

## **Divine King 751**

Chapter 751 Xu Nian's Formidableness

Emperor Xuanwu and Jiao Long Emperor were both taken aback.

However, they quickly realized that a figure was standing in front of them.

"Xu Nian!" Emperor Xuanwu and Jiao Long Emperor both exclaimed in surprise.

Then, a look of joy appeared on their faces.

They knew that the soul attack by Fang Tu must have been blocked by the Xu Nian before them.

Otherwise, they couldn't possibly not feel the pain in their souls.

They just couldn't understand how Xu Nian had managed to block the soul attack.

On the other side, Fang Tu had also stopped in his tracks, his gaze extremely grave as he looked at Xu Nian.

The soul attack he had just launched had actually been dispersed by the young man before him.

This was the first time he had encountered such a situation in the Forbidden Sea Region.

If this had happened in the Cultivation World, he would not have been surprised in the least.

But in this Forbidden Sea Region, meeting someone capable of a soul attack was a very rare occurrence.

"Are you that Xu Nian?" Fang Tu asked as he looked at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was also sizing up this Fang Tu.

With the Gray Dragon Eye cast, Xu Nian saw through Fang Tu's true form in one glance.

He hadn't expected that Fang Tu was actually a Jingzhe.

Jingzhe are a type of soft-bodied creature from the depths of the ocean, with very powerful soul attack abilities.

So seeing this guy's true form, Xu Nian wasn't surprised by his prowess with soul attacks.

"I am. I've heard you're looking for me?" Xu Nian asked with a light smile.

"That's right, hand over all the Jade Scrolls of the Dark God Island Master's Formation inheritance that you have," Fang Tu said.

"Why should I give them to you?" Xu Nian asked with a cold laugh.

Seeing this, Fang Tu's gaze became playful.

"On what grounds? Simply that I am stronger than you. If you do not hand them over, then I will have no choice but to kill you and take them myself," Fang Tu said.

"Is that so? You could try," Xu Nian said with a light laugh, his eyes filled with disdain.

"Seeking death, don't think that just because you blocked my soul attack, you can be my opponent. Let me tell you, I haven't even started to use my true abilities," Fang Tu's gaze darkened and became gloomy as he looked at Xu Nian, his eyes filled with intense killing intent.

Xu Nian, on the other hand, curled his lips into a cold smile.

"Stop your prattling. If you have the ability, just kill me. Otherwise, you'll soon lose the chance to try," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Arrogant fool, die!" Fang Tu bellowed.

A Battle Saber appeared in his hand.

With a bell in one hand and the Battle Saber in the other.

"Ding ding!"

The bell jingled.

A powerful wave of soul energy followed the sound of the bell and rushed towards Xu Nian's Mud Ball Palace at breakneck speed.

At the same time, Fang Tu swung his saber again, his eyes filled with a killing intent.

Xu Nian's cold smile grew even denser at this sight.

Emperor Xuanwu and Jiao Long Emperor standing behind him started to tense up for Xu Nian.

"I hope you don't regret this."

However, Xu Nian simply uttered these words lightly.

"Boom!"

After he spoke, a terrifying killing intent burst forth from Xu Nian's body.

The dreadful killing intent instantly swept the surroundings.

In that moment, everyone felt as if they had suddenly fallen into an ice cellar.

Especially Fang Tu, who felt an unprecedented chill surge from the soles of his feet.

"How... how terrifying this killing intent is, how is it possible to emit such a strong killing intent?" Fang Tu thought in horror.

For some reason, a sense of retreat welled up in his heart.

But it was all too late.

Because he saw that an Immortal Sword had already appeared in Xu Nian's hand.

At that moment, it was swinging down towards him.

The intention to cut contained in the sword's edge was frighteningly powerful.

Fang Tu was shocked, hurriedly swinging his saber to block.

"Crack!"

However, the power of Xu Nian's sword was terrifyingly frightening.

It split Fang Tu's Battle Saber in half directly.

And with it, Xu Nian also chopped down Fang Tu's entire arm.

"Aaah!"

Fang Tu immediately let out a scream, his face contorted in extreme pain.

He didn't linger, his figure swiftly retreating backwards.

Xu Nian was truly too terrifying.

The power of this sword had already surpassed the strength of a typical Supreme Battle Emperor at the Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level.

It was infinitely close to a strike from a true Zifu Level powerhouse.

The most frightening part was Xu Nian's sharp gaze, which caused a tingling sensation throughout his body with just one look.

And his earlier Soul Attack had disappeared without a trace, as if swallowed by the vast ocean.

"What a terrifying person!" Fang Tu murmured to himself.

Emperor Xuanwu and Jiao Long Emperor, standing behind Xu Nian, were also utterly shocked.

"Is this Xu Nian's strength? So terrifying," Emperor Xuanwu thought to himself.

Although they had sparred with Xu Nian before,

Xu Nian had not shown his true strength.

Now, witnessing Xu Nian's sword strike,

He understood that Xu Nian's strength was entirely beyond his own.

Whale Emperor and Xuan Hong, who were engaged in battle nearby, also halted.

Whale Emperor, seeing Fang Tu's severed arm, had an expression of utter shock.

Even Fang Tu had been defeated.

How could this be?

"Whoosh!"

However, before Whale Emperor could believe it, Fang Tu had already turned to escape.

Xu Nian watched Fang Tu turning to leave, a cold smile curling the corners of his mouth.

Then he took a step forward.

Fang Tu found himself thousands of feet away in an instant and heaved a sigh of relief in his heart.

Lucky for him he was fast, otherwise he would have truly lost his life there.

"Hum!"

But just as he was preparing to continue his escape, a ripple of spatial fluctuation arrived.

A terrifying Sword Radiance came out of nowhere.

Fang Tu was panic-stricken.

However, the sword strike came too suddenly and too quickly.

He couldn't dodge at all and was cleaved into two.

"You..." Fang Tu's eyes widened as he stared intently at Xu Nian, who emerged from the spatial wormhole.

Only in death did he realize what kind of existence he had provoked.

This youngster was too frightening.

Silence reigned all around.

Emperor Xuanwu and Jiao Long Emperor were equally astounded.

Space Shuttling, a single sword strike killing Fang Tu.

Was this really the work of a human under twenty years old?

They had originally thought Xu Nian was only gifted in comprehension.

But they hadn't expected him to also be so strong.

Space Profound Argumentation!

This must be a very rare power even within the Cultivation World.

Of course, the most surprised at the moment was Whale Emperor.

Fang Tu was killed?

Wouldn't that mean his own chances of survival were slim?

With this thought, Whale Emperor didn't hesitate for a second.

He quickly transformed into his true form and sped towards the direction of the Whale Clan.

Although Whale Emperor's true form was gigantic, his speed in the water was much faster than his human form.

Now fleeing at full strength, his speed was terrifyingly frightening.

However, Xu Nian merely smiled faintly.

This time he didn't give chase.

Instead, he brought out the Kunlun Hammer.

Then everyone saw Xu Nian smash the hammer onto the ground.

"Hum!"

A terrifying vibration instantly emanated from the seabed.

"This is..." Emperor Xuanwu immediately recognized the move and his face showed a look of horror.

Shark Emperor and Jiao Long Emperor were confused.

"Boom!"

But as they wondered why Xu Nian was attacking the ground,

the fleeing body of Whale Emperor suddenly exploded into a rain of blood, dyeing the sea red.

Chapter 752 Breakthrough to Zifu

Three days had passed since the Whale Emperor was slain,

and the Three Emperors had already returned to their own clans.

