Nian pressed the broken half of the spear against the Black-armored Man's throat.

The Black-armored Man's eyes immediately filled with horror.

"There... there's room for talking, please... sir, don't kill me, I beg you not to kill me," the Black-armored Man hurriedly pleaded for mercy.

Seeing this scene, a cold smirk appeared in Xu Nian's eyes.

"So now you know fear, when just a while ago you were so arrogant? Weren't you saying that you were going to kill me?" Xu Nian said, extending a hand to pat the Black-armored Man's cheek.

"Sir, it was my oversight, I failed to recognize 'Taishan', and offended you. I hope you can overlook my ignorance and spare me," the Black-armored Man said, ignoring the humiliation from Xu Nian and continued to beg for mercy urgently.

At this moment, he was truly frightened.

The methods this young man employed were too horrific and mysterious.

He could break a unique metal weapon barehanded, and then an invisible force had bound him.

He simply couldn't contend with someone of this level.

He could feel that if this young man wanted to kill him, it would be effortless.

"Then is this Spiritual Medicine not first discovered by your young master?" Xu Nian continued to press.

"It wasn't, this Spiritual Medicine was first discovered by you, sir. My young master and I were just passing by and saw you obtaining the treasure, which is why we harbored the thought of robbing it. Everything said before was completely fabricated," the Black-armored Man hurriedly claimed.

"You..."

The brocade-clad young master from a distance was instantly enraged, not expecting the Black-armored Man to betray him.

At this moment, the surrounding Sea Demons were also buzzing with discussion.

The brocade-clad young master's complexion turned even paler with rage.

His gaze toward Xu Nian filled with a murderous intent.

"Sir, I have said everything I could, can you let me go now?"

The Black-armored Man asked with a forced smile on his face.

Xu Nian, however, let out a light chuckle.

"Did I ever say I would let you go?" Xu Nian retorted.

The smile on the Black-armored Man's face instantly solidified.

Before he could react, he saw the broken half of the spear transform into a bolt of lightning.

It pierced through his forehead.

The black-armored man's eyes bulged, glaring at Xu Nian.

Finally, he fell with a heart full of unwillingness and resentment.

The surrounding Sea Demons all swallowed nervously, their hearts racing.

A Pseudo Purple Mansion Realm Sea Demon was actually killed just like that.

This youth seemed not to be someone who was kind-hearted and lenient.

At a distance, the brocade-clad young man's face was also changing unpredictably.

In his gaze toward Xu Nian, there was a hint of wariness.

"What, do you still want to snatch this Spiritual Medicine? Then come and try." Xu Nian said to the brocade-clad young man.

"Hmph, just you wait, kid. I'm going to let you be arrogant for a little while, but soon, I will make you cry and beg for my mercy." The brocade-clad youth flicked his sleeve and then turned to leave.

Xu Nian merely smiled slightly and said, "Did I say I was letting you go?"

"What else do you want to do? Kid, don't forget, my father is the South Pacific General of the Xuanwu Clan, commanding the entire Xuanwu Sea Domain's Xuanwu armies. If you dare to kill me, you'll die a worse death than anyone else," the brocade-clad young man retorted coldly.

"Is that so?" Xu Nian sneered again.

Then he struck a palm toward the brocade-clad young man.

"Bang!"

The brocade-clad young man only saw the seawater drastically shaking.

Then a terrifying force directly blasted him away.

"Puh!"

Blood spewed from his mouth as his body heavily slammed into a dark reef in the distance.

The entire seafloor shook.

The Undersea Demon Beasts around were all surprised.

Although they had guessed that this youth would be very formidable,

they were still shocked when they saw him easily blast the brocade-clad young man away with a single palm.

To be able to injure Luo Hen, who was in the Pseudo Void Realm, with such ease showed that this youth was at least a Pseudo Harmony Realm Supreme Battle Emperor Expert.

Luo Hen, holding his chest, got up and looked at Xu Nian with eyes full of astonishment.

That palm just now carried the Wind Attribute's Wind Wave.

To be able to execute Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation underwater with such immense power,

how terrifying was this youth's strength?

"This time I'll spare your life. You can go back and call your father to seek vengeance for you, but I'm warning you, if you really do this, next time I'll kill you with my own hands," Xu Nian said to Luo Hen.

His tone was flat, but it was incredibly domineering.

