

Divine King 731

Chapter 731: Earth Fury

In the Xuanwu Palace training ground.

At this moment, a significant number of people were gathered.

Clearly, all these people had been attracted by Xu Nian and Emperor Xuanwu.

It was a rare occasion to see Emperor Xuanwu spar with someone.

Naturally, they wouldn't want to miss it.

And right now, Xu Nian was standing face to face with Emperor Xuanwu at the center of the training ground.

The two stood opposite each other, a picture of tension about to explode.

"Boom!"

Emperor Xuanwu summoned his Heavy Sword, which heavily landed on the Xuanwu Arena.

Although the arena was underwater, the entire floor was made of incredibly hard Sea Dragon Stone.

Incredibly tough.

Yet at this moment, with a light touch from the Heavy Sword, the ground shattered into pieces.

One could see just how heavy the sword really was.

"This sword is named Chongshan, obtained from the periphery of the Immortal Treasure Relics. It weighs eighteen million catties and is a Mid-grade Spiritual Artifact," Emperor Xuanwu spoke.

The crowd around him gasped in amazement.

Eighteen million catties in weight.

Such a terrifying weight that even they might not be able to lift.

Xu Nian also looked at the ancient black giant sword.

Indeed, just as he had guessed, the weight of this giant sword was much the same as his Kunlun Hammer.

The black giant sword was as heavy as a mountain, truly living up to the name Chongshan.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian likewise summoned his own Kunlun Hammer.

The Kunlun Hammer hit the ground, causing a thunderous roar.

Similarly smashing the floor beneath them into fragments.

"This hammer is named Kunlun, weighing twenty million catties. It is also a Mid-grade Spiritual Artifact, though it was crafted by myself," Xu Nian said, smiling.

"What? Twenty million catties? Did I hear that right?"

"What's terrifying isn't the weight, but the fact that he crafted this Mid-grade Spiritual Artifact? How old is this human? How could he possibly have crafted a Mid-grade Spiritual Artifact?"

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The crowd around them showed expressions of surprise.

Even Emperor Xuanwu was taken aback.

"Are you an Artifact Refiner?" Emperor Xuanwu asked in astonishment.

"Indeed!" Xu Nian nodded his head.

Emperor Xuanwu somewhat doubtfully looked toward Xuan Hong.

"This hammer was indeed refined by him alone; I can attest to that," Xuan Hong interjected.

Everyone around, including Emperor Xuanwu, was surprised.

They had not expected this youth to be an Artifact Refiner.

Such a young Refiner they had never seen before.

The most crucial point was that someone was actually able to craft a Spiritual Artifact in this suppressed world.

And not just any Spiritual Artifact, but a Mid-grade one. It was truly astonishing.

"It seems I underestimated Lord Xu Nian, with just your status as a Mid-grade Refiner, you command respect. I apologize for my earlier offense," Emperor Xuanwu said.

By his side, Luo Pingnan was also tense.

He hadn't expected that he had actually offended a Mid-grade Refiner before.

One must know that a Mid-grade Refiner's status in the Cultivation World is exceedingly revered.

Therefore, Xu Nian's status was by no means beneath that of Emperor Xuanwu.

"Brother Xuan Feng need not be so courteous; how about we continue to address each other as brothers?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Haha, agreed!" Emperor Xuanwu laughed heartily.

Clearly, he felt Xu Nian's attitude was very much to his liking, and his gaze toward Xu Nian became even more affectionate.

"Since Brother Xu Nian has put it that way, I won't mince words. Let's put our skills to the test next!" Emperor Xuanwu declared.

After finishing his words, a yellowish-brown fluctuation emanated from his body.

As the fluctuation spread, Emperor Xuanwu's aura became incredibly dense.

And the Chongshan in his hands seemed to gain weight instantly.

It became even heavier beyond compare.

Xu Nian was somewhat astonished.

The Power of Earth he understood leaned more towards the aspect of seismic activity.

Through the pulsation of the earth, his attacks grow formidable in strength.

But Emperor Xuanwu was different.

His Earth Profound Argumentation was purer.

Entirely a matter of strength.

"Brother Xu Nian, this move, created from my understanding of the Earth Profound Argumentation Threshold, is called Mountain Suppressing. Let's see if you can take it," Emperor Xuanwu bellowed, then swung the Heavy Sword in his hand straight towards Xu Nian.

The Heavy Sword surged with an incredibly thick aura.

It was as if a giant mountain descended from the sky, fiercely suppressing Xu Nian.

"Earth Hammer!"

Xu Nian didn't dawdle in the slightest, instantly invoking his own Earth Profound Argumentation.

"Buzz!"

Instantly, an earthen light circle rose from his feet.

Directly applying its strength to Xu Nian's whole body.

Xu Nian swung the Tie Chui, striking hard at the giant sword that cleaved through the sky.

"Clang!"

The Tie Chui and the giant sword collided fiercely.

An earth-shattering noise erupted.

A terrifying wave of energy instantly spread through the water in all directions.

Everyone around covered their ears, their faces showing signs of pain.

The attacks of the two were simply too strong.

They could hardly believe what it would be like if such attacks fell upon them.

Xu Nian and Emperor Xuanwu were both blown back by this force.

Both of them retreated dozens of steps.

The ground beneath their feet was directly indented with dozens of large pits.

Xu Nian rubbed his numbing arms.

He hadn't gained any advantage from this exchange.

On the contrary, the strength on the giant sword was even stronger than his.

It had to be said, Emperor Xuanwu was indeed very strong.

Emperor Xuanwu was also quite astonished at this moment.

In the entire Forbidden Sea, there were not many who could contend with his strength.

The fact that Xu Nian was able to withstand a strike from him was truly rare.

"Brother Xu Nian, you could be said to be the youngest and strongest person I've ever seen. I truly cannot imagine how the Human Clan has produced such a genius like you," Emperor Xuanwu spoke.

Xu Nian just smiled.

He was indifferent to Emperor Xuanwu's praise.

"I see that Brother Xu Nian's understanding is also of the Power of Earth, but it seems to be just at the level of the Profound Argumentation Threshold. I wonder if Brother Xu Nian has a deeper understanding?" Emperor Xuanwu asked, smiling.

He had already comprehended the Earth Profound Argumentation to the Initial Peak.

If Xu Nian was merely at the threshold, then perhaps there was no need to continue the competition.

"Brother Xuan Feng need not hold back, just make your move. I haven't had enough yet," Xu Nian said with a laugh.

"Ha ha, alright, then I'll make my move. This is the Earth Fury that I've comprehended from the Profound Argumentation Formation. Brother Xu Nian, you'd better brace yourself," Emperor Xuanwu laughed heartily.

Then he stomped on the ground.

The floor underneath shattered.

The entire Xuanwu Palace shook violently.

Stones around levitated.

Stirring up the surrounding sea water, churning tumultuously.

A terrifying aura emanated from Emperor Xuanwu.

At that moment, he seemed to carry the entire power of the earth, ultimately channeling it all into the giant sword in his hand.

"Buzz!"

Emperor Xuanwu unleashed a sword strike.

The entire sea was cleaved apart.

The mantle itself was torn asunder, furiously rushing towards Xu Nian.

Chapter 732: Mountain-opening Strike

Xu Nian watched as the Sword Qi Tornado surged crazily toward him.

His eyes also showed a hint of astonishment.

Though the Sword Qi was not sharp, the pressure created by the encompassing debris and seawater was incredibly heavy.

He believed that a typical Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level Supreme Battle Emperor, if subjected to this attack,

would likely be crushed directly into pulp.

The people around also showed surprise.

The power of this strike was too terrifying.

Xu Nian's eyes narrowed.

He flipped the Kunlun Hammer in his hand, and two massive yellow circles of light surged out from beneath him.

"Earth Tyrant Hammer!"

Xu Nian roared loudly, swinging the hammer, and fiercely smashed it toward the terrifying Sword Qi Tornado.

"Boom!"

A sound that seemed to shake heaven and earth.

The surrounding seawater exploded dramatically.

The impact displaced all the water nearby,

forming a huge vacuum in the area spanning a hundred meters.

Nevertheless, Xu Nian was still sent flying by the terrifying rebound force.

Of course, Emperor Xuanwu was not much better off.

He was forced back by the ferocious wave of energy.

His great sword tore a hundred-zhang-long sword scar on the ground, finally halting his momentum.

He looked at the training ground in front of him, now completely unrecognizable, eyes filled with astonishment.

Xu Nian had actually managed to withstand his sword strike.

The powerful members of the Xuanwu Palace who were thrown aside were also deeply shocked.