However, the move Xu Nian made before had brought them a great shock.

As for the Whale Clan's side, although Xu Nian did not deliberately inquire,

he heard that the Whale Clan Princess had taken the throne as the new Whale Emperor.

Moreover, she issued a bounty order, promising to yield the position of the Whale Emperor to and marry anyone who would kill Xu Nian.

Upon hearing this news, Xu Nian naturally shook his head helplessly.

He didn't actually dislike the Whale Clan Princess;

it was just that she was somewhat willful and capricious.

However, he couldn't refrain from killing her father, Xu Nian,

since the man had provoked him after all.

Therefore, regarding the bounty order from the Whale Clan Princess, he chose to turn a blind eye.

Over these three days, Xu Nian consumed all three Spiritual Jade Fruits in his possession.

Subsequently, his Dantian expanded to three times its previous size.

It's worth noting that Xu Nian's Dantian was already two to three times larger than that of an average person due to his cultivation of the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus.

Now enlarged threefold again, Xu Nian's spiritual energy storage would reach an extremely terrifying level.

At present, Xu Nian's Dantian capacity was totally comparable to that of a cultivator in the middle stage of the Zifu Realm.

Once he broke through to the Zifu Realm, the capacity of his Dantian would expand even more,

undoubtedly comparable to the spiritual energy reserve at the Late-Stage Zifu level.

However, an increased Dantian capacity also meant one issue—

it would become considerably more difficult to accumulate enough spiritual energy.

Of course, Xu Nian had already made his plans.

Thus, he took out the Spiritual Medicine he had found earlier

and stuffed it directly into his mouth, swallowing it whole.

If someone had witnessed this scene, they would have been so astonished as to be rendered speechless.

Was Xu Nian not afraid that the spiritual energy within the Spiritual Medicine would burst him?

Once the Spiritual Medicine reached his stomach, it immediately transformed into violent dispersing spiritual energy.

Without saying another word, Xu Nian began to operate the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus.

With his absorption, the inflated amount of spiritual energy was crazily drawn into his Dantian.

Spiritual energy continuously poured into his Dantian,

and with these ceaseless flows, Xu Nian's Dantian became even more abundant.

After absorbing for several periods of two hours each,

he had completely absorbed all the spiritual energy from the Spiritual Medicine.

"It's not enough, I'm still short, there's still some distance to breaking through to the Zifu Realm," Xu Nian silently said to himself.

Originally, before absorbing the four Spiritual Jade Fruits, this Spiritual Medicine would have sufficed for his breakthrough to the Zifu Realm.

But now that his Dantian had expanded threefold, naturally, the reserve of spiritual energy was insufficient.

"It won't do, I must break through," he silently said to himself again.

After speaking, he immediately moved with intent, taking out two Low-Grade Spirit Stones.

The spiritual energy within Low-Grade Spirit Stones was very pure; however, the quantity he required was simply too great.

Generally, only cultivators above the Zifu Realm could absorb the spiritual energy within Spirit Stones.

Battle Emperor Level powerhouses wouldn't dare to forcibly absorb it.

But Xu Nian was different; he cultivated the Dan Sea Species Green Lotus.

So, grabbing a Spirit Stone in one hand, he started to cultivate.

"Buzz!"

With Xu Nian's absorption,

a tremendous surge of spiritual energy flowed directly along the meridians of his arm towards his Dantian.

This spiritual energy was very pure, even purer than the previous Spiritual Medicine.

Yet the amount of spiritual energy Xu Nian needed was just too vast.

The two Spirit Stones were quickly depleted by his absorption.

The Spirit Stone shattered, finally turning to ash.

Xu Nian didn't hesitate, immediately summoning another such Spirit Stone and beginning to absorb.

Thus, Xu Nian began a frenzied absorption of the Spiritual Energy within the Spirit Stone.

In just a few hours, he had already consumed more than thirty Low Grade Spirit Stones.

Thirty-some Low Grade Spirit Stones, that would be enough to fill the Dantian of an ordinary early-stage Zifu Cultivator.

However, Xu Nian's Dantian seemed bottomless.

"Crack!"

It was after Xu Nian had absorbed a full sixty Low Grade Spirit Stones.

Xu Nian's Dantian finally reached a saturated state.

"Hum!"

A pulsation emanated from Xu Nian's Dantian.

Witnessing this, Xu Nian's eyes also showed a wild joy.

"Am I finally going to break through?" Xu Nian excitedly mused to himself.

Once breaking through the Zifu Realm,

one's cultivation would undergo a heaven-shaking, earth-shattering change.

The Spiritual Energy within the body would transform directly into True Essence.

And once Spiritual Energy transformed into True Essence, it meant that Xu Nian's strength would take a qualitative leap.

"Hum!"

However, just as the Spiritual Energy inside Xu Nian began to boil, preparing to break through the Zifu Realm,

a terrifying force came from the Void.

This force was incredibly fearsome, immediately suppressing the boiling Spiritual Energy within Xu Nian's Dantian.

"What's going on? Could this be the legendary cosmic restrictions?" Xu Nian mused to himself.

He had heard before that it was impossible to break through the Zifu in this world,

suppressed by cosmic restrictions.

Now it seems this is all true.

But just because others couldn't break through didn't mean Xu Nian couldn't.

"Break for me!"

Xu Nian bellowed loudly.

The golden dragon vein that had been dormant behind him finally stirred at this moment.

A terrifyingly bright light instantly burst through the roof and shot towards the sky.

Golden light enveloped Xu Nian's entire body.

The Power of Laws that had been exerted on him unexpectedly completely disappeared under the cover of this golden light.

And the Dantian Spiritual Energy that had been suppressed now began to boil again, now without the Power of Laws to hold it back.

"How exhilarating, what a delight!" Xu Nian murmured to himself.

He could feel the comfort of the boiling Spiritual Energy within his body.

At this moment, his entire body could float in the air without deliberately using Spiritual Energy.

And the Spiritual Energy within him was also gradually transforming towards True Essence.

"I've broken through, I've finally broken through—the Zifu Realm!" Xu Nian excitedly said to himself.

Once the Spiritual Energy within was completely transformed into True Essence, he would officially have broken through the Zifu Realm.

However, Xu Nian didn't know.

That his act of breakthrough had also caught the attention of the entire Dark God Island.

At this moment, everyone on Dark God Island was looking up at the golden light soaring into the sky.

Their eyes were filled with surprise.

Then they could feel a Zifu Realm's oppressiveness emanating from the palace where the golden light originated.

"This is..." Hong Xiang said in amazement, looking towards the direction of the palace.

"This is Xu Nian breaking through using the power of the dragon vein he possesses; he seems to be using the dragon vein's power to break through the true Zifu Realm," Xuan Hong spoke.

"A breakthrough to Zifu? But isn't this aura too strong?" Hong Xiang said in surprise.

"No, it's too early to be astonished now; look up at the sky," Xuan Hong said, pointing to the sky.

Raising her swan-like white neck, Hong Xiang looked up and was instantly unable to resist opening her red lips wide.

She saw the sky dark with clouds rolling in, covering the sun, blocking the sky.

At this moment, the sea also became violent, stirring up shocking waves.

Chapter 753 The Heavenly Tribulation Descends

Dark clouds billowed forth, and the sea's surface roiled with shocking waves.

A terrifying pressure descended from the heavenly dome above, overwhelming the hearts of everyone, leaving them gasping for air.