Especially when he spoke the last sentence.

Xu Nian employed the Killing Intent he had accumulated when he slaughtered a million soldiers before.

As soon as this killing intent appeared, Luo Hen's entire being seemed to be scared to death.

The look in his eyes towards Xu Nian also became extremely terrified.

The bystanders all felt a chill down their spines as well, the momentary chill giving them the feeling of facing the Death God.

"Scram!"

Xu Nian bellowed at Luo Hen.

Luo Hen was so frightened that he scurried away in panic.

The onlooking Sea Demons also retreated far away,

afraid of provoking this formidable Killing God.

Seeing this, Xu Nian simply smiled unconcernedly.

He went over to the Spiritual Medicine, plucked it, and placed it inside a Jade Box.

Then he stored it in his storage ring.

Xu Nian planned to use this Spiritual Medicine when he was about to break through to the Zifu Realm in the future.

Clearly, now was not the time to break through.

"Why would you release the tiger back into the mountain? It would have been better to kill him just now," Xuan Hong came over and asked, puzzled.

Xu Nian just smiled and pointed at the surrounding Purple-eyed Lightning Fish and said, "If he's killed, the Xuanwu Clan's armies would come to attack immediately. If not killed, maybe this Master Luo Hen will be too scared to come. If he chickens out, what's the harm in sparing his life? Of course, if he truly comes, I'll make him understand what real fear is."

Hearing this, Xuan Hong nodded slightly.

As a member of the Xuanwu species, he still didn't wish for the Xuanwu Clan to provoke Xu Nian, this Killing God.

Chapter 727: Suppression by Aura

Xu Nian put away the Spiritual Medicine and continued to head south.

At this moment, Luo Hen had already returned to his father's cave dwelling.

"Father, you must avenge me!" Luo Hen rushed into the cave dwelling and cried out directly to Luo Pingnan, who was sitting on a high platform within.

Luo Pingnan frowned and then looked toward his son.

He found his son's clothing torn and his hair disheveled.

Even a trace of fresh blood hung at the corner of his mouth.

"What happened, who hurt you?" Luo Pingnan immediately asked.

"It was a young brat, clearly, I discovered the Qingluo Jade Immortal Flower first, and this kid insisted on snatching it away. Not only did he kill Black Element, but he also injured me, and he said he didn't even know who the South Pacify Great General was," Luo Hen hastily exaggerated.

"Is there someone so arrogant as to rebel?" Luo Pingnan slammed the stone bench beside him and roared with anger.

"Yes, this person was ruthlessly arrogant. He even said that if I told you, Father, he would kill me immediately. He simply doesn't regard you or the Xuanwu Great Army with any importance," Luo Hen spoke up again.

Seeing his father in a rage, his heart was filled with immense joy.

As long as his father took action, he could definitely deal with the guy from before.

"Hmph, I'd like to see who is so arrogant as to disregard the Xuanwu Great Army. Servants, pass down my command, quickly gather a hundred thousand Xuanwu Army soldiers to follow me," Luo Pingnan coldly commanded then.

After speaking, he strode out of the cave dwelling.

Luo Hen, upon hearing this, was suddenly overjoyed.

If this vengeance was not exacted, he would never be able to swallow his anger.

He couldn't believe that the youth could be formidable enough to contend with their Xuanwu Clan's hundred thousand strong army.

Moreover, his father was a master of the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Realm.

So, he excitedly followed along.

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Just as Luo Pingnan led the hundred thousand strong army to attack,

Xu Nian and Xuan Hong were racing through the area at high speed.

Their goal was to break through this sea region and arrive at the Cultivation World as soon as possible.

"Kid, it seems the guy you let go hasn't really been frightened off by you!" Xuan Hong suddenly said with a laugh.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and responded, "It seems I've indeed underestimated the fellow. Since that's the case, he cannot be spared."

Xu Nian knew why Xuan Hong would suddenly make that statement.

He had also sensed it long ago.

Normally, they would encounter one or two Purple-eyed Lightning Fish every hundred meters, but now the Purple-eyed Lightning Fish around them had suddenly increased.

Almost every ten meters, they would encounter three or four Purple-eyed Lightning Fish.

This meant someone was closely monitoring their movements.

Presumably, it was that young master Luo Hen who had gone back and reported the matter.

Now, his father was gathering a large army and killing his way here.