Such battles were truly rare occurrences, seen perhaps only once in a century.

Moreover, what astonished them the most was,

this human youth named Xu Nian was actually fighting on par with their Xuanwu Clan's Emperor Xuanwu.

"Haha, Brother Xu Nian, your strength really has surprised me," laughed Emperor Xuanwu heartily.

He sheathed his Heavy Sword Chongshan and walked over to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian also gave a slight smile and put away his hammer.

He coughed a few times and said, "Brother Xuan Feng, your strength is truly formidable; though I managed to take this strike, I still sustained quite serious injuries."

"Brother Xu Nian is too kind. You are not even twenty years old yet, and to achieve such accomplishments is truly remarkable. Maybe in a few years, I might not even be a match for you," Emperor Xuanwu said, patting Xu Nian's shoulder.

Xu Nian just smiled slightly.

Actually, he had not used his full strength.

If he truly unleashed the Dragon Energy and the Talent Phenomenon,

Emperor Xuanwu might not have been his opponent.

Of course, this was just a sparring match.

There was no need to fight to the death.

"Come, let's go have a few drinks, brother," Emperor Xuanwu laughed heartily, and then intended to pull Xu Nian to drink.

"I'm sorry, Brother Xuan Feng, I had some insights during the fight just now and might need to delay our drinking a bit," Xu Nian said apologetically with a smile.

Having said that, he then sat down cross-legged on the ground.

"Insight?"

Emperor Xuanwu was stunned.

However, he didn't say anything.

He hadn't expected that Xu Nian could gain insight from just the battle they had.

Wasn't that a bit exaggerated?

"Don't disturb him; his comprehension might be even more fearsome than you imagine," Xuan Hong came over and said to Xuan Feng.

Xuan Feng nodded.

He then ordered everyone around not to approach Xu Nian.

However, he didn't leave; instead, he had someone bring two pots of wine.

He and Xuan Hong sat on a distant boulder, quietly waiting.

They both wanted to see what exactly Xu Nian would realize.

However, as soon as Xu Nian sat down, he became motionless.

His entire demeanour was akin to an old monk in meditation, sitting there without a stir.

One who did not know better might have thought Xu Nian had fallen asleep.

"Great-grandfather, what do you think Brother Xu Nian will comprehend?" Xuan Feng asked as he sipped his wine, speaking to Xuan Hong beside him.

"I am not sure what he will comprehend, but I do know that whatever he does comprehend will definitely surprise us," Xuan Hong replied indifferently.

Xu Nian had already given them plenty of surprises.

He had effortlessly accomplished things that others deemed impossible.

Thus, no matter what Xu Nian did, he would not find it unexpected.

Xuan Feng was astonished.

He hadn't expected his great-grandfather to hold such high regard for Xu Nian.

"Hum!"

Just then, a terrifying wave emanated from beneath their feet.

Followed by the ground starting to shake violently, as if an earthquake had occurred.

Xuan Feng and Xuan Hong were both startled.

They immediately seemed to think of something.

They both turned their heads towards Xu Nian.

A wave of earthy yellow power was continuously emanating from Xu Nian's body, spreading outwards.

It was this power that caused the ground to tremble.

"What Profound Argumentation is this? How can it cause the entire ground to shake?" the people around exclaimed in surprise.

Xuan Feng was also visibly shocked.

"This must be the Power of Earth Shaking. I didn't expect that what he comprehended was the Power of Earth Shaking, a power that surpasses the mere Power of Earth, and looking at the level of his comprehension, it seems he is about to reach the Small Achievement Realm," exclaimed Xuan Feng.

"Yes, the Earth Shattering. If integrated into his attacks, the power will be extremely terrifying," Xuan Hong added.

He had once encountered someone who had comprehended the Vibration Profound Argumentation.

A single strike from that person could completely shatter a person into pieces.

One could imagine, then, just how strong Xu Nian's attack would be if he had comprehended this Earth Shattering Profound Argumentation.

"Hum!"

Suddenly, Xu Nian abruptly opened his eyes.

He immediately stood up.

A Kunlun Hammer appeared in his hand.

Then, the crowd saw him swing the hammer and smash it directly onto the ground.

However, the anticipated shattering of the earth did not occur.

There weren't even significant cracks on the ground.

People thought they were seeing things.

Was this guy just messing with them?

"Boom!"

But just when everyone thought Xu Nian was just messing around,

a massive mountain miles away suddenly exploded.

Everyone was dumbfounded.

Watching the distant, shattered mountain,

they were so shocked they couldn't speak.

One strike.

A mountain miles away was shattered.

What kind of technique was that?

Even Emperor Xuanwu was visibly shocked.

Looking at Xuan Hong beside him, he said with a wry smile, "Great-grandfather, you were really right, he truly gave us a huge surprise."

Hearing Emperor Xuanwu's words, a wry smile also appeared on Xuan Hong's face: "This time, it's not just you, even I, who thought I could not be surprised again, am stunned."

Miles away, shattering a massive mountain,

Such a feat, he could have easily accomplished at his peak.

But now, he was far from able to do it.

Xu Nian, meanwhile, now stood with his hammer retracted, looking towards the distant shattered mountain, his lips curling into a faint smile.

Chapter 733: Whale Clan Princess

Two days flew by in a flash.

Xu Nian, after creating that Mountain-opening Strike, spent some time refining the technique.

As a result, he became even more familiar with this move.

However, Xu Nian also noticed a characteristic.

This type of attack, when utilizing the earth for assault, would unleash a power twice as great as during aerial combat.

So, Xu Nian's move, when used in ground combat, would achieve an element of surprise.

Conversely, during aerial battles, it seemed a bit lacking.

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"Brother Xu Nian, the position of Dark God Island lies just above the sea area ahead. The Four Great Sea Clans will surely gather there, among which, the Whale Clan and the Jiao Long Clan are particularly arrogant. If it's not necessary, it's better not to have any conflict with them," Emperor Xuanwu said to Xu Nian.

This time, to Dark God Island, Emperor Xuanwu brought only Xu Nian and Xuan Hong.

Luo Pingnan was left behind in Xuanwu Palace, tasked with defending their territory.

Upon hearing Emperor Xuanwu's words, Xu Nian chuckled and nodded his head.

As long as others did not provoke him, he naturally would not go out of his way to cause trouble.

Xu Nian followed Emperor Xuanwu, flying toward the horizon.

Soon, they surfaced from the water, and a vast island appeared not far in front of them.

This island was noticeably larger than Penglai Island.

Above this island, a massive Spirit Gathering Array covered the entire land.

The violent Spiritual Energy all around, after being absorbed and converted by the Spirit Gathering Array, became gentle and sustained the island's energy needs.

Thus, the entire island looked vibrant and was brimming with Spiritual Energy.

In no time, Xu Nian and the others landed directly on the island.

The island did not have any defensive measures set up.

But not a single force dared to cause trouble on this island.

This was a clear indication of Dark God Island's status in the entire sea region.

"Such rich Spiritual Energy, so dense. I'm afraid it's thirty times that of Tianhen Continent!" Xu Nian couldn't help but marvel.

Clearly, Dark God Island's Spirit Array was more potent than the one on Penglai Island.

"Besides possessing strong cultivation, the Master of Dark God Island is also an Array Master. He built this colossal Spirit Gathering Array himself. Although it's only a Low Grade Spirit Array, its effect is much stronger than a common Low Grade one," explained Emperor Xuanwu.

Xu Nian nodded.

"Array Masters and Artifact Refiners are much-respected professions in the Cultivation World. It seems that the Master of Dark God Island was quite a significant figure in the Cultivation World back in the day," Xuan Hong also couldn't help but comment.

Emperor Xuanwu nodded.

Although they did not know much about the past of the Dark God Island Master, they could still imagine how renowned he must have been in the Cultivation World.

Xu Nian did not speak.

However, his desire for the Cultivation World grew even more intense inside him.

Nine Great Star Regions, countless cultivation planets, each with numerous cultivators.

Just the thought was exhilarating.

Of course, Xu Nian was primarily eager to find Murong Xue as soon as possible.

"Hey, isn't that the old turtle? I didn't expect you to be the first to arrive."

Just as Xu Nian and his group were about to continue towards the interior of Dark God Island,

a loud teasing voice came from a distance.

The three of them turned around.

Then they saw three figures flying towards them from afar.

Two men and one woman.

Leading them was a middle-aged man exuding a sense of domineering authority.

Following him was a pair of young male and female.

The woman was dressed in a red skirt, and even her eyes were red, looking at people with full arrogance.

Clearly seeing no one worthy in her eyes.