It wasn't only the people on the island who felt it, but even the Demon Beasts throughout the entire forbidden sea area sensed a horrifying pressure.

"What on earth is happening?"

The three Demon Emperors burst forth from the seabed, each arriving at the surface of the water.

Upon seeing the gathering dark clouds in the sky, their faces showed astonishment.

"Heavenly Tribulation? Someone is Crossing the Heavenly Tribulation!"

"The center of this tribulation cloud is pointing toward Dark God Island; could it be that the Dark God Island Master is about to cross the Heavenly Tribulation?"

"But that's impossible; this piece of heaven and earth is under prohibition, the Dark God Island Master couldn't possibly summon the Heavenly Tribulation. If not him, then who could it be?"

Emperor Xuanwu and the others stared at the tribulation clouds surging in the sky.

Their faces expressed extreme surprise.

Thus, without hesitation, they immediately rushed toward the direction of Dark God Island.

They wanted to see for themselves who was undergoing the tribulation.

Meanwhile, as various powers converged toward Dark God Island,

The situation on the Dark God Island felt as chaotic as a pot set to boil.

All the maids and servants gathered around.

They had never seen such a terrifying Heavenly Tribulation before.

Eventually, even the Dark God Island Master was startled and emerged from his closed-door cultivation.

Now, the only person on the entire Dark God Island who hadn't appeared was Xu Nian.

Accordingly, the identity of the person drawing the Heavenly Tribulation seemed about to be revealed.

"Who would have thought that this young Xu Nian actually has dragon veins in him, no wonder he could break through to the Zifu Realm. However, the commotion from this Heavenly Tribulation is a bit too great," said the Dark God Island Master.

At this moment, the oppressive power of the tribulation clouds in the sky might not mean much to him at his peak.

But with his cultivation suppressed, he also didn't dare claim that he could ignore such a terrifying Heavenly Tribulation.

"Master, if junior brother decides to undergo the tribulation on the island, I'm afraid the entire island will be destroyed," Hong Xiang spoke up after some thought.

Judging by the situation of the Heavenly Tribulation in the sky, it was at least a Fourth-level Heaven Restriction.

A tribulation of this level would definitely be too much for a small island like Dark God Island to withstand.

"Don't worry, your junior brother will be fine soon. Once the True Essence within him has completely transformed, just let him go to the sea to undertake the tribulation," the Dark God Island Master said.

Hong Xiang nodded her head.

Still, she couldn't help but raise her head to gaze at the gradually converging tribulation clouds in the sky, a surge of concern in her heart.

The tribulation clouds had now gathered, covering an entire area with a radius of a thousand miles.

Within those thick dark clouds, it seemed as though a hundred thousand Thunder Dragons were churning.

The terrifying pressure weighed on everyone's hearts, as heavy as a colossal mountain.

With such a fearsome Heavenly Tribulation, could Xu Nian truly withstand it?

"Boom!"

A loud crash reverberated.

A terrifying wave of True Essence emanated from the great hall.

In an instant, the entire structure of the great hall crumbled into dust.

A domineering figure appeared before the eyes of everyone present.

Xu Nian was now standing in the air.

Radiance surged around his body, incredibly powerful.

That wave of True Essence shocked everyone present, making their hearts tremble.

"Such a fierce wave of True Essence, does this still belong to a cultivator who has just broken through to the Zifu Level?" someone in the crowd exclaimed.

They were people who had truly reached Zifu Cultivation.

Therefore, they understood far more than those Pseudo Heavenly Phenomenon Level Sea Demons when it came to the realm of Zifu.

However, comparing their own presence back in the day to Xu Nian's now, it was simply heaven and earth apart.

"Remarkable, truly remarkable. To possess an aura comparable to a Late-stage Zifu after just breaking through to the Zifu Early Stage, Xu Nian has to be the most gifted individual I've ever seen," the Dark God Island Master commented, stroking his white beard.

"Comparable to Late-stage Zifu?" People around them widened their eyes.

They had seen geniuses whose aura at the moment of breakthrough was comparable to the Zifu Middle Stage, but they had never seen one whose aura at the moment of breakthrough was comparable to the Late-stage Zifu Level.

They really couldn't imagine what Xu Nian would be like if he were to grow up.

A look of surprise also covered the pretty face of Hong Xiang.

This Xu Nian was not yet twenty years old.

Yet he had comprehended a Low Grade Spirit Array within the span of two hours.

And he had attracted such a terrifying Heavenly Tribulation.

Having just broken through to the Zifu Realm, he already possessed Cultivation comparable to the Late-stage Zifu.

Just who was this Xu Nian?

Hong Xiang sighed in amazement.

Ever calm and collected, Hong Xiang's Qi Cultivation Skill had been considered broken since Xu Nian's arrival.

Because the shock Xu Nian brought to her was just too much.

At this moment, Xu Nian was not paying attention to the gazes of everyone around him.

Right now, he was immersed in the powerful feeling brought by the surge of True Essence within his body.

This sensation was as though he was about to undergo a Feathered Ascension.

"Such formidable power, this feeling is simply on a completely different level from the Supreme Battle Emperor Realm, they are worlds apart, it's as if I've undergone a total transformation," Xu Nian ecstatically thought to himself.

His robes and black hair, whipped by the wild wind, displayed an endless wildness and the demeanor of an Immortal.

Seeing the shock in the hearts of the people all around.

Xu Nian's lips curled into a smirk as he looked up to the sky.

When he saw the rolling clouds of the Tribulation in the sky, there was not a trace of fear in his eyes.

On the contrary, there was a sense of eagerness and excitement.

Then, Xu Nian turned around and swept towards the turbulent sea.

A huge wave, reaching a hundred feet high, was crashing toward this area.

Xu Nian smiled faintly.

With a sweep of his sleeve,

He lifted the hundred-foot wave, turning it into a massive Water Dragon.

Striding on the dragon, he shot straight up to the heavens.

"What a bold move, can this really be something a Zifu Cultivator can do?" someone from Dark God Island couldn't help exclaiming.

Xu Nian's technique might have been something they could also achieve.

But to do it as easily as Xu Nian did was truly beyond them.

And according to what they knew, Xu Nian wasn't even a Water Attribute cultivator.

The Three Emperors, who had hustled over from afar, saw Xu Nian, stepping on the Water Dragon, riding the wind.

They too were utterly astonished.

They instantly understood who was the provocateur of this Heavenly Tribulation.

Other than this enigmatic youth,

Who else in this forbidden sea could cause such a huge commotion?

However, they didn't anticipate that Xu Nian had actually broken through to the true Zifu Realm.

Xu Nian, standing with his hands behind his back on the Water Dragon,

Watched the gradually gathering Tribulation clouds with sharp and fierce eyes.

"Boom!"

At that moment,

The terrifying Tribulation clouds finally showed signs of movement.

The rolling thunder roared incessantly,

As if a giant thunder deity sought to burst forth from the darkness and tear the entire sky asunder.

Xu Nian's gaze was piercing, he did not summon even a hint of a weapon.

The rolling waves of the sea grew eerily calm.

Clearly, they were subdued by the aura of True Essence emanating from him.

"Crack!"

The sky finally tore apart.

A terrifying bolt of lightning instantly ripped through the dark sky,

Launching its ferocious attack towards Xu Nian.

The dreadful lightning was as thick as a small leg, terrifyingly intimidating.

Chapter 754 The Terrifying Heavenly Tribulation

Thunderclap, like a huge python, opened its giant mouth and surged towards Xu Nian.