It probably wouldn't be long before they arrived to attack.

"Xu Nian, go easy on them when the time comes," Xuan Hong suddenly said.

"Don't worry, I have no wish to become enemies with the Xuanwu Clan. Of course, if they push me too hard, they can't blame me," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Xuan Hong nodded.

Through their time together,

he had gained some understanding of Xu Nian.

Apparently, Xu Nian was someone who wouldn't provoke others if they didn't provoke him.

But if someone did provoke him, they had to be ready to be slaughtered.

It could be said that such people were the most daunting to provoke.

"Buzz!"

Right at that moment, a terrifying wave of noise came from the distance.

"They're here!"

Xu Nian said with a smile.

Sure enough, soon after Xu Nian's words fell, a large army arrived with overwhelming momentum.

They directly surrounded Xu Nian and Xuan Hong completely.

"Father, it was him, he's the one who injured me," Luo Hen said excitedly.

Upon hearing Luo Hen's words, the middle-aged man looked towards Xu Nian.

Then, his gaze fell upon Xuan Hong.

Finally, he lingered much longer on Xuan Hong than on Xu Nian.

Clearly, he had discerned that Xuan Hong was a grandmaster of the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Realm.

However, given that he, after all, commanded an army of a hundred thousand, he naturally wouldn't fear a grandmaster of an equivalent level.

"Boy, was it you who injured my son?" Luo Pingnan asked coldly.

"Yes, it was me!" Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Xu Nian's action immediately made Luo Pingnan frown.

It was quite obvious he found Xu Nian's manner of speaking somewhat too arrogant.

"Boy, do you know who you're speaking to?" Luo Pingnan questioned coldly.

"I know, isn't it just the Xuanwu Clan's Great General Luo Pingnan? Your son already told me earlier," Xu Nian continued with a warm smile.

"Hmph, you're too arrogant, kid. Don't think that just because you have a Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Supreme Battle Emperor by your side, I would be afraid of you. Let me tell you the truth, I too am a Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Supreme Battle Emperor, and moreover, I have an army of a hundred thousand Sea Demons behind me, killing you would be a piece of cake," Luo Pingnan retorted disdainfully.

Xu Nian simply smiled slightly.

It seemed that Luo Pingnan had mistaken Xuan Hong as his reliance.

"Kid, you're doomed. Hand over the Spiritual Medicine quickly, kneel down and call me grandpa, and I might just ask my father to spare you," Luo Hen, encouraged by his father's words, said to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian looked at Luo Hen and laughed coldly, "It seems you've forgotten what I just said to you. I told you, if you brought your father here, I would kill you in front of him. It seems you don't believe my words?"

"I believe you, my ass. Kid, we have an army of a hundred thousand here. I want to see how you're going to kill me," Luo Hen said with a sneer.

His gaze towards Xu Nian became even more mocking.

However, remembering Xu Nian's abilities from before, he still found himself hiding behind his father.

"Don't worry, I won't kill you so soon. I'll let you watch with your own eyes how your so-called reliance on the hundred thousand-strong army is so easily shattered, then I'll kill you," Xu Nian said with a smile.

His smile was playful and confident.

"Blowing your own trumpet!" Luo Hen said with disdain.

Luo Pingnan also looked furious.

This young man in front of him actually didn't take his hundred thousand-strong army seriously.

"Form up!"

Luo Pingnan immediately shouted.

Following his command, the hundred thousand-strong army directly assumed battle formation, a powerful aura pressing down on Xu Nian.

This army was composed entirely of Demon Saints, now united as one.

Their aura was naturally very terrifying.

The Sea Demons wandering nearby were all scared into prostration, not daring to move.

Luo Hen also sneered.

He seemed to have already envisioned the scene of this arrogant young man kneeling on the ground, overwhelmed by the army's pressure.

"Buzz!"

However, at that moment.

Xu Nian suddenly stepped forward.

Then, an overwhelming aura of murder, like a storm, instantly swept through the surroundings.

"Pfft!"

The hundred thousand-strong army of Demon Saints, under this terrifying aura, was shaken to the point of spitting out mouthfuls of fresh blood.

One after another, they looked at the young man with eyes filled with shock and terror.

Not just them, even Luo Pingnan and Luo Hen felt their bodies tremble.

The dreadfulness of the killing aura incited an instinctual terror in their bodies.

Naturally, they were even more astonished in their hearts.