However, her cultivation was indeed not low, and she had obviously reached the Realm of a Supreme Battle Emperor.

If Xu Nian guessed right, she should be at the Pseudo Void Level of a Supreme Battle Emperor.

As for the young man beside her, his cultivation was one rank higher than hers.

Having reached the Pseudo Harmony Level of a Supreme Battle Emperor.

He didn't act as arrogantly.

But from his indifferent eyes, one could still see that he was also a very proud person.

"Whale Clan!"

Xu Nian's eyes flashed with a green light that quickly disappeared, identifying the true forms of these three individuals.

It was clear that this leading middle-aged man was the Emperor of the Whale Clan.

His true form was that of a Dark Blood Spirit King Whale.

As for the woman behind him, her true form, though the same as the Whale Emperor's,

had a bloodline richness that was even more dense and robust.

"Mutant physique!" Xu Nian speculated in his heart.

"Whale Emperor, you call me an old turtle, but aren't you just a salty fish?" Emperor Xuanwu retorted with mockery upon seeing the newcomers.

Clearly, they knew each other well.

The Whale Emperor, hearing Emperor Xuanwu's mockery, also smiled disdainfully, not getting angry at being called a salty fish.

While smiling, he also gave Xuan Hong a couple more glances.

As for Xu Nian, he was completely ignored.

Xu Nian didn't mind.

The Whale Emperor always regarded him as a greenhorn of the Xuanwu Clan, taken out by Emperor Xuanwu for a glimpse of the world, so he didn't take him seriously.

"Old turtle, what gift have you prepared this time? I'll tell you, I've prepared a big gift this time, and maybe the Dark God, upon being pleased, will bestow the token upon our Whale Clan," the Whale Emperor said with a proud smile.

"You might as well give up on that wishful thinking. Who doesn't know that you, the salty fish, are always stingy? Would you really be willing to part with treasures?" Emperor Xuanwu responded with a mocking laugh.

"Just wait and see," the Whale Emperor simply smiled.

With a look as if to say, just wait to be surprised.

Emperor Xuanwu just laughed it off, unconcerned.

He didn't believe the Dark God would favor either side just because of the gift's value.

"By the way, I heard that the Shark Emperor was killed? Is it true?" the Whale Emperor suddenly asked.

"I've heard that too. Apparently, it was done by a mysterious person. Although the new Shark Emperor is very weak, only at the Pseudo Void Level of cultivation, the person supporting him from behind is very strong," Emperor Xuanwu seriously nodded as he spoke.

Although the Four Great Sea Clans do not interfere with each other, they still compete both openly and covertly.

So each major power would monitor the others.

And the changing of the Shark Emperor was an event that naturally attracted everyone's attention.

Xu Nian and Xuan Hong exchanged glances to the side but did not speak.

Little did the monarchs of the two Sea Demon Clans know, the mysterious person they were discussing was right before their eyes.

"Hey, boy, come here!"

Just then, the red-dressed woman standing behind the Whale Emperor suddenly said to Xu Nian.

"Uh, are you talking to me?" Xu Nian asked, slightly surprised.

Actually, he had already guessed.

This red-dressed woman was likely the young princess of the Whale Clan, the daughter of the Whale Emperor.

"Nonsense, of course I'm calling you," the red-dressed woman said arrogantly.

She was also quite beautiful, and her figure, accentuated by the red dress, was fiery.

It was just her arrogant demeanor that was off-putting.

"What do you want?" Xu Nian asked, not wanting to cause trouble.

"I think you look decent. How about following by my side as a servant from now on?" the red-dressed woman proposed, as if she were on top of the world.

Chapter 734 The Strength of Dark God Island

Xu Nian, upon hearing the words of the Whale Clan Princess, was initially stunned, then burst into laughter.

"What are you laughing at? Is what this princess said funny?" The lady in red immediately glared at Xu Nian.

Even the young man beside her turned an even colder gaze toward Xu Nian.

"No, but I am from the Xuanwu Clan; my identity is not under my control. Even if I agreed, Emperor Xuanwu would not consent," Xu Nian said with a smile.

This Whale Clan Princess really was quite hilarious.

Seeing that he was handsome, she wanted him to be her servant?

"Hmph, what's there to be afraid of? As long as you agree, I'll speak to my father. I believe Emperor Xuanwu won't refuse to give my father this respect, so boy, do you agree or not?" The lady in red spoke disdainfully.

Xu Nian simply smiled wryly.

Could it be this easy?

But then again, it made sense.

If it were just some ordinary follower or someone from the Xuanwu Clan.

If the Whale Emperor personally interceded.

Emperor Xuanwu would very likely agree.

"Sorry, Princess, I might have other matters and cannot become your servant," Xu Nian thought for a moment and simply responded.

The face of the Whale Clan Princess turned sour immediately.

Her gaze, filled with anger, fixed on Xu Nian.

"Humph, you dare refuse me? Boy, don't think you can refuse this princess just because you're handsome. If you anger me, I'll have my father kill you," said the Whale Clan Princess petulantly.

Xu Nian could only helplessly shake his head.

Handsome?

Was he really that handsome?

To the point that even the Whale Clan Princess was bewitched by him.

Seeing Xu Nian's disregard, the Whale Clan Princess's face showed even deeper anger.

So angry, she ran directly to the Whale Emperor to complain.

The Whale Emperor obviously cherished his daughter very much, so he mentioned the matter to Emperor Xuanwu.

Emperor Xuanwu looked at Xu Nian, shook his head with a wry smile, and said, "Sorry, I can't decide his fate."

"Oh?" The Whale Emperor was somewhat surprised.

He hadn't expected that even Emperor Xuanwu couldn't decide the fate of this young man.

Could this young man's identity be no ordinary one?

Emperor Xuanwu did not explain.

After all, Xu Nian had previously instructed him not to reveal his identity rashly.

The Whale Clan Princess, seeing her father's failure, stamped her feet in frustration.

The Whale Emperor could only console his beloved daughter.

While casting an unhappy glance at Xu Nian.

Clearly, he was displeased that Xu Nian had upset his daughter.

Xu Nian also felt helpless, finding the surrounding atmosphere extremely awkward.

Fortunately, the arrival of the Jiao Long Emperor broke the silence.

"Haha, old tortoise, salted fish, I didn't expect you all to be here already. I thought I was the first to arrive," the Jiao Long Emperor said as he flew in from afar.

He was dressed in an emperor's dragon robe, majestic and splendid.

Especially imposing.

The aura emanating from him was needless to say, almost on par with Emperor Xuanwu.

Following behind him was a cold-looking middle-aged man.

This middle-aged man's eyes were as sharp as swords.

He silently stood behind the Jiao Long Emperor.

Xu Nian used his Gray Dragon Eye to glance at this middle-aged man.

However, he was surprised to discover that this middle-aged man was not a Sea Demon, but a human.

Xu Nian was taken aback.

A human followed the Jiao Long Emperor?

Moreover, this human's cultivation was not low; he had clearly reached the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm of a Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level.

It seemed that he felt Xu Nian's gaze.

The man with eyes sharp as swords also looked towards Xu Nian, his eyes carrying a scrutinizing look.

However, the middle-aged man soon shifted his gaze.

Because, in the distance, two more figures flew over.

At this, everyone's attention shifted to the two oncoming figures.

Yes, those figures were none other than Lie Tian and his subordinate, a General of Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level.

"It seems that the mysterious person hasn't appeared!" the Whale Emperor remarked.

"Yes, they say that this mysterious person alone withstood the Shark Clan's million-strong army. I'm really curious to see such a person," Emperor Xuanwu added.

"Hmph, the Shark Clan really, to have someone like that as the Shark Emperor, isn't this an insult to us?" the Jiao Long Emperor expressed his dissatisfaction, looking at Lie Tian.

Lie Tian, along with the General, landed on the island.

They greeted the Three Emperors with a gesture of their hands.

Among the Three Emperors, both the Whale Emperor and Jiao Long Emperor showed disdain.

As for Emperor Xuanwu, he smiled and returned the gesture to Lie Tian as a greeting.

Lie Tian then noticed Xu Nian standing behind Emperor Xuanwu and his face brightened with joy, just as he was about to speak.

He saw Xu Nian subtly shake his head at him.

Instantly, Lie Tian and the General behind him understood Xu Nian's intention.

They withdrew their gazes, pretending not to recognize him.

Xu Nian's action was very subtle, and none of the Three Emperors noticed.

However, the sharp-eyed man following the Jiao Long Emperor noticed something amiss and his gaze became even more piercing towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian did not speak.

He did not know what identity this man possessed.

But even if the Three Emperors found out his true identity, what of it?