This Thunderclap Python contained a terrifying power fluctuation.

Such a thunderclap strike.

It could probably smash a small mountain into dust.

Yet, Xu Nian stood tall, his eyes filled with resolve.

But he showed no sign of backing down.

"He's not planning to withstand this thunderclap with his body, is he?"

"Has he gone mad? Such a terrifying thunderclap strike, even if it doesn't kill him, would surely leave him severely injured!"

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The crowd around muttered in surprise.

Xu Nian had broken through to the Zifu Realm, not the Vajra Realm.

To confront such a terrifying Heavenly Tribulation with his body was practically seeking death.

Even the three Demon Emperors watching from a distance felt their hearts pounding.

This level of thunderclap was difficult for even them to block.

And now Xu Nian was planning to bear it with his body.

The thought alone made their scalps tingle.

"Boom!"

The terrifying thunderclap struck straight at Xu Nian's chest.

The impact formed by the thunderclap immediately shattered the Water Dragon beneath Xu Nian.

At the same time, Xu Nian was blasted into the depths of the sea.

The crowd watched the sea surface where thunder and giant waves were swirling.

They all sighed inwardly.

"Xu Nian might be dead!"

Someone who saw Xu Nian being blasted into the sea spoke up.

"It probably won't be fatal since he dared to confront this thunderclap with his body, but it might have seriously injured him. Still, it was too presumptuous of him, and the upcoming Heavenly Tribulations are only going to get stronger," another person sighed.

Hong Xiang also frowned tightly.

She too thought Xu Nian's action too presumptuous.

Even someone in the Vajra Realm would not dare to confront such thunderclap directly.

Now all they could hope for was that Xu Nian's injuries were not too severe.

"Boom!"

A thunderous roar echoed.

Xu Nian burst forth from the sea surface.

His figure appeared in the air.

He still stood proudly.

However, his clothes were tattered, revealing his perfect physique.

At this moment, Xu Nian's body shimmered like unpolished jade.

The previous thunderclap had not caused any damage to his chest.

The perfect muscle lines startled everyone.

"How... how strong his body is, what perfect muscles. Is this guy really just an ordinary Spirit Cultivator?" someone exclaimed.

Xu Nian's muscle lines sparked envy in their hearts.

Hong Xiang couldn't help but take a few more glances.

No denying it, Xu Nian had an incredible physique.

As a woman, she could not resist the allure of such muscle definition.

Men are attracted to women's bodies, and similarly, women can go crazy for a man's physique.

Xu Nian's muscle lines were neither exaggerated nor lacking in the sense of strength.

Any woman would invariably take a few extra looks.

"What a perfect physique, so handsome," a maid muttered mesmerized.

The other maids felt the same, unable to look away.

Xu Nian stood there proudly.

Indeed, his action just now had been quite bold.

But such a risk had brought no small reward.

The thunderclap attack from the Heavenly Tribulation had struck him.

He used his Divine Demon Refining Body technique to refine his body.

Now, his cellular activity and strength had greatly enhanced once again.

That was why his muscles seemed so perfect.

Of course, Xu Nian was not without injury.

The attack created by the lightning had still broken one of his ribs.

Had Xu Nian not enveloped his organs with True Essence in advance, his internal organs might have suffered damage.

"What an intense Heavenly Tribulation, and this is only the first one. It's already comparable to the third attack of the Third Level Heavenly Prohibition from before. I wonder how terrifying the upcoming ones will be," Xu Nian mused to himself.

After speaking, a shield appeared in his hands.

Indeed, it was the Low Grade Spiritual Artifact shield he had obtained earlier.

One should know, the effect of a Cultivator activating a spiritual artifact and that of a Supreme Battle Emperor activating a spiritual artifact aren't just a simple increase in power.

Since advancing to the Zifu Realm, Spiritual Energy transformed into True Essence.

So, the additional effects on the spiritual artifacts were completely different.

True Essence could truly unleash the power of a spiritual artifact.

"Buzz!"

With the infusion of Xu Nian's True Essence.

The Star Shield immediately emitted a dazzling light.

The Immortal Talismans inscribed on it also shone brightly, exceptionally dazzling.

"What a powerful spiritual artifact. A Low Grade Spirit Artifact can have such might?" someone exclaimed in surprise.

"It's not the shield that's powerful, but the powerful Immortal Talismans on it. The talismans on this shield are very complex. I didn't expect Xu Nian to possess such a treasure. But even though he has advanced to the Zifu Realm, he can only unleash one-tenth of the talisman's power," the Dark God Island Master spoke.

His insight was naturally incomparable to that of ordinary people, so he immediately noticed the complexity of the talismans.

The crowd was astounded and looked in Xu Nian's direction.

"Crack!"

The sky was torn apart again.

The second Heavenly Tribulation descended at that moment.

This time, the thunderbolt was twice as thick as the last.

It even contained fearsome Thunderclap Sky Explosion Profound Argumentation Waves.

Such a violent thunderclap strike created an explosive force that was undoubtedly destructive.

The entire Dark God Island would likely shatter into pieces if it sustained such a terrifying hit.

Xu Nian should not be negligent. He immediately activated the Star Shield to defend.

"Boom!"

A thunderous noise like none other.

That dreadful thunderclap struck Xu Nian's shield, and the power of the thunder rapidly exploded.

The resulting impact was simply too terrifying.

"Spurt!"

Xu Nian spewed blood and was instantaneously blasted into the sea.

Even with the shield's protection, he could barely withstand this terrifying force.

"What a terrifying thunderclap attack. This strike is definitely comparable to a full force hit from a late-stage Zifu powerhouse," said the servants on the island.

Their eyes were filled with horror.

The Three Emperors in the distance were also dumbfounded.

Such a level of Heavenly Tribulation was simply disastrous for them.

Terrifying to an extreme degree.

Such a horrifying Heavenly Tribulation could reduce them to ashes with just a touch.

"Is Xu Nian alright?" Hong Xiang asked with furrowed brows and a trembling voice.

The Dark God Island Master's eyebrows were tightly knitted, his gaze intense.

"He's not dead, but he has sustained some injuries. However, the next two Heavenly Tribulations might not be so easy," the Dark God Island Master calmly stated.

The power of Xu Nian's Heavenly Tribulation was somewhat beyond his expectations.

He truly hadn't expected a Zifu Cultivator to summon such a terrifying Heavenly Tribulation.

At this moment, at the bottom of the sea, Xu Nian's body was slowly sinking.

The impact created by the thunderclap had made his entire arm intensely numb.

Even his internal organs had sustained some damage.

"Damn it! How can this thunderclap be so powerful!" Xu Nian cursed inwardly.

Chapter 755 Spherical Thunder

Xu Nian cursed silently in his heart.

The power of this Heavenly Tribulation was terrifyingly stronger each time.

He feared that even if he did not perish at the hands of an enemy, he would eventually die under this dreadful Heavenly Tribulation.

It was highly likely that this time, he would not be able to escape disaster.

Xu Nian rubbed his arm and transformed into a bolt of lightning that shot up from the sea surface.

This time, he directly put away his shield.

Instead, he took out the Immortal Sword.

Although Xu Nian still could not wield the full power of the Immortal Sword, the power he could muster now was much stronger than before.

"Buzz!"

The Immortal Sword in Xu Nian's hands hummed incessantly, and a strong Sword Intent emanated from the sword.

With the stirring of this Sword Intent,

the surrounding sea surface instantly flipped over.

A huge vortex formed directly beneath his feet on the sea surface.