Could this young man truly suppress the aura of a hundred thousand-strong army of Demon Saints with his own presence?

What a terrifying feat that was.

Chapter 728: Killing Luo Hen

Xu Nian watched as the disorganized army of a hundred thousand collapsed.

A slight smile tugged at the corner of his mouth.

Facing a million-strong army, his killing intent, honed through the slaughter of no fewer than two hundred thousand troops, was formidable.

Had it not been for his inability to withstand the momentum of this hundred thousand.

He feared it would have been a senseless slaughter.

Luo Pingnan was the first to recover his senses.

At this moment, his view of Xu Nian had completely changed.

As for Luo Hen, his gaze towards Xu Nian was filled with utter terror.

At that moment, looking at the suppressed hundred thousand, a trace of panic began to stir in his heart.

Could this fellow truly have the ability to slay him in front of his own father?

"South Pacify General, I truly do not wish to be your enemy, Xuanwu Clan. I have only one demand; kill your son, and I will spare your hundred thousand troops, otherwise, today none of your hundred thousand will leave alive," Xu Nian said to Luo Pingnan.

"Boy, you have gone too far. Today, I, as an old man, will meet you!"

Luo Pingnan, enraged, charged directly at Xu Nian.

A strong burst of green light surged from his body,

directly covering his entire body.

Clearly, this was his turtle shell defense.

Then he produced a Long Spear in his hand, swung it up, and thrust fiercely at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, looking at the charging Luo Pingnan, revealed a hint of amusement in his eyes.

"If you are not convinced, then I will fight until you are," Xu Nian said with a slight smile.

He directly grabbed the Long Spear thrust at him.

Then, with a swing,

he spun Luo Pingnan around, the next moment planning to smash him hard into the ground.

Luo Pingnan reacted very quickly,

hurriedly flipping his body to land on his feet.

"Boom!"

Yet the impact created by his feet still caused the ground to fiercely sink.

Seeing his own move countered, a cold smile appeared on Xu Nian's lips.

He abruptly pulled with the arm holding the spear tip.

Then Luo Pingnan was yanked over.

Luo Pingnan, truly a battle-hardened veteran,

immediately had a surge of strong green light on his fist, and leveraging the force from Xu Nian, he smashed it hard at Xu Nian.

"Using force against force? I'm not that foolish!"

With lightning speed, Xu Nian punched, directly striking Luo Pingnan's Green Light Defense Shield.

"Boom!"

A loud boom was heard.

The Green Light Defense Shield trembled, and then Luo Pingnan flew backward.

He flew back hundreds of meters before stopping.

The surrounding crowd inhaled sharply upon witnessing this scene.

Even their Great General was no match for this opponent?

However, fortunately, the Great General's defense wasn't broken, and he hadn't lost yet.

That's right, Luo Pingnan stood up again.

His Green Light Defense Shield was still intact.

It was the illusion of his turtle shell transformed into a Defensive Light Shield.

It could cover every part of his body.

Normally, warriors of the same level couldn't break his defense.

From a distance, Luo Hen, seeing that his father's Defensive Light Shield hadn't been broken, also breathed a slight sigh of relief.

Their Xuanwu Clan, strongest in defense,

although Xu Nian's attack surpassed his father's, as long as his father's defense remained intact, they could ultimately wear down this fellow.

"It seems the Xuanwu Clan's turtle shells are quite tough," Xu Nian said, looking at Luo Pingnan, who had stood up again.

"Hmph, kid, I admit you are formidable, but you can't break my defense. The one who will lose in the end is still you," Luo Pingnan retorted coldly.

This defense was his reliance and his confidence.

This young man's attacks couldn't penetrate his defense, so he was helpless against him.

"Really? It seems I need to show some real skill before you will be convinced!" Xu Nian said with a faint smile.

As he spoke, a silver Tie Chui appeared in his hand.

As the Tie Chui emerged, a terrifying chill suddenly pervaded the area.

Luo Pingnan frowned, sensing an ominous premonition.

"Ha-ha, a hammer, you're actually using a hammer as a weapon, do you think you can smash the Xuanwu Clan's turtle shell?" Luo Hen burst out laughing upon seeing Xu Nian reveal his weapon.

He had not expected Xu Nian's chosen weapon to be a hammer.

Hearing Luo Hen's words, Xu Nian sneered with disdain.