One thing was certain.

The middle-aged man did not reveal his discovery to the Jiao Long Emperor.

Because the way the Jiao Long Emperor looked at him had not changed.

"Distinguished guests, you have arrived. The island owner has commanded me to escort you to the banquet hall; please follow me."

At that moment, a very beautiful maid approached from a distance and politely spoke to the crowd.

After speaking, she turned and led everyone deeper into the island.

Xu Nian glanced at the maid.

He was surprised to discover that this seemingly ordinary maid had also reached the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm of a Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level.

However, what surprised Xu Nian even more came afterwards.

Throughout their journey, he saw many servants and maids.

All these servants and maids were uniformly at the Supreme Battle Emperor Level.

Even the weakest among them were at least at the Supreme Battle Emperor Level of a Pseudo Purple Mansion.

"You need not be surprised. These servants were all brought over from the Cultivation World by Mr. Dark God himself; they were once genuine cultivators of the Purple Mansion, Cave Void, Harmonization, and Heavenly Phenomenon Realms. Although their cultivation has been suppressed, they are nothing like us who relied on fruits for cultivation. Hence, even though we don't dare to provoke or fight these servants easily, they are no match for us," Emperor Xuanwu explained to Xu Nian.

"Genuine cultivators of the Purple Mansion, Cave Void, Harmonization, and Heavenly Phenomenon Realms? Are these powerful individuals really willing to stay on Dark God Island?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

Thinking of this, he couldn't help but look towards the maid walking in the front.

So, this maid was once a genuine expert of the Heavenly Phenomenon Level?

The strength of Dark God Island was terrifying to this extent?

"Actually, I also wonder why they are willing to stay here. We are desperately trying to enter the Cultivation World they left behind; it really doesn't make sense to me," Emperor Xuanwu said helplessly.

A wave of emotions surged through Xu Nian.

It seemed the Cultivation World was not as wonderful as they had imagined.

Otherwise, why would these genuine cultivators be willing to stay here?

Chapter 735: Dark God Island Master

Xu Nian was soon brought before a very spacious palace.

On the square in front of this palace, banquet tables were fully laid out.

However, among the banquet seats, there were unexpectedly two people sitting.

They were not seated at the main seats but at the ones closer to the main seat.

Both individuals appeared quite young, in their twenties.

However, their Cultivation was not low—they had both reached the Pseudo Void Level of the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm.

But their expressions were incomparably arrogant.

Their demeanor was even more extraordinary.

Most importantly, they too were human.

If he was not mistaken, these young men should be true Cave Void Realm powerhouses.

And they must have traveled especially from the Cultivation World to celebrate the 8,000th birthday of the Dark God Island Master.

This disdain was apparent in the way they looked at the Demon Emperors of the Four Great Sea Clans.

The Demon Emperors of the Sea Demon Clan had also guessed the identity of this pair of young men.

Hence, they did not take issue with them occupying the more forward seats.

They each found a place to sit down in turn.

Xu Nian didn't act high-profile either, and directly chose a spot in a secluded corner.

However, just as he had sat down for not very long, the little princess of the Whale Clan directly took the seat next to Xu Nian.

She still looked puffed up with anger.

No one had ever dared to refuse her, and Xu Nian was the first.

Therefore, she could not swallow this pride.

When Xu Nian saw the Whale Clan Princess sitting next to him, he was at once speechless.

It seemed that in the short term, he would not be able to shake off this individual.

What made Xu Nian even more speechless was that the stone-faced youth following the princess also came over.

He directly sat on the other side of Xu Nian.

At a glance, Xu Nian could tell that the young man must be a talented youth from the Whale Clan.

And he must be infatuated with the princess of the Whale Clan.

The youth apparently saw Xu Nian as a rival in love.

This made Xu Nian even more speechless.

"Hmph, you won't escape the palm of my hand. Once the banquet is over, I will ask Father to knock you out and take you back with us," the princess said with a snort.

Xu Nian was dripping with secondhand embarrassment.

This princess of the Whale Clan was truly stubborn.

She was still thinking about abducting him.

"The Island Master has arrived!"

Just then, a shout rang out.

Everyone, including Xu Nian, turned their attention toward the front of the square.

They saw an old man dressed in simple white clothes approaching from a distance.

The elder's hair was gray and he sported a long beard.

His aura seemed very plain.

If Xu Nian hadn't known in advance that he was a super powerful being at the Tribulation Crossing Stage Level, he might've really mistaken him for an ordinary farmer.

However, the more enlightened a person is, the more low-key they tend to be.

Xu Nian understood this well.

Hence, his gaze towards the Dark God Island Master was filled with even greater respect.

"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Dark God Island. Please, take your seats!"

The Dark God Island Master said with a smile.

The smile on his face was very kind, making him appear just like the friendly uncle next door.

Hearing the words of the Dark God Island Master, everyone around sat down.

"Heh heh, I greatly appreciate everyone's presence at my 8000th birthday celebration. I'm already one foot in the grave, there's really no need for these vain festivities. However, the reason I'm holding this birthday feast is that I have an important purpose in mind. As for what it is, I'll reveal it later," the Dark God Island Master said with a smile.

The people around all looked at each other, clearly pondering what secret the Dark God Island Master was referring to.

Xu Nian also showed a trace of curiosity.

"Island Master, this is the birthday present from our Jiao Long Clan, wishing you blessings as vast as the Eastern Seas and a lifespan as enduring as the Southern Mountains," the Jiao Long Emperor stood up and said.

After he finished speaking, a wooden box appeared in his hands.

This wooden box was both ancient and exquisite.

"Oh, judging by this wooden box, it looks like a sword box. Jiao Long Emperor must have brought a sword as a gift!" The Dark God Island Master said with a laugh.

"Haha, the Island Master truly has discerning eyes. This is a Top-Grade Spirit Sword that I acquired at great cost. The sword is named 'Ancient Melody', a very powerful treasure. I hope the Island Master will kindly accept it," the Jiao Long Emperor opened the wooden box.

Instantly, an ancient aura emanated from the box.

Then, everyone saw an ancient and exquisite sharp sword entering their field of view.

"A Top-Grade Spiritual Artifact, the Jiao Long Emperor really is generous, immediately bestowing a Top-Grade Spirit Sword."

"Yes, this Top-Grade Spirit Sword does not seem simple, it is definitely the cream of the crop."

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Continuous murmurs of discussion rose around them.

Guests from smaller powers all showed looks of admiration.

Even the Whale Emperor and Emperor Xuanwu showed looks of surprise.

Only the young man and woman from the Cultivation World exchanged a knowing smile, their laughter tinged with disdain.

Clearly, they did not think much of the Top-Grade Spirit Sword given by the Sea Jiao Emperor.

"Island Master, I am the newly appointed Shark Emperor of the Shark Clan, and this is our Shark Clan's gift to you, a Purple Gold Gauze Dress, also of Top-Grade Spiritual Energy. I wish the Island Master a lifespan equal to the heavens," Lie Tian stepped out from the crowd and spoke with some trepidation.

This was his first time meeting the Dark God Island Master.

Towards this master of the island, he felt an innate fear.

After all, he was managing all the affairs of the Forbidden Sea.

If the Dark God Island Master did not approve of him taking the position of Shark Emperor, then he'd probably have to step down.

Beside him, both the Jiao Long Emperor and the Whale Emperor looked at Lie Tian with amusement.

Obviously, they were curious to see how the Dark God Island Master would deal with this newly appointed Shark Emperor.

In their view, the Dark God Island Master would never allow someone of Pseudo Void Level to assume the role of Shark Emperor.

"Ha ha, you don't need to be nervous. I have already been informed about you taking the position of Shark Emperor. Rest assured, I won't give you a hard time. Since it was he who helped you to power, I have no objections. From now on, you need not worry about any difficulties from me. I accept your gift," the Dark God Island Master said with a warm smile.

The Shark Emperor was immediately stunned and then his face lit up with joy.

The Jiao Long Emperor and the Whale Emperor were also taken aback.

It was unexpected for them that the Dark God Island Master would approve of this youngster taking the position of Shark Emperor.

Could it be that he had just been lucky, encountering the Island Master's joyous birthday mood?

But soon they realized that was not the case.

There was a meaningful sentence in the words of the Dark God Island Master.

Since it was he who supported you to power, I have no objections.

Could it be because of the mysterious figure behind him?

While Lie Tian was delighted, he also felt surprised.

He certainly understood the implication behind the words of the Dark God Island Master.

But he had not expected that Xu Nian actually knew the Dark God Island Master.

Yet when he looked towards Xu Nian, he felt puzzled.