The terrifying Sword Intent filled the entire sea.

Even the people on Dark God Island could feel a sharp sword hanging suspended over their hearts.

Xu Nian's eyes, sharp as swords, stared intently above.

"Crack!"

The sky was torn apart again.

Another dreadful bolt of lightning tore through the sky.

And this time, upon seeing this lightning, everyone couldn't help but gasp.

Because this time it was not a giant snake of lightning, but a column of lightning.

A lightning column as thick as a bucket fell straight from the sky with a speed unseen by Xu Nian in his lifetime.

Xu Nian dared not hesitate in the slightest.

He quickly swung the Immortal Sword in his hand and slashed.

"Mixed Element Slash!"

Upon Xu Nian's loud shout,

a giant Sword Radiance soared into the sky.

It collided fiercely with that lightning column.

"Boom!"

A thunderous explosion resounded.

The Sword Radiance and the lightning column collided, producing an immensely loud roaring sound.

Finally, the lightning column exploded.

The lightning turned into a Thunderclap Storm and swept across the entire sea.

Naturally, Xu Nian was also blown away by this terrifying Thunderclap Storm.

Once again, he plunged into the waters.

At this moment, even Dark God Island was attacked by this terrifying storm.

Fortunately, the Dark God Island Master reacted promptly, instantly setting up a Defensive Array.

That saved everyone from the terrifying assault of the Thunderclap Storm.

Otherwise, the whole island would have been reduced to ashes under this terrifying storm.

The crowd around watched Xu Nian fall into the sea, their eyes showing surprise.

This young man had actually blocked that strike.

Truly terrifying to the extreme.

That sword strike was indeed a sword strike that shook the world.

The power of that sword could have split the entire Dark God Island in two.

"Splash!"

Xu Nian once again broke through the sea's surface.

This time, his figure appeared somewhat disheveled.

His bare upper body had several wounds.

His black hair was disheveled, flying in the wind.

However, the aura exuding from his body was increasingly steady and profound.

Stepping on the Void, Xu Nian's form instantly soared from the ground.

Striding on the wind, he soared straight up.

This final Heavenly Tribulation, he wanted to compete with heaven and earth.

To see whether the lightning of this Heavenly Tribulation was stronger, or if his life was tougher.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian flipped his palm, and the Immortal Sword was put away.

In its place was the Kunlun Hammer weighing twenty million jin.

Now that Xu Nian had broken through to the Zifu Realm, his control over the Kunlun Hammer was naturally even more fluent.

"What does he want to do?"

"It seems like he wants to smash the Tribulation Clouds!"

"Has he gone mad? Doesn't he know that the closer the Heavenly Tribulation is to the Heavenly Dome, the greater its power?"

"Yes, just now that third Heavenly Tribulation was slightly difficult, this fourth Heavenly Tribulation's power is probably even more terrifying, isn't Xu Nian seeking his own death by doing this?"

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People around were abuzz with discussion.

They didn't understand what Xu Nian's purpose was in doing what he did.

Even the Dark God Island Master felt Xu Nian's actions were somewhat improper.

However, they all knew Xu Nian wasn't someone who acted rashly.

He must have had his own intentions.

"Crack!"

At that moment, the sky was torn asunder.

A terrifying ball of thunder burst out from the dark clouds.

A spherical thunderbolt?

People around all showed looks of surprise.

This spherical thunderbolt was at least one meter in diameter.

And it contained horrifying power.

If it were to strike a person, even someone at the Zifu Peak Level might not be able to withstand it.

"This is a powerful heavenly tribulation, could it be that Xu Nian's tribulation has mutated? To actually have a spherical thunderbolt, this is unheard of!"

Someone exclaimed amongst the crowd.

Everyone was taken aback.

Could the heavenly tribulation also mutate?

The Dark God Island Master was also full of astonishment.

Having lived for eight thousand years and wandered the Cultivation World for thousands of years, he had never heard of a spherical thunderbolt.

Thus, Xu Nian's tribulation seemed very peculiar to them.

Xu Nian watched the rapidly approaching frightening spherical thunderbolt.

A hint of surprise also appeared in his eyes.

But soon, his gaze became sharp.

"It seems I can no longer hold back," Xu Nian murmured to himself.

A powerful wave of energy then radiated from his body.

The Ancestor Vein Power within him was instantly unleashed.

Beyond that, a huge Divine Wheel appeared directly behind Xu Nian.

With the appearance of this Divine Wheel.

Xu Nian's aura surged instantly.

His momentum completely shot up from the Late-stage Zifu to the Zifu Peak Level.

"Is this... a Talent Phenomenon?" People around all showed their surprise.

They didn't expect that Xu Nian also possessed such a Talent Divine Ability.

But why had they never seen this Talent Divine Ability before?

This Talent Divine Ability naturally was a new one created by Xu Nian after merging all his original Talent Divine Abilities.

And this breakthrough to the Zifu Realm had not produced a new Talent Phenomenon.

However, it had made Xu Nian's existing Talent Phenomenon even stronger.

The Divine Wheel appeared, shining with a brilliant light.

Xu Nian stood proudly, holding the Kunlun Hammer.

He was like an invincible Divine being.

"Hum!"

The spherical thunderbolt fiercely bombarded down.

True Essence surged within Xu Nian.

His aura roared and climbed higher.

"Break for me!"

Xu Nian poured all his True Essence into the Kunlun Hammer.

The Kunlun Hammer shone brightly.

A powerful wave of Earth Attribute Profound Argumentation surged forth at that moment.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian swung the hammer and smashed it into the spherical thunderbolt.

"Boom!"

The sound was like a thunderclap exploding.

The spherical thunderbolt burst apart.

The violent thunder was instantly transformed into a storm that swept around.

Xu Nian was also thrown backward.

Like a meteorite falling, he crashed into the sea.

The horrifying Thunderclap Storm struck the Defense Array set up by the Dark God Island Master, causing the entire array to fracture.

It nearly collapsed.

But fortunately, as quickly as the storm had come, it disappeared just as fast.

The dark clouds parted in the sky.

The sea once again became calm.

However, Xu Nian's figure did not reappear.

"Could it be Xu Nian is dead?" people around discussed.

Hong Xiang also frowned slightly.

At this moment, she could no longer sense Xu Nian's presence.

Chapter 756 The Enemy of the Divine Demon Sect

His breath had completely vanished.

The people around him all revealed solemn expressions.

Could it be that Xu Nian had truly died?

"He's not dead, but his current state seems somewhat special. If I'm not mistaken, the attack contained in that spherical thunder just now was not so simple; it must have included a soul attack," said the Dark God Island Master.

"Soul attack?"

The people around were all surprised.

The power of that spherical thunder was already fierce enough, yet it unexpectedly contained a soul attack.

If that was the case, even peak powerhouses at the Zifu Stage might not be able to withstand it.

And just now, the Dark God Island Master had actually said,

Xu Nian had suffered such an attack and hadn't died.

This filled them with great astonishment.

Was Xu Nian's life really that tenacious?

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At this moment, Xu Nian kept sinking.

His mind had entirely submerged into the Mud Ball Palace.

A moment ago, a terrifying soul attack surged within the spherical thunder.

Had the Wordless Heavenly Scripture within Xu Nian's body not automatically activated its protective ability in that instant, shielding his entire soul,

he might have already perished both in body and Tao by now.

After all, even the Heavenly Gang Pearl in Xu Nian's Mud Ball Palace could not fend off that fearsome attack.

"That was close!"