He didn't bother to reply, but instead looked towards Luo Pingnan and sneered, "Great General, get ready!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Xu Nian's figure turned into a thunderous afterimage.

"So fast!"

Luo Pingnan was instantly shocked.

He hadn't expected this youth, even in human form, to possess such speed under the sea.

But even that speed was useless.

His defense was without any blind spots.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian's form appeared directly in front of Luo Pingnan.

He swung the Tie Chui, aiming a smash at Luo Pingnan's chest.

Luo Pingnan didn't bother to defend at all and instead swung his Long Spear, stabbing towards Xu Nian.

"Boom!"

However, just when everyone thought Xu Nian couldn't shake Luo Pingnan's Defensive Light Shield.

A crisp sound rang out.

Right after, everyone saw Luo Pingnan's Defensive Light Shield shatter directly.

"Splat!"

Luo Pingnan also spat out blood, his body rapidly flying backward.

Finally, he heavily crashed into the distant dark reefs, causing them to shatter into pieces.

The surrounding people, upon witnessing this scene, were all dumbfounded.

Their Great General's defense had actually broken.

Luo Hen, who had previously mocked Xu Nian, also froze.

Looking at his severely injured father, he was too shocked to speak.

However, Xu Nian just smiled slightly.

He extended one hand towards Luo Hen.

The space seemed to compress instantly.

Luo Hen was directly pulled in front of Xu Nian.

His neck was bound by the Space Power.

He desperately struggled, but he couldn't catch his breath.

The distant army of a hundred thousand soldiers was stunned, none daring to step forward.

The aura emanating from Xu Nian kept them from advancing even a step further.

"Now do you believe I can kill you in front of your father?" Xu Nian looked at Luo Hen and smiled.

"Don't... don't kill me!"

Luo Hen struggled desperately.

His eyes had turned utterly fearful.

At that moment, the smile on Xu Nian's face looked devilish in his eyes,

sending a chill to the bottom of his heart.

"I already gave you one chance, and I won't give a second, blame only yourself," Xu Nian sneered.

As he finished speaking, he was about to make his move.

Luo Hen's eyes turned frantic with fear.

His eyes deeply regretful.

But everything was already too late.

"Stop!"

Yet, at this critical moment.

A loud shout came from the distance.

A terrifying surge of energy blasted towards Xu Nian.

Feeling this energy, Xu Nian's eyes narrowed slightly.

A flash of killing intent passed through the depths of his eyes.

Then he slapped Luo Hen on the head.

"Bang!"

Luo Hen's body exploded instantly.

At the same time, that terrifying energy wave arrived near Xu Nian.

It was a giant black sword.

Xu Nian's right hand flipped the Tie Chui, simultaneously striking out.

Hitting the giant sword.

"Clang!"

A sound loud enough to burst everyone's eardrums in the vicinity reverberated.

A monstrous force detonated within the seawater.

Xu Nian was actually pushed back several dozen zhang by this force.

But he also managed to deflect that giant sword.

Chapter 729: The Identity of Xuan Hong

Xu Nian shook his slightly numb arm.

His gaze was sharp as he looked ahead.

He saw a middle-aged man in a green robe approaching from a distance.

This man had an authoritative and domineering presence, moving with the stride of a dragon and the stance of a tiger.

But the aura around him was that of someone superior.

"Your Majesty, Emperor Xuanwu!"

Upon seeing the newcomer, Luo Pingnan immediately knelt and paid his respects.

As his voice fell,

the Xuanwu forces, intimidated by Xu Nian, also knelt in homage.

"Rise!"

The middle-aged man didn't look at anyone else and kept his eyes fixed on Xu Nian in front of him.

His gaze was ice-cold, with a hint of scrutiny.

Xu Nian looked at the suddenly appeared middle-aged man.

He hadn't expected this person to be the emperor of the Xuanwu Clan.

From the sword strike just now, it was evident.

Emperor Xuanwu's strength was formidable.

At least much stronger than the previous Shark Emperor.

And it seemed that Emperor Xuanwu was also a person who focused on the cultivation of strength.

The mere weight of that Heavy Sword was probably not far off from Xu Nian's Kunlun Hammer.

"Hmm!"

With a gesture, the Heavy Sword directly returned to his hand.

He waved it casually, causing the surrounding seawater to roar.