If they truly knew each other, Xu Nian would not be sitting quietly in a corner, inconspicuous and unnoticed.

At this moment, Xu Nian was also surprised.

But what astonished him was that the Dark God Island Master had already known his identity.

Chapter 736: Precious Treasure

Lie Tian felt a sudden relief in his heart upon hearing the words of the Dark God Island Master.

Now, the most pressing concern had been resolved.

This was undoubtedly the same as the Dark God Island Master acknowledging his Shark Emperor status.

With this in mind, he looked at Xu Nian with gratitude once again.

Yet this scene was caught by a cold middle-aged man who had been watching Xu Nian's every move.

The look in his eyes grew even more curious as he watched Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, however, didn't pay it much mind,

For he felt that the middle-aged man didn't seem to harbor any ill will.

"Old turtle, aren't you planning to give a gift?" the Whale Emperor asked with a light laugh, addressing the Emperor Xuanwu beside him.

"Oh, why doesn't the Whale Emperor go first?" Emperor Xuanwu responded with a smile.

But the Whale Emperor just scoffed with a disdainful laugh, "I'm afraid that after I give mine, you won't be able to present yours."

Emperor Xuanwu just smiled faintly,

And took the initiative to step forward.

"Island Master, this is the longevity gift prepared by my Xuanwu Clan for you. Although it is not a precious item, it's still a rare and exceptional one," Emperor Xuanwu said with a smile.

An exquisite medicine box appeared in his hands.

As Emperor Xuanwu opened the medicine box, a powerful fragrance immediately filled the air.

Inside was a red medicinal herb resembling a lingzhi, emitting a rainbow-like luster.

"Could this be..."

Everyone around showed a look of surprise.

Not only them, even the Whale Emperor was somewhat astonished.

A glint of light also appeared in the eyes of the Dark God Island Master.

"I'm sure everyone recognizes it. Yes, this is the Red Scorching Fire Ganoderma I extracted from undersea magma, capable of extending one's lifespan by a thousand years. It is considered a top-grade spiritual medicine," Emperor Xuanwu announced with a smile.

"A thousand-year lifespan?" All around, people showed their astonishment.

A thousand-year extension was indeed extraordinary.

Many cultivators

May not even grasp a breakthrough as their lifespan nears its end.

An additional thousand years could completely alter that.

One could use these thousand years to seek another opportunity for breakthrough.

Therefore, for many people,

"Well, I accept this gift; thank you, Emperor Xuanwu, for the congratulatory present," the Dark God Island Master said with a smile.

After speaking, he ordered a servant to take away the spiritual medicine.

The eyes of the surrounding people turned envious as they looked at Emperor Xuanwu.

The Dark God Island Master actually thanked Emperor Xuanwu.

Clearly, he was very satisfied with Emperor Xuanwu's treasure.

The Whale Emperor, who was beside them, initially looked displeased but his expression quickly turned contemptuous.

He confidently stood up,

And as he did, he cast a challenging glance towards Emperor Xuanwu.

Emperor Xuanwu naturally ignored the provocation from the Whale Emperor.

Xu Nian just shook his head helplessly.

This Whale Emperor really was a person who loved competition.

However, Xu Nian's shaking of the head seemed to greatly displease the nearby Whale Clan Princess.

"Hey, kid, what do you mean by that? Are you implying that my father cannot bring out a treasure better than that of your Xuanwu Clan?" the Whale Clan Princess said angrily.

"Nothing of the sort; I didn't say anything!" Xu Nian hurriedly explained.

Only then did he remember that there was a troublesome little witch at his side.

"Hmph, that's clearly what you meant. Just wait until my father brings out his treasure—you'll be in for a surprise," the Whale Clan Princess said haughtily.

The young man from the Whale Clan sitting on Xu Nian's other side also wore a look of disdain.

Xu Nian simply responded with a wry smile.

He didn't care what kind of treasure the Whale Emperor was going to present.

After all, he was not a member of the Xuanwu Clan.

Why would he be surprised if the gift from the Whale Emperor was more valuable than the one from Emperor Xuanwu?

By now, the Whale Emperor had already approached the Dark God Island Master.

However, the crowd did not see him take out any object.

"Master of the Island, this time our Whale Clan has prepared a precious gift for you, I can assure you that it is truly unique," the Whale Emperor said with a smile.

"Oh?" the Dark God Island Master revealed a surprised expression.

The people around all showed curious expressions as well.

They wondered what kind of treasure the Whale Emperor would present.

With a slight smile, the Whale Emperor then waved his sleeve.

Then the crowd saw a huge skull appear before their eyes.

"Is this... a beast bone?" someone in the crowd said in astonishment.

"No, to be precise, it's a dragon bone," another person spoke up.

Upon hearing this, everyone's mouths fell open in surprise.

Xu Nian was also somewhat astonished.

He had not expected the Whale Emperor to actually produce a dragon skull.

"Is this the skull of a True Dragon? How is this possible?" the Jiao Long Emperor could not help but stand up and say.

As a descendant of the Jiao Long, part of the Dragon Clan's lineage.

How could he not recognize that this was a genuine Dragon Clan skull?

The Dark God Island Master was also somewhat astounded.

Looking at the huge skull before him, his eyes emitted a strong sense of curiosity.

At this moment, the skull still radiated an intense Dragon Clan's power.

The Whale Emperor seemed very pleased with everyone's reactions.

He immediately said with a smile, "This is the skull of a real Dragon Clan member that I discovered years ago in a massive cavern within the Endless Abyss. Though this giant dragon has been dead for a long time, it is still evident that its Cultivation was not low, and within this dragon bone, the complete

marrow is still preserved. If one could absorb the power from this marrow or use it for Alchemy, it could be considered as top-grade material for Spiritual Medicine."

The surrounding crowd nodded in agreement upon hearing his words.

If this dragon bone indeed contained the marrow of the Dragon Clan.

Then the value of this dragon bone was absolutely comparable to top-grade Spiritual Medicine.

It was even more valuable than the Red Scorching Fire Ganoderma.

"Then, which True Dragon does this skull belong to?" someone in the crowd asked.

In ancient times, there were Nine Great Dragon Clans.

These Nine Great Dragon Clans have been passed down to this day, although there are many species.

However, the Nine Great True Dragons are the most complete in terms of preserving their Bloodline.

Thus, the Nine Great True Dragons continue to carry the name of the Taigu Dragon Clan.

"This is the skull of a Red Bright Flame Dragon, which ranks fourth among the Nine Great Dragon Clans," the Dark God Island Master said.

Red Bright Flame Dragon?

The people around showed expressions of surprise.

They had not expected this True Dragon to have such an extraordinary status.

To be able to obtain the skull of a True Dragon that ranked fourth was definitely no ordinary feat.

"Master of the Island indeed has a discerning eye, correct, this is the skull of a Red Bright Flame Dragon, and although this True Dragon had died thousands of years ago, its Cultivation in life must have reached the Earth Immortal level, so the value of this True Dragon Skull, I presume you all already know," the Whale Emperor said.

Upon hearing this, everyone around showed expressions of surprise.

The skull of an Earth Immortal Level True Dragon?

This time, even those two from the Cultivation World showed expressions of surprise.

"How about that, are you shocked?" the Whale Clan Princess said proudly after seeing the surprised look on Xu Nian's face.

Xu Nian offered a slight smile.

However, his gaze towards the skull was indeed fervent.

The skull of a Red Bright Flame Dragon?

There must be the Bloodline of a Red Bright Flame Dragon within it!

Chapter 737: Three Gifts

Xu Nian was a Nine Dragons Supreme Body.

Now, he had only gathered four types of Dragon Energy.

If he could absorb the bloodline of the Red Bright Flame Dragon, then his Body Cultivation would certainly improve once again.

However, Xu Nian still suppressed the desire in his heart.

After all, this was a gift from the Whale Emperor to the Dark God Island Master.

Even if he had the inclination, it would be useless.

He certainly couldn't just go up and rob it.

"Very good, very good, very good, I accept this treasure, Whale Emperor, you have worked hard," the Dark God Island Master said with a smile.

"Not at all, it's what I should do!" The Whale Emperor was extremely excited.

Because the Dark God Island Master had actually uttered three "very good" in a row.

This was something that had never happened before.

The minor powers around them all showed looks of envy.

With this gesture, the Whale Emperor had clearly gained the favor of the Dark God Island Master.

"See that, even the Island Master himself can't stop praising Father Emperor's gift, and you, Little Turtle, still dare to have an opinion?" the Whale Clan Princess said to Xu Nian with pride.

"No objections, none!" Xu Nian hurriedly gave a forced smile and brushed it off.