Xu Nian sighed silently in his heart.

In that instant, a light character appeared, shattering the terrifying soul attack.

However, as a result, the light character also shattered.

This also meant that Xu Nian had used up another light character.

"How peculiar, this Wordless Heavenly Scripture, what exactly is the function of this golden light character?" Xu Nian mused to himself.

However, he was unable to grasp it and eventually had to resign.

To uncover the secrets of the Wordless Heavenly Scripture, he would need to know its origin.

Perhaps if he had the chance to meet the previous Divine River Palace Master in the future, he could ask and learn the truth.

"Buzz!"

His mind returned.

Only then did Xu Nian realize that his body had been severely injured.

"Damn, my internal organs are a mess, I was almost roasted alive," Xu Nian cursed under his breath.

He had no choice but to try and mobilize the true essence within his body to repair his injuries.

Fortunately, Xu Nian's true essence was now far more powerful than before in terms of healing his flesh.

Thus, his injuries were quickly suppressed.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian burst forth from the sea and streaked back to Dark God Island.

Seeing Xu Nian fly back, everyone let out a heavy sigh of relief.

Even Hong Xiang's eyes settled down, and though her expression did not fluctuate much, there was a sense of immense relief in her heart.

In truth, she did not harbor feelings for Xu Nian.

He couldn't help but feel that Xu Nian's talent in Formation was too astonishing.

If he were to die just like that, it truly would be a great pity.

"Xu Nian, congratulations on your breakthrough to the Zifu Realm. I didn't expect you to also have the blessing of dragon veins and to possess such high strength right after the breakthrough. It is indeed rare in this world," the Dark God Island Master said with a smile.

"It's all thanks to Uncle-Master's Token. Without it, and the Spiritual Jade Fruits it allowed me to obtain, I could never have broken through to the Zifu Realm so quickly," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Without those four Spiritual Jade Fruits, his strength after the breakthrough would have at best been comparable to someone at the Zifu Middle-Stage.

Even with his Talent Phenomenon triggered, it would only amount to Late-stage Zifu power.

Thus, the effects of the Spiritual Jade Fruits were clearly evident.

Moreover, as his cultivation progressed, the benefits of the Spiritual Jade Fruits would continue to manifest.

In other words, no matter which realm Xu Nian would break through to in the future, he would always be far ahead of his peers.

"Haha, you deserved it, but I am also very relieved to see you achieve this. Now I can rest assured when leaving Hong Xiang with you and enter secluded cultivation," the Dark God Island Master laughed heartily.

"Uncle-Master, rest assured, I will definitely ensure the safety of Senior Sister Hong Xiang," Xu Nian immediately responded.

The Dark God Island Master nodded.

"Come, Xu Nian, come with me, I have a few words to say to you," the Dark God Island Master said, suddenly serious.

After speaking, he summoned Xu Nian to his side.

Then, the two walked side by side along the main pathway of the Dark God Island.

"Uncle-Master, are you going to tell me about Master's situation?" Xu Nian guessed, initiating the conversation.

The Dark God Island Master smiled faintly, "You guessed right. I wanted to talk about Bai Tianhan. The reason I tested you all with the Formation challenge was actually a bet I made with your master. He said you could comprehend the basics of Formation within three days."

Hearing this, Xu Nian finally understood.

He had been puzzled before.

The Dark God Island Master had set them to grasp the basics of Formation and yet only gave them three days.

For someone proficient in Formation, this was obviously a very unreasonable demand.

Now hearing what the Dark God Island Master said, Xu Nian understood.

That challenge had been set specifically for him.

"Uncle-Master, can you tell me where my Master is now, and how he is?" Xu Nian asked.

Ever since he parted ways with the Qin Family, he had not seen Bai Tianhan again.

But Xu Nian knew that his master's life could not have been easy.

"That's right, your master is indeed a fated person, burdened with his Sect's blood feud and living in great agony. As for his current whereabouts, I do not know either; that's something you'll have to investigate after entering the Cultivation World," the Dark God Island Master said with a sigh.

"Then, Uncle-Master, can you tell me who my Master's enemies are? Why was the Divine Demon Sect destroyed?" Xu Nian urgently asked.

"Actually, even if I don't tell you, you will find out once you enter the Cultivation World. The ones who annihilated your Divine Demon Sect, aside from those Independent Earth Immortals, were the Four Great Sects. Essentially, the entire Cultivation World is the enemy of your Divine Demon Sect," the Dark God Island Master explained.

"The Four Great Sects?" Xu Nian's eyes suddenly darkened.

He had not expected that the Four Great Sects had been stained with the blood of the Divine Demon Sect.

"Young man, don't act rashly. The foundation of the Four Great Sects is something beyond your imagination. Your master, with Cultivation rivaling that of an Earth Immortal, was still unable to seek vengeance. So, until you have absolute power, it's best you learn to be patient," the Dark God Island Master advised.

"What was the reason the Divine Demon Sect was destroyed then?" Xu Nian asked again.

"It is said to have been for an Immortal Treasure, but the specifics remain unknown," the Dark God Island Master replied, shaking his head.

Xu Nian clenched his fists tightly.

He had promised Master Bai Tianhan to restore the Divine Demon Sect to its former glory.

Thus, his mission entering the Cultivation World was not a light one, aside from finding Murong Xue.

"By the way, Uncle-Master, could you list the Independent Earth Immortals who fought against the Divine Demon Sect?" Xu Nian asked, his eyes steeling with resolve.

The Dark God Island Master looked at Xu Nian and finally nodded his head.

"Young man, these are Earth Immortal Experts, don't blame me for not warning you," the Dark God Island Master said as he waved his sleeve and a Jade Scroll appeared in his hand.

"Thank you, Uncle-Master. I'll heed your advice. But one day, those people will pay the price," Xu Nian said, gripping the Jade Scroll, his eyes filled with Killing Intent.

Chapter 757 First Arrival in the Cultivation World

Xu Nian chatted with the Dark God Island Master for a few more sentences,

and then went to heal his injuries alone.

However, before starting his healing process, he mentioned his plans to Xuan Hong and Hong Xiang.

They were set to depart to the Cultivation World after three days.

Naturally, Xuan Hong and Hong Xiang had no objections,

as they had also been well-prepared.

Hong Xiang didn't always stay with them.

She was to set out to another continent, to the Dark God Island Master's Heavenly Array Sect.

Xu Nian's goal was simply to escort her to the Heavenly Array Sect.

Time flew by, and it was three days later.

Xu Nian's cultivation also returned to its peak state.

Thus, he proceeded to lead Xuan Hong and Hong Xiang towards the Tianlan continent.

The Three Emperors also came to bid them farewell.

After saying goodbye to them, Xu Nian headed towards the outermost edge of this forbidden sea.

As they journeyed onward, they quickly arrived at the boundary of the forbidden sea.

Here, Xu Nian finally witnessed the prohibition laid down across heaven and earth.

A light curtain fell from the Heavenly Dome above, separating the sky and sea into two distinct parts.

Terrifying thunderclaps flickered on this screen, and some reckless Demon Beasts hurtling into it

triggered the array patterns on the curtain, drawing the thunderclap to consume them, instantly turning to ash.

"This is the prohibition the Immortal left behind back then," Hong Xiang spoke as she looked at the light screen ahead, "To penetrate this layer of light curtain, one must possess cultivation at the Zifu level or above; otherwise, one would be devoured by the thunderclap, resulting in a fate of soul dispersion."