"Why didn't you stop when I asked you to stop?" Emperor Xuanwu asked coldly.

His look at Xu Nian carried a strong oppressive force.

"You expect me to stop just because you asked?" Xu Nian countered with a cold laugh.

Although Emperor Xuanwu's aura was overwhelming, he was not afraid of him.

If it came down to it, he would release his Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar to fight him.

He didn't believe that Emperor Xuanwu could be a match for the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar.

"Who exactly are you? You aren't from our Xuanwu Clan, are you? Speak, which clan's spy are you?" Emperor Xuanwu scrutinized Xu Nian once, then questioned again.

Xu Nian merely smiled slightly.

A spy?

It seemed Emperor Xuanwu mistook him for someone from another Sea Demon Clan.

"I am a human. I was merely passing through your Xuanwu Clan's sea territory with no intention of offending. It was your Great General's son who tried to kill me first, which is why I defended myself. I had already spared him once, but he unbelievably sought revenge," Xu Nian explained.

"A human?" Emperor Xuanwu frowned.

He hadn't expected this young man in front of him to be a human.

A human entering their forbidden sea territory?

Luo Pingnan and the Xuanwu forces also showed surprised expressions.

A human youth?

Does that mean he's lived less than twenty years?

How could that be?

For the Sea Demon Clan, their lifespan far exceeds that of humans.

Especially the Xuanwu Clan, which has the longest lifespan among the Sea Demons.

So a few hundred years for them

might just be their juvenile period.

This Emperor Xuanwu, appearing middle-aged, had also lived for thousands of years.

And his age.

For the Xuanwu, was indeed only middle-aged.

At this moment, they were astonished to hear that Xu Nian was a human.

So they were amazed that a human under twenty years old could possess such terrifying combat power.

"Human, do you know that it's a capital crime for humans to step foot in the forbidden sea territory? No one who has entered the seabed of the forbidden territory has ever left alive," Emperor Xuanwu's eyes surged with killing intent.

"Is that so? Then I shall be the first," Xu Nian said with a slight smile, utterly disregarding Emperor Xuanwu's provocation.

Emperor Xuanwu's eyes grew even more intense with killing intent.

The surrounding Xuanwu army was all thoroughly excited.

Was Emperor Xuanwu about to take action?

Emperor Xuanwu was their Xuanwu Clan's strongest fighter.

As long as he made a move, this human youth would surely die without a doubt.

Luo Pingnan believed the same.

The power of Emperor Xuanwu was indeed formidable.

He could definitely be considered the pinnacle under a true Zifu Cultivator.

As long as the youth was not a Zifu Level cultivator.

Then he couldn't possibly be a match for Emperor Xuanwu.

Xu Nian was also eager to try.

He was curious to see just how strong Emperor Xuanwu was.

"Xuan Jue is related to you how?" However, just at that moment, Xuan Hong, who had been silent all this while, suddenly spoke up.

Upon hearing this, Emperor Xuanwu was stunned.

He turned his head to look at Xuan Hong, his eyes filled with bewilderment.

"He is my grandfather, who are you?" Emperor Xuanwu replied.

"Xuan Jue is my son, and you are asking who I am?" Xuan Hong replied seriously as he looked at Emperor Xuanwu.

Emperor Xuanwu's eyes suddenly widened, displaying a look of surprise.

"You are..." Emperor Xuanwu hesitated.

"I am Xuan Hong, if you do not believe me, you can ask Xuan Jue, and this token should be familiar to you," Xuan Hong said.

After speaking, he tossed a token he was holding directly over.

Emperor Xuanwu caught the token, and his expression immediately changed drastically.

He quickly knelt on the ground, excitedly saying, "My child has seen his great-grandfather!"

The surrounding Xuanwu army was all dumbfounded.

Great-grandfather?

This middle-aged man was Emperor Xuanwu's great-grandfather?

Hadn't Emperor Xuanwu's great-grandfather long been deceased?

How could he appear again now?

However, they had no time for doubts.

Since Emperor Xuanwu himself acknowledged him, it was essentially confirmed as true.

Luo Pingnan was also shocked beyond measure.

He had not expected that the person beside the human youth was Emperor Xuanwu's great-grandfather.

Xu Nian was also somewhat surprised.

He had not expected that Xuan Hong would have such a significant identity.

It seemed this fight was not going to happen.