Then, the young man and woman stepped forward.

Xu Nian had not even a shred of respect for the arrogant couple in his heart.

Despite knowing that this couple were both experts at the Cave Void Level.

But his regard for them was far less than that for the servants and maids around him.

"I am Fu Yuming and Fang Shishi from the Qingcheng Sect, and we are here to extend birthday wishes to the Island Master on behalf of our Master, the Old Man of the South Pole," the young couple said in unison.

"My dear nephews, you have worked hard. Please convey my regards to the Old Man of the South Pole, and how has he been lately?" the Dark God Island Master asked with a smile.

"Thanks to your blessings, our Master is in very good health. He has already reached the Peak of the Tribulation Crossing Stage and will probably soon be undergoing his tribulation. At that time, he would like to invite you to attend," Fu Yuming said with a smile.

"Ha ha, is he about to cross his tribulation? Very well, I'll definitely be there," the Dark God Island Master laughed heartily.

The crowd around them was surprised.

Heavenly Tribulation at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage?

Didn't that mean once the tribulation was crossed, one would ascend to the realm of an Earth Immortal?

And after reaching the Earth Immortal realm, wouldn't it not be long before one could ascend to the Immortal Realm?

The Immortal Realm!

For them, in the Cultivation World of today, it was still a very distant existence.

Not to mention the legendary Immortal Realm.

"Island Master, our Master has sent us here to offer birthday wishes and has specifically instructed us to bring three gifts for you," Fang Shishi said.

The crowd around was startled.

Three gifts!

Those from the Cultivation World were indeed from the Cultivation World, giving out three gifts in one go.

Truly extravagant.

The Whale Emperor's expression suddenly turned a bit displeased.

Had the limelight he had just enjoyed been overshadowed so quickly?

Seeing the surprised looks of the crowd, the smiles on the faces of the young couple grew even thicker.

"This is the first gift, this object is called the Purple Gold Gourd, it can hold a hundred thousand catties of wine at once and can maintain the Spiritual Energy of Immortal Brew; moreover, it can also be used as a Spiritual Treasure to collect things, definitely a Top-Grade Spiritual Artifact," Fu Yuming said with a smile.

The crowd was astonished.

The first gift was a Top-Grade Spiritual Artifact.

And it was just a wine jug for drinking.

This seemed a bit too extravagant.

"Very good, very good, very good, indeed it's the Old Man of the South Pole, he knows I like to drink, but hasn't he been a bit too stingy, only sending a gourd and not sending some wine?" the Dark God Island Master laughed heartily.

The Whale Emperor was stunned.

The Dark God Island Master had already uttered three "very goods" for just the first gift.

It seemed the disparity might be difficult to bridge.

Hearing the Island Master's words, Fang Shishi smiled slightly and said, "Our Master knew the Island Master would say this, so he particularly instructed us to prepare a gourd of Spiritual Wine for you. This Spiritual Wine is personally concocted by our Master, and it is definitely comparable to Top-Grade Spiritual Medicine."

"Quick, bring it here!" the Dark God Island Master said eagerly.

The young man and woman smiled slightly.

And hurriedly presented the wine pot.

The Dark God Island Master opened the pot and brought his nose close to take a sniff, then burst into laughter, "Good wine, good wine! The Old Man of the South Pole used to be so stingy, but now he has finally deigned to brew a pot of fine wine for me. This is the most satisfying gift I've received to date."

Onlookers were all surprised.

They had not expected that the Dark God Island Master had such a taste.

Had they known earlier, they would not have wasted their efforts on other thoughts, but focused solely on finding fine wine.

But even if they searched, they could not possibly find a Spiritual Wine crafted by a Cultivator!

Xu Nian, standing to the side, could also smell the rich aroma of the wine.

The key was that just this aroma alone replenished his Dantian with Spiritual Energy.

Such Spiritual Wine was probably not something that lower-level Cultivators could drink.

Otherwise, the Spiritual Energy contained within the wine alone would be enough to burst them.

The Whale Emperor, on the other hand, felt rather embarrassed.

The Dark God Island Master had just said that this was the most satisfactory treasure he had received today.

So, by that reasoning, even his True Dragon Skull wasn't as valuable as this pot of wine.

Hearing the Dark God Island Master's words, the smiles on the faces of the young man and woman became even more smug.

"Master, the Master also commanded us to bring you a third gift. This is a Transformation Life Pill, a Top-grade Spiritual Pill. Once ingested, no matter how severe the injury, it can be healed in an instant," Fu Yuming spoke again.

Right after speaking, a Jade Bottle appeared in his hand.

"A Top-grade Spiritual Pill? Can heal any severe injury in an instant?"

Those around them showed surprised expressions.

They all stared wide-eyed.

For them, even a Mid-grade Spirit Pill was extremely rare.

A Top-grade Spiritual Pill was something of legend.

They had not expected that the Old Man of the South Pole would produce a Top-grade Spiritual Pill right off the bat.

It was far more precious than even Top-grade Spiritual Medicine.

After all, turning Spiritual Medicine into a Pill required a complex alchemy process.

Moreover, it had to be done by a top-notch Alchemist.

Thus, the value of a Top-grade Elixir was much more precious than that of Top-grade Spiritual Medicine.

"Haha, the Old Man of the South Pole has truly put thought into it, very good, very good. I am very satisfied with all three treasures you've given, my two talented nephews, please take a seat," the Dark God Island Master laughed heartily.

The young man and woman also smiled.

And then proudly took their seats.

Clearly, their gifts had outshone all others.

As for the smaller forces, they didn't even need to consider trying.

They weren't even qualified to present their gifts in person.

However, just when everyone thought the gift-giving part of the celebration had concluded,

"I've been waiting for a gift from one person; when will he present it?" the Dark God Island Master said with a smile.

All around, people showed surprise.

Waiting for a gift from one person?

Hadn't all forces from the Four Great Sea Clans and the Cultivation World already presented their offerings?

Could there be more Cultivation forces yet to come?

Even the young man and woman from the Cultivation World showed curious expressions.

However, Xu Nian, sitting in the crowd, let out a wry smile.

He knew that the person the Dark God Island Master was referring to was likely himself.

So, he began to rise, preparing to stand up,

only to hear the Whale Clan Princess suddenly say, "Little Turtle, what are you doing?"

Instantly, everyone's gaze turned to Xu Nian.

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Chapter 738: Slapping the Face of the Whale Emperor

Xu Nian, seeing everyone around him looking his way, felt a sense of helplessness in his heart.

Nonetheless, he still stood up.

"Little Turtle, what are you up to? You wouldn't happen to be thinking of giving a gift to the Island Master as well, would you? What kind of treasure could you possibly present?" The Whale Clan Princess, upon seeing Xu Nian actually rising, immediately spoke with mocking derision.

In her view, even if a member of the Xuanwu Clan had a not-so-low status within the clan,

what kind of gift could he possibly offer?

As the words of the junior princess of the Whale Clan came out, the looks from the people around Xu Nian became contemptuous.

A mere Little Xuanwu of the Xuanwu Clan also wanted to personally present a gift to the Dark God Island Master.

Could it be that he wished to curry favor with the Dark God Island Master to someday take over for Emperor Xuanwu?

Thus, everyone turned their attention to Emperor Xuanwu, curious about his reaction.

However, what caught everyone off guard was that Emperor Xuanwu showed not the slightest sign of anger, but instead a hint of a smile.

Could it be that Emperor Xuanwu had deliberately arranged this?

Both the Whale Emperor and Jiao Long Emperor exchanged glances, clearly understanding the meaning behind each other's looks.

Obviously, they believed this Little Xuanwu must have been deliberately arranged by Emperor Xuanwu,

with the purpose of grooming him to be the next Emperor Xuanwu.

Only, their intelligence had no information about this Little Xuanwu.

Could he have been secretly trained by Emperor Xuanwu?

And very well concealed at that.

"Hey, junior, this isn't your place to speak. You'd better sit back down."

The Whale Emperor, upon seeing Xu Nian step forward, deliberately made things difficult for him.

He wanted to see just what this young man was capable of.

If he was easily scared off, there was no need to take him into concern.

If he openly defied, they would simply dispose of him.

In any case, they could not allow Emperor Xuanwu to gain an advantage.

However, what they did not expect was

that the young member of the Xuanwu Clan simply ignored his words and approached the Dark God Island Master, saying, "Junior Xu Nian pays respects to the Island Master. I was not aware of your birthday earlier, so I did not have time to prepare any congratulatory gift..."

"Hmph, you as a junior, even if you'd known in advance, what kind of gift could you have prepared? Little kid, I advise you to step down," the Whale Emperor immediately said dismissively.