"Is it that formidable? One has to be at the Zifu level or stronger to cross it?" Xu Nian asked.

Hong Xiang nodded her head.

Currently, neither Hong Xiang nor Xuan Hong had the strength of the Zifu level.

Which meant that, without Xu Nian's assistance,

it would be impossible for Xuan Hong and Hong Xiang to traverse this light curtain using their strength alone.

"But wait, I've encountered some powerful beings from the Tianlan continent before, who, after being suppressed, didn't possess the strength of the Zifu level. How did they get back to the Tianlan continent?" Xu Nian asked, perplexed.

According to Hong Xiang's logic, it just didn't make sense!

"Actually, it's quite simple. Anyone coming from the Tianlan continent will prepare a talisman in advance, storing their Zifu level cultivation within the talisman. When returning, they simply activate the talisman, release its power, and can safely go back," Hong Xiang continued to explain.

"So that's how it is," Xu Nian nodded.

If that were the case, it would also explain why the strong contenders from the Tianlan continent, after entering this forbidden area, could still get out unharmed.

While the people who originally lived in this world found it extremely difficult to leave from here.

As for how Hong Xiang knew this,

there were many slaves on Dark God Island who came from the Cultivation World.

So, they also knew of this method.

"Let's go now, I'll take you with me. Wrapped in my power, we should be able to breach this prohibition," Xu Nian said.

Hong Xiang and Xuan Hong nodded their heads.

Xu Nian was now a true Zifu level powerhouse.

And he even possessed cultivation comparable to someone in the late stages of Zifu.

Blocking the prohibitive thunderclap for them shouldn't be a problem.

"Let's go!"

Having said that, Xu Nian immediately released his True Essence, enveloping both Hong Xiang and Xuan Hong.

Then he headed straight towards the thunderous light.

The closer he got to the thunderous curtain, the more Xu Nian could feel the terrifying power contained within it.

Clearly, the thunder on the curtain was on par with his first Thunderclap Tribulation.

"Crackle and pop!"

The Thunderclap Power continually struck against Xu Nian's True Essence barrier.

Emitting thunderous roars.

Witnessing this scene, Xu Nian's eyes also flashed with surprise.

This thunder was far from simple, it was actually making his True Essence barrier flicker and waver.

Nonetheless, Xu Nian still led the two through the light screen.

The moment they passed through the light screen, Xu Nian suddenly found that he felt much lighter.

As if a stone pressed upon him was suddenly lifted away.

Of course, the ones who felt this the most deeply were Xuan Hong and Hong Xiang.

Xuan Hong's Cultivation instantly returned to the Peak of Heavenly Phenomenon, and the Spiritual Energy within his body also began to gradually transform into True Essence.

Without the restrictions of the ancient prohibition, his Cultivation was no longer suppressed.

This feeling filled him with an overwhelming excitement.

Suppressed for thousands of years, he finally gained liberation.

Meanwhile, Hong Xiang's body was also transforming Spiritual Energy towards True Essence.

In the Cultivation World, there is no realm known as Supreme Battle Emperor.

Thus, the moment Hong Xiang arrived in the Cultivation World, she would immediately breakthrough to the Zifu Realm.

Currently, both of their True Essences were transforming, a process that would require some time.

Xu Nian simply didn't leave, and directly acted as protector for the both of them.

However, very soon Xu Nian's brows knitted together.

Because he saw two people he didn't expect to see.

"Whoosh whoosh!"

Two sounds of tearing through the air came.

Following that, two figures appeared in Xu Nian's field of vision.

Xu Nian's brow furrowed slightly, but soon smoothed out again.

"It's you two?" Xu Nian said with a smile looking at the two.

He had not expected that these two people had not yet left.

That they were waiting here for him.

These two were none other than the young disciples of Qingcheng Sect whom Xu Nian had injured on Dark God Island.

"Hmph, we had guessed early on that you would come to the Cultivation World, so we have been waiting here for you, Xu Nian. Hand over the inheritance of the Dark God Island Master," Fu Yuming said with a cold snort.

Beside him, Fang Shishi also looked at Xu Nian with cold eyes, her gaze carrying a trace of Killing Intent.

"So you want my master's inheritance? I could give it to you, but I'm afraid you won't live to take it," Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Hmph, Xu Nian, so what if you've broken through to the Zifu Realm? Shishi and I have both reached the Cave Void Realm. How could you, a Zifu Level cultivator, possibly be our match? Hand over the Jade Scroll if you know what's good for you," Fu Yuming coldly snorted again, his gaze filled with scorn.

Xu Nian smirked dismissively.

Indeed, he was a Zifu Cultivator.

But don't forget, by his side was Xuan Hong, a cultivator of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm.

Once Xuan Hong's True Essence finished transforming, killing these two would be as easy as crushing ants.

"Big brother, something's not right. Look at that middle-aged man behind him, it seems..." Fang Shishi also noticed something unusual about Xuan Hong and hastily spoke to Fu Yuming.

Fu Yuming glanced at Xuan Hong and his face instantly showed a shocked expression.

"What? A master of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm? His True Essence is still transforming, how is this possible?" Fu Yuming exclaimed in surprise.

"What should we do, big brother? Should we withdraw?" asked Fang Shishi, somewhat anxious.

A master of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm was not someone they could handle.

"No, we must act quickly. This Heavenly Phenomenon master still needs some time to finish transforming his True Essence. As long as we kill Xu Nian before his Cultivation transformation is complete and take the inheritance, there will be no problem," Fu Yuming said sharply.

As soon as he finished speaking, a Battle Saber appeared in his hands.

He then hurtled towards Xu Nian at full speed.

His move was a deadly strike!

Chapter 758 Repelling Fu Yuming

"Saber slashes the flying immortal!"

This was a move Fu Yuming had created when he first stepped into the Cave Void Realm.

The Sword Intent was continuous and tyrannical, unforgiving.

With a single slash, the aura was magnificent, as if to sever immortals from this world.

Therefore, when Fu Yuming brought down this saber slash, he was certain that Xu Nian before him was bound to die.

A rookie who had recently entered the Zifu Realm, not knowing the extent of his eyes, today shall become a lone soul under my saber.

Xu Nian looked at the saber strike, condensed with powerful True Essence and containing the tyrannical Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation.

A hint of a smirk curled up the corner of his mouth.

This saber strike was indeed powerful!

But killing him was not going to be so easy.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian's feet flashed with thunder, instantly turning his figure into a phantom on the spot.

The sword light struck down, creating a shocking wave upon the sea surface.

The colossal waves churned, like a hundred thousand vicious dragons tossing and turning in the water.

Xu Nian's form turned into lightning, suddenly appearing on the other side.

He looked at Fu Yuming with a cold sneer.

Truly engaging in combat, he was indeed no match for Fu Yuming.

After all, he had only just stepped into the Zifu Realm.

While Fu Yuming had already reached the Cave Void Realm.

Even though it was just the Early Stage of the Cave Void, the True Essence inside his body was much more profound than Xu Nian's.

Of course, Xu Nian had no intention of really fighting with Fu Yuming.

Fighting when there was no chance of winning was outright foolish.

What he was trying to do was to buy time.

Once Xuan Hong's strength was restored, it would be the end for these two people.

"Junior Sister, let's attack together; this damned guy is purposely delaying time," Fu Yuming said viciously.

Fang Shishi nodded immediately.

Next, two delicate short blades appeared in her hands.

A dark purple thunder lingered around her fingertips.

Fang Shishi's specialty was close-quarters combat.