"Great-grandfather, I am so happy you can come back. Let's go, I will take you to Xuanwu Palace right now," Emperor Xuanwu said excitedly.

Xuan Hong nodded, his eyes showing not much emotion.

When he had left years ago, Xuan Hong had been just a little boy.

In the blink of an eye, ten thousand years had passed.

"My emperor, what should we do with this human?" Luo Pingnan asked Emperor Xuanwu.

Upon hearing this, Emperor Xuanwu immediately looked towards Xuan Hong.

"His name is Xu Nian, he is my life-saving benefactor, if you lay a hand on him, you are making an enemy of me," Xuan Hong said, understanding Emperor Xuanwu's questioning look.

"Yes, yes, my child dares not," Emperor Xuanwu immediately nodded.

Then he turned to Luo Pingnan and said, "Did you hear that, starting from today, you are not to show any disrespect to Mr. Xu, your son's death is entirely his own fault, if you wish for revenge, you will have to get past me first."

"Yes!" Luo Pingnan immediately nodded in response.

A cold sweat broke out on his back.

With Emperor Xuanwu speaking, his son's quest for vengeance was essentially hopeless.

But he also knew that this matter, from beginning to end, was his son's own fault.

Xu Nian, in light of this, just smile sneerly.

He had not expected this storm to be so easily resolved.

He had been thinking about fighting Emperor Xuanwu to see just how far he could push his limits.

Now it seemed there was no chance for that.

Chapter 730: Dark God Island

Xu Nian and Xuan Hong were soon brought to the Xuanwu Palace.

As for Xuan Hong and Xu Nian, they were naturally treated as honored guests.

Emperor Xuanwu even wanted to offer his dragon throne to Xuan Hong.

But it was declined by Xuan Hong.

Xuan Hong had no desire to become Emperor Xuanwu.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have left the Forbidden Sea and headed to the Tianhen Continent years ago.

Emperor Xuanwu came to understand Xuan Hong's intentions.

He didn't insist any further.

After that, Xuan Hong talked with Emperor Xuanwu for quite some time.

Xu Nian, standing by, also gained a certain understanding of Emperor Xuanwu.

It turned out that Emperor Xuanwu's name was Xuan Feng.

He was an Earth Attribute cultivator, a comprehender of the Earth Power Profound Argumentation.

He was like that Duan Tianya.

Both had taken the pathway of strength.

And given Emperor Xuanwu's own formidable power,

the Earth Power Profound Argumentation was exceedingly apt for him.

Judging by Emperor Xuanwu's strength,

his comprehension of the Power of Earth had reached the Initial Peak or even the Small Achievement Realm.

In this regard, Xu Nian was far behind Emperor Xuanwu.

"By the way, great-grandfather, the Dark God Island Master is going to hold his eight-thousandth birthday celebration in two days and has invited me to participate. Why don't you come along with me? After it ends, we can then head to the Cultivation World," said Emperor Xuanwu.

"Dark God Island Master?" Before Xuan Hong could respond, Xu Nian on the side expressed his surprise.

Previously, Xu Yu and the others had mentioned to him,

saying that if Xu Nian ever left the Tianhen Continent, he must make a trip to the Dark God Island.

Who would have thought that the Dark God Island Master was about to celebrate his eight-thousandth birthday?

"Yes, the Dark God Island Master is, you can say, the ruler of our Forbidden Sea. His eightieth grand birthday will see the Sea Demon Emperors from the Four Great Sea Clans coming to celebrate. Besides attending the celebration, this also relates to the ownership issue of the Jade Spirit Fruit," said Emperor Xuanwu.

"Jade Spirit Fruit? Is it that kind of fruit that, when consumed, can enhance the Spiritual Energy reserve in one's Dantian without breaking through one's cultivation realm?" asked Xu Nian, continuing to inquire.

He had heard the Sea Demon King mention this Jade Spirit Fruit before.

Since entering the Forbidden Sea, he had always wanted to see what this fruit was like.

But having been in the depths of the sea for so long, he hadn't found anything.

"Indeed, this Jade Spirit Fruit is a peculiar fruit of our Forbidden Sea. Once ingested, it can expand the Dantian and enhance strength without breaking through the Zifu, enabling the accumulation of more Spiritual Energy, surpassing the strength of an ordinary Battle Emperor Level warrior," Emperor Xuanwu replied.

Xu Nian nodded.