"That's right, a junior wanting to present a gift; we don't even have the privilege to do so face to face."

Those from the smaller forces around also voiced their agreement.

It was clear that Xu Nian's action dissatisfied them greatly.

The Whale Clan Princess, hearing the discussions of the people around, also revealed a smug smile.

She looked as if she was waiting to see Xu Nian make a fool of himself.

As for the youth who had been following him, his gaze became even more disdainful.

But just when everyone thought the Dark God Island Master would impatiently send this ignorant youngster away,

the Dark God Island Master actually let out a chuckle.

"Haha, I am already quite happy that you could come. It doesn't matter whether or not you brought a gift. Come, sit beside me; I'd like to have a good chat with you," said the Dark God Island Master kindly.

The look he gave Xu Nian was akin to looking at his own grandson.

Everyone around was stunned.

What's going on?

Did this young man know the Island Master?

Knowing the fact that you could come would make me happy was a statement of no small significance.

The Dark God Island Master's status was not ordinary.

There was absolutely no need to give platitudes to a junior.

Now, by saying so, it only indicated that this young man's relationship with the Island Master was quite out of the ordinary.

The countenances of both the Whale Emperor and the Jiao Long Emperor changed instantly.

The way they looked at Xu Nian shifted.

What most astonished them was that Emperor Xuanwu also showed a look of surprise.

This indicated that even Emperor Xuanwu had no knowledge of this matter.

They were quite puzzled by this.

Even the young men and women from Qingcheng Sect were curiously looking toward Xu Nian.

They all wondered which major power Xu Nian came from.

Xu Nian, however, didn't pay attention to the surprised expressions of those around him, but merely smiled and said, "Island Master, although I haven't prepared any precious gifts, I still want to express my goodwill. This Jade Scroll contains a Secret Technique; please accept it."

"Oh? A Secret Technique?" The Dark God Island Master took the Jade Scroll with curiosity.

The people around all showed mocking expressions.

This guy actually presented a Secret Technique as an appropriate gift?

With the discerning eyes of the Dark God Island Master, how could he possibly care about a Secret Technique?

How could this youngster have the audacity to offer such a thing?

Even people like the Whale Emperor had a mocking look on their faces.

They had thought this young man would present what kind of gift.

It turned out to be just a Secret Technique.

The two young men and women from Qingcheng Sect also showed mocking expressions.

It seems this youngster doesn't come from any major power.

He must have some family relationship with the Dark God Island Master.

However, just when everyone thought the Dark God Island Master wouldn't care about this Secret Technique,

They saw the Dark God Island Master suddenly stand up, with a look of shock on his face.

"Is this... Immortal Law?" exclaimed the Dark God Island Master excitedly.

"Immortal Law?" The people around showed expressions of astonishment.

"Yes, it is indeed Immortal Law. Island Master, if you don't disdain it, please accept this humble offer from me," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Haha, good, then I'll accept it. I didn't expect that I would actually receive an Immortal Law Secret Technique. With this, my chances of successfully crossing the Tribulation are even greater," the Dark God Island Master laughed heartily.

The people around were utterly shocked.

Was it really an Immortal Law Secret Technique?

Doesn't that mean it completely surpasses any Spiritual Technique Secret Technique?

Isn't that the realm of Immortals?

How does this young man possess it?

Even the young couple from Qingcheng Sect showed surprise on their faces.

Immortal Law Secret Technique, even their Master didn't own one.

Within the entire Sect, only their Sect Master possessed one Immortal Law Secret Technique.

Its power was extremely formidable.

They hadn't expected the youngster to use an Immortal Law Secret Technique as a congratulatory gift.

No wonder even the Dark God Island Master was shocked.

This was absolutely a grand gesture.

The Whale Emperor, who had previously scolded Xu Nian, felt his face burning hot.

Even the Whale Clan Princess looked extremely embarrassed.

They hadn't expected Xu Nian to be able to give such a precious gift.

As for the Whale Clan's genius youth, he looked at Xu Nian with increasing jealousy.

His eyes were filled with anger.

Yet, what made them even more distressed occurred.

The Dark God Island Master said with a smile, "Come, Xu Nian, for our first meeting, how could I as your elder not give you a welcoming gift? This is what I'm presenting to you. You'll definitely like it."

After speaking, he waved his sleeve.

A huge True Dragon Skull appeared in everyone's line of sight.

The people around widened their eyes.

The Whale Emperor's face turned even redder.

It was as if someone had slapped him hard on the face.

Because the True Dragon Skull the Dark God Island Master had just brought out was the very same one he had given to the Dark God Island Master just moments ago.

And now, it was being re-gifted to this youngster.

Wasn't this an overt slap in his face?

Chapter 739: A Bet?

Xu Nian looked at the True Dragon Skull with a face full of astonishment.

He hadn't expected the Dark God Island Master to actually give the True Dragon Skull to him.

However, this was exactly what he had hoped for.

To him, the True Dragon Skull indeed had great utility.

"Good, then this junior will accept it, thank you, Island Master!" Xu Nian said gratefully.

"Haha, no need for formalities with me, in actual fact, I and your master are brothers, so no need for courtesy, just call me Martial Uncle," the Dark God Island Master laughed heartily.

Xu Nian suddenly realized.

No wonder the Dark God Island Master was so good to him.

So, he was Master Bai Tianhan's brother.

With this in mind, his worries also dissipated.

"This junior, Xu Nian, greets Martial Uncle!" Xu Nian said, once again, paying his respects.

"Haha, rise, my boy. I had long heard from your master that you were destined for greatness, and seeing you today, you truly stand out. To not mention anything else, just your poise and temperament alone far exceed those of your peers!" the Dark God Island Master laughed boisterously.

Xu Nian smiled slightly.

He felt delighted at the praise from the Dark God Island Master.

The people around also came to a realization.

So, this youth had such a relationship with the Dark God Island Master.

It seemed that the youth's relationship with the Dark God Island Master was quite special.

As for the Whale Clan Princess who had earlier looked down on Xu Nian, her pretty face turned ashen with anger, unable to speak a word.

The Whale Emperor meanwhile leaned in towards Emperor Xuanwu and asked, "Old turtle, I didn't expect you to hide so deep. Your Xuanwu Clan actually has such a connection with the Dark God Island Master."

Jiao Long Emperor also looked towards Emperor Xuanwu, obviously with envy in his eyes.

Emperor Xuanwu smiled bitterly and said, "Who said he's from my Xuanwu Clan? Xu Nian is merely my brother, but in reality, he is a human."

"Human? Did I hear that wrong? Such a young human?" Both the Whale Emperor and Jiao Long Emperor were stunned.

"That's right, Xu Nian is indeed a human, and in terms of strength, I may not even be his match," Emperor Xuanwu said with a smile.

"How... how is that possible? A human, who hasn't consumed Spiritual Jade Fruits, how could he have strength comparable to yours? Could it be that he is a genius from the Cultivation World?" Jiao Long Emperor speculated.

"No, he has come from Tianhen Continent, as for why his strength is so formidable, I do not know either," Emperor Xuanwu said, somewhat helplessly.

In fact, he had always been curious about Xu Nian's strength.

A human, who hadn't consumed Spiritual Jade Fruits, how could he possess such formidable strength?

"Hmph, I don't believe it. When it comes to strength, human cultivators are not our equals, the Sea Demons. How could he possibly have Cultivation that matches ours? Emperor Xuanwu, you probably don't want us to know his identity and deliberately concocted a lie to scare us," the Whale Emperor said in disbelief.

"Believe it or not, that's up to you," Emperor Xuanwu straightforwardly tossed back a sentence and then said no more.

Both the Whale Emperor and Jiao Long Emperor remained incredulous.

As for the Shark Emperor, who hadn't spoken up, he firmly believed it.

He had, after all, witnessed, with his own eyes, as Xu Nian alone confronted an army of a million from the Sea Demon Clan.

Therefore, he believed every word that Emperor Xuanwu said.

Xu Nian eventually sat down beside the Dark God Island Master.

The reason that prompted him to accept this request was naturally the murderous gaze of the Whale Clan Princess.

Xu Nian was helpless.

But after all, this proud princess had brought it all upon herself.

He certainly hadn't gone out of his way to provoke her.

"Alright, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Dark God Island, and thank you all for your congratulations gifts. I know you're very eager and want to compete for the Tokens as soon as possible," the Dark God Island Master announced loudly.

Upon hearing about the Tokens, the spirits of everyone around immediately perked up.

They were indeed a minor power, struggling to compete for the Token.