Like the Shark Emperor before, his comprehension was clearly only at the Zifu level, yet his strength was at the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level of the Supreme Battle Emperor.

It was these Spirit Fruits that had expanded their Dantians,

allowing their strength to be enhanced from the foundation.

Clearly, Emperor Xuanwu was no exception.

"So where do these Jade Spirit Fruits grow, and why does the Dark God Island Master decide their ownership?" Xu Nian asked again.

"You must have already passed that Heavenly Pit on your way here. Because the Spiritual Energy there is richest, the Jade Spirit Fruits grow there. However, it's not easy to enter. Only those with the Token personally granted by the Dark God Island Master can enter and harvest the Spirit Fruits. The fruits ripen once every ten years, so every decade, the ownership of this Token is decided by the Dark God Island," Emperor Xuanwu explained.

"I see." Xu Nian nodded in realization.

Unexpectedly, the Jade Spirit Fruits grew in that dark, terrifying cave.

Indeed, a terrifying power permeated within that cave.

If the strength isn't strong, one would likely be unable to reach the depths of that cave.

"Dark God Island, how is the ownership of the Token decided?" Xuan Hong also spoke up and asked.

"Each time the ownership is determined, the Dark God Island Master will pose a question, and whoever can answer it will gain ownership of the Token," Emperor Xuanwu replied.

Xu Nian nodded his head.

With this, the whole matter was almost clear.

It seemed that the Dark God Island Master's 8,000th birthday celebration coincided with the decade period for the Jade Spirit Fruit's ownership.

Therefore, in two days' time, Dark God Island would surely be bustling with excitement.

"Alright, Emperor Xuanwu, we will join you on Dark God Island in two days," Xu Nian said to Emperor Xuanwu.

Emperor Xuanwu was immediately delighted and looked towards Xuan Hong.

Xuan Hong nodded in agreement as well.

He was following Xu Nian's lead.

Where Xu Nian would go, naturally he would follow.

Xu Nian, however, fell into contemplation.

Initially, the Dark God Island Master had saved Xu Yu and Black Wind's lives.

Now that it was the Dark God Island Master's birthday, how could he not prepare a birthday gift?

But what should he prepare?

Ordinary items would not catch the Dark God Island Master's eye.

As for precious treasures,

he didn't have any to offer.

"Kid, are you worrying about what gift to give to the Dark God Island Master?" Just then, the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

"Senior Wentian, you've come at the right time, can you help me think of something?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"Humph, it's simple, why not just gift him an Immortal Law, as a high-level practitioner at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage, is he not hiding here for fear of the Heavenly Tribulation? You might as well give him a secret technique that enhances defense," Wentian Demon Sovereign said indifferently.

Xu Nian's eyes lit up and immediately felt that Wentian Demon Sovereign made sense.

But defense secret techniques, he didn't have any?

"Kid, I already knew what you were going to say, take this, this defensive secret technique, Immortal Law, is of no use to me," the voice of Wentian Demon Sovereign sounded.

After he spoke, Xu Nian felt a vast amount of information flooding into his mind.

"Dark Elemental Shield Technique? It can condense a Dark Elemental Shield to withstand an attack ten times greater than one's own strength? There's such a powerful secret technique, Senior Wentian, why didn't you take it out earlier?" Xu Nian said in surprise.

"You never asked me for it, isn't this the perfect occasion to teach you, so you can also use it as a gift?" Wentian Demon Sovereign replied carelessly.

Xu Nian was instantly overjoyed, then took out a Jade Scroll and inscribed all the information into it.

A Jade Scroll is an object capable of storing information.

Xu Nian had found this in the storage ring of the Shark Emperor.

With this Jade Scroll, his gift dilemma was resolved.

He believed that the Dark God Island Master would be extremely pleased to receive this treasure.

Although the secret technique could only be used once,

it was without a doubt equivalent to an additional life-saving talisman.

"Brother Xu Nian, I've noticed your strength is not negligible, I wonder if we could spar and exchange knowledge about the control of power?" Emperor Xuanwu suddenly spoke to Xu Nian.

"Of course, I would also like to discuss the Earth Power Profound Argumentation with Brother Xuan Feng," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"Let's go to the training ground!" Emperor Xuanwu was immediately pleased.

He then led Xu Nian out of the great hall.

Xuan Hong, equally curious, quickly followed them.