But every time, they would come and try; what if they succeeded?

At this moment, upon hearing the Master of Dark God Island speak of competing for the Token,

they were naturally extremely excited.

Even the Four Sea Demon Emperors had become serious.

"Everyone," the Dark God Island Master had said before, "this time the competition for the Token might be different from the past. Previously, I would pose a problem and whoever could solve it would claim the Token. Today, I have a new idea," the Dark God Island Master began.

People around them showed surprised expressions.

They didn't understand what this new idea of the Dark God Island Master was.

Xu Nian was also curious.

What method would the Dark God Island Master use next to let them compete?

"Everyone, I know that each of you wishes to obtain the Token, but there is only one. And only the person who holds the Token can truly enter the Endless Abyss; otherwise, with your own strength, you will not be able to withstand the fear of the Endless Abyss," the Dark God Island Master continued.

The crowd around them did not speak.

They were aware of this reality as well.

Otherwise, they would not have gone to such lengths to compete for the Token.

"And this time, the way I want you to compete for the Token is by learning Formations. Whoever can learn the Formation within the allocated three days, not only will I give him the Token, but I will also pass on all of my Formation skills to him," the Dark God Island Master continued.

"Not only can you get the Token, but you can also receive the personal teachings of the Formation skills of the Dark God Island Master?" The crowd around them showed expressions of surprise.

Even the carefree young men and women of Qingcheng Sect nearby showed surprise.

They might not care about the so-called Spiritual Jade Fruit,

But they were very interested in the Formation skills of the Dark God Island Master.

After all, the Formation skills of the Dark God Island Master were well-known in the Cultivation World.

If one could receive his true teachings, they would definitely have a place in the Cultivation World in the future.

"What do you think, any objections?" the Dark God Island Master said with a smile.

"No!" everyone responded excitedly.

Even the Four Demon Emperors were thrilled.

They hadn't expected such great joy today.

"Master, can we participate?"

At that moment, the young men and women of Qingcheng Sect spoke up.

"Absolutely, everyone present is welcome to participate!" the Dark God Island Master said with a smile.

The young men and women were instantly delighted.

If they could receive the inheritance of the Dark God Island Master, their status within their Sect.

Would be absolutely extraordinary.

How could they not be excited?

"Xu Nian, you should participate too."

Just as Xu Nian was surprised by the matter,

The Dark God Island Master spoke with a smile.

Xu Nian was startled.

He had not intended to get involved, but he had not expected the Dark God Island Master to personally invite him.

If he refused, it would probably be quite disrespectful.

"Alright, the junior will give it a try," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

The Dark God Island Master stroked his beard, his face full of smiles.

But in his heart, he thought, "Bai Tianhan, I want to see if it's you or me who will win this wager in the end."

Chapter 740 Comprehending Formations

The reason why the Dark God Island Master proposed such a competition method

was actually rooted in a playful agreement made with Bai Tianhan initially.

Bai Tianhan had once asked the Dark God Island Master to pass on his formation knowledge to Xu Nian in the future.

The Dark God Island Master jokingly said, if Xu Nian could comprehend a low grade array within ten days,

then he would teach Xu Nian all his formation skills.

However, Bai Tianhan told the Dark God Island Master, "No need for ten days, three days will suffice."

Thus, the two set the wager.

You see, for someone who has never comprehended a formation,

to understand even the most basic low grade spirit array in three days is simply impossible.

At least, the Dark God Island Master had never seen such a case.

The smartest formation genius he had met needed ten days.

A disciple with good comprehension would need one to two months.

Those of average talent would need at least three to five months.

So when Bai Tianhan said Xu Nian could grasp the basics of formation in three days,

he believed it was completely a fantasy.

Yet, Bai Tianhan insisted on making the bet.

As if when Xu Nian arrived on his island, and if within three days, he could grasp the basics of the formation, then he would teach Xu Nian all his formation skills.

Of course, if Bai Tianhan lost, then he would have to go to the Turquoise Pool for the Dark God Island Master to fetch Jade Dew.

The Dark God Island Master was a person who cherished liquor as if it were his life.

Naturally, he agreed right away.

So today, seeing Xu Nian appear on the island,

he immediately thought of this method.

Tempting everyone to participate in the comprehension.

He did not care about the other people.

If there was really someone who could complete this impossible test within three days,

then he would not mind passing all his skills.

Of course, if no one finished,

he would then choose the one who comprehended the most and give him the token.

As for his formation skills, then naturally, he would not teach anyone else.

Soon, everyone gathered in the square.

There were several dozen meditation cushions laid out.

In front of each person, four low grade spirit stones were also placed.

For basic formations, four low grade spirit stones were completely sufficient.

Moreover, he truly did not believe anyone could grasp the basic formation in three days.

"These are sixty-two jade scrolls, each containing the basic knowledge of formations and three entry-level formations, which are also divided into three ranks: first rank, second rank, and third rank, with the third rank being the most difficult. I do not expect you to comprehend the third rank, if any of you can even barely complete the first rank formation, I would consider it a win," the Dark God Island Master said.

After speaking, he waved his sleeve.

The sixty-two jade scrolls then flew into each person's hands.

After receiving the jade scrolls, people promptly found a meditation cushion to sit on.

Then everyone placed the jade scroll on their forehead to read the information inside.

Xu Nian also found a corner with a cushion to sit down.

He then started to hold the jade scroll to his forehead.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian instantly felt a massive wave of information surge from the jade scroll into his mind.

This information was huge and extremely obscure and difficult to understand.

"Ah..."

A young man with low cultivation, overwhelmed by the enormous information in the jade scroll, just began to receive the information and was pained by the expanding sensation until he fainted.

Unable to even receive the information, he was naturally eliminated right away.

Of course, some had no trouble receiving the information.

For instance, Xuan Hong and the two from Qingcheng Sect.

They were originally people of high strength.

Their soul levels naturally much higher than other Supreme Battle Emperors.

Thus, when they received this information, they felt no pressure at all.

Xu Nian was also alright, only feeling a slight swelling in his head.

It quickly disappeared.

After receiving this information,

Xu Nian began to develop a headache.

The positions of Qian, Zhen, Kan, Gen, Kun, Xun, Li, Dui in the array formation were very difficult to understand.

It was not something that could be managed by memory alone.

He had to thoroughly understand and integrate it.

Only then could he form the array in a short period of time.

Apart from this basic information, there were three incredibly mystical arrays.

Xu Nian could tell that these three arrays were the basic ones mentioned earlier by the Dark God Island Master.

After sorting out this information,

Xu Nian glanced around.

He noticed that everyone was deeply furrowing their brows, engrossed in contemplation.

Clearly, the abstruse information in the array had trapped them.

Xu Nian no longer thought too much about it.

He started to ponder over the fundamental knowledge of those arrays bit by bit.

Xu Nian had previously told the Divine Emperor Ye Tian that he wanted to learn about arrays.

But then Divine Emperor Ye Tian had fallen into a coma.

As a result, Xu Nian had never learned about them.

For him, everything was starting from scratch now.

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While Xu Nian and the others were desperately trying to comprehend the basic array,

a woman in a long dress came from a distance.

She appeared to be only about twenty years old.

She was incredibly beautiful, with an elegant and antique charm.

Under her willow leaf-like brows was a red teardrop-shaped mole, adding to her stunning allure.

However, it was a pity that everyone around was busy understanding the array,

completely ignoring this beautiful woman.

"Master!"

The woman walked up to the Dark God Island Master and nodded.

"Mmm, you're back, good, I have something to tell you," the Dark God Island Master said with a smile.

This woman was a disciple he had recently taken in.

Though it had only been a few months, she had essentially mastered several Low Grade Arrays.

One could say that in the field of array cultivation, her talent was extraordinarily high.

The only downside was her overly cold demeanor.

She appeared indifferent towards almost everything.

Only the arrays truly captivated her.

"This time I let these people participate in comprehending the array together, you don't mind, do you?" the Dark God Island Master spoke to the woman.

"The things Master does always have their reasons. I will follow your orders," the woman spoke softly.

The Dark God Island Master shook his head helplessly.

"You know, it would be good if you could be a bit more lively. Alright, no more idle talk. Do you see that young man over there? His name is Xu Nian. Keep an eye on him for me these three days, and after that, help me test him to see to what extent he has understood the array," the Dark God Island Master said telepathically.

The woman looked in the direction pointed by the Dark God Island and quickly fixed her gaze on a young man in the corner.

He had a resolute and handsome face.

On that face, the woman sensed a maturity that did not match his age.

"Is he the Xu Nian that Master has been mentioning?" the woman thought curiously.