Her Purple Thunder Slaying Sky Blade was an extremely lethal close-range weapon.

Her gaze sharpened, and she immediately transformed into a purple phantom.

In the blink of an eye, she was right in front of Xu Nian.

The dark purple thunder short blade in her hand immediately swiped at Xu Nian's neck.

Her gaze was even sharper than the thunder itself.

"So fast!"

Xu Nian was taken aback in his heart.

He hadn't expected this Fang Shishi to be a Thunder Cultivator as well.

No wonder Fu Yuming let Fang Shishi make a move, it turned out she was a master of assassination.

Xu Nian dared not hesitate in the slightest.

His inner breath surged, his True Essence uninterrupted.

He immediately brought out his Immortal Sword, blocking that slash.

"Clang!"

A metallic hum rang out.

As if thunder exploded.

Xu Nian was directly shaken and sent flying, still connected with his sword.

His figure skimmed across the sea surface, rapidly flying backward.

His arm trembled, the muscles nearly bursting.

The power of this slash was too fierce.

Even using all his strength, he barely managed to block it.

"Die!"

A chilling word spilled from Fang Shishi's red lips.

Her feet stepped on the sea surface, like thunder exploding over flat ground.

The sea surface burst open, and Fang Shishi's figure turned into an extreme arc in front of Xu Nian.

This time she used both blades, chopping at two vital spots on Xu Nian.

The neck and the heart.

True Essence thrashed above the double blades.

Seemingly ripping two dark purple thunderous arcs out of thin air.

The power was terrifyingly frightening.

On the other side, Fu Yuming also turned into a white phantom, appearing at Xu Nian's side.

His Battle Saber chopped down.

Like a waterfall hanging from the sky for miles, blocking all Xu Nian's escape routes.

"Two Cave Void Realms facing against me alone, you really think highly of me?" A light smirk curved on Xu Nian's lips.

But his eyes were filled with raging anger.

Both their Cultivation levels were already above his, and now they were combining their attacks.

Any other person would be destined to die without a doubt.

Xu Nian saw the thunderous short blade that was within an arm's reach.

A trace of murderous intent flashed in his eyes.

"Buzz!"

Suddenly, the blood-colored Dragon Energy surged.

The fierce Dragon Armor emerged on the body.

At the same time, a green light flashed in Xu Nian's eyes.

Fang Shishi, who was originally slashing towards Xu Nian, paused abruptly, and her movements followed suit in a stall.

Yes, the spiritual attack of the Gray Dragon Eye.

Now Xu Nian's Soul Cultivation had reached the Zifu Peak.

With the augmentation of the Heavenly Gang Pearl and the Wordless Heavenly Scripture, it was completely possible to jumble Fang Shishi's mind for a short duration.

Fang Shishi was briefly vocal.

She directly exposed her vulnerability.

Giving Xu Nian the chance to counterattack.

One could only see Xu Nian punch directly onto Fang Shishi's chest.

Yes, that's right, the chest.

Fang Shishi was immediately sent flying, spewing blood from her mouth.

This punch, Xu Nian, used the Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation.

Although he did not directly kill Fang Shishi, he had harmed the energy channels within her body.

For a short period, she could not mobilize her True Essence.

Once she did, her energy channels would break inch by inch.

"Buzz!"

But the sword light from Fu Yuming's slash had already reached near Xu Nian.

At this moment, Xu Nian no longer had time to dodge.

He could only summon the Star Shield.

"Clang!"

Xu Nian was sent flying.

A trace of blood spilled from the corner of his mouth.

However, the corner of his mouth carried a faint cold smile.

"Junior sister! Are you alright?" Fu Yuming did not pursue the victory but instead swept to Fang Shishi's side.

At this moment, Fang Shishi felt both shame and rage.

This damn Xu Nian, why did he have to hit there?

It made her want to rush over and dismember Xu Nian into ten thousand pieces.

However, she simply couldn't mobilize her True Essence; to use it would bring intense pain throughout her body.

"Senior brother, let's go!" Fang Shishi said to Fu Yuming.

Yet her gaze was still fiercely fixed on Xu Nian.

"Mhm!" Fu Yuming nodded, equally turning to glare unwillingly at Xu Nian.

They had not expected Xu Nian to be so difficult to deal with just after breaking through to the Zifu Realm.

Now the expert from the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm on the side was almost fully transformed.

If they did not leave now, it might be too late.

"Let's go!"

Thus, Fu Yuming immediately mobilized Spiritual Energy, enveloping Fang Shishi and transforming into a streak of light to escape.

Xu Nian retracted the shield and Immortal Sword, standing on the sea surface.

Watching Fu Yuming and Fang Shishi flee, a faint cold smile hung on his lips.

He had not planned to keep them.

Even if he killed them, what would that achieve?

Instead, that would likely draw the pursuit of the Qingcheng Sect.

Now that he had just arrived in the Cultivation World, he knew very little about everything.

If he rashly caused trouble, it would be utterly disadvantageous to him.

On the contrary, not killing them, this could at most count as personal enmity.

Even if they sought revenge, they wouldn't involve the entire Qingcheng Sect.

Besides, now he couldn't defeat them.

That didn't mean he couldn't defeat them the next time they met.

Xu Nian believed that next time they met, he would definitely surprise Fu Yuming and Fang Shishi.

Withdrawing his gaze, Xu Nian then looked towards Hong Xiang and Xuan Hong.

At this moment, the True Essence within both of them was almost fully converted.

Although Hong Xiang broke through to the Zifu, she did not attract the Heavenly Tribulation.

Clearly, she was much luckier than Xu Nian.

"Eh?"

Xu Nian suddenly let out a light sound of surprise.

He waved his sleeve.

And then he released the figure of the Netherworld King.

What Xu Nian didn't expect was.

This Netherworld King had also broken through to the Battle Emperor Realm.

Reaching the Zifu Level.

However, his method of Cultivation was somewhat unique.

It made Xu Nian feel that his cultivation didn't seem like Zifu; it felt more like the Vajra Realm.

Because all his strength was stored in his bones.

At this moment, the hardness of his bones had already matched that of a Low Grade Spirit Artifact.

So his arms and legs were like swords and sabers.

Chapter 759 Unexpected Encounter with an Acquaintance

"There's a continent ahead, it should be the Tianlan Continent."

Xuan Hong said as he looked at the black dot ahead that was gradually getting larger.

Xu Nian also watched the continent in front of him, his eyes emitting a faint divine light.

Is this the Tianlan Continent?

The place all cultivators from the Tianhen Continent dream of?

Indeed, the Spiritual Energy here is forty to fifty times richer than that of the Tianhen Continent.

Xu Nian was somewhat surprised as he felt this surge of Spiritual Energy.

Compared to the Cultivation World's Spiritual Energy, the Tianhen Continent really is like a primitive and barbaric land.

No wonder the cultivators of the Tianlan Continent possess high cultivation at such a young age.

It seems now, the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy also plays a significant role.

"Let's go! To shore!"

Xu Nian, leading Hong Xiang and Xuan Hong, flew towards the port of Tianlan Continent.

The Tianlan Continent isn't entirely made up of cultivators, many mortals and low-level cultivators also reside here.

It's just that due to the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy, there are relatively fewer mortals.

The place where Xu Nian and his companions landed was a mortal city on the Tianlan Continent.

Xu Nian had also learned from Hong Xiang previously

about a very peculiar feature of the Tianlan Continent.

That is, the outer periphery of the continent is mostly made up of mortal cities.

Deeper in lie various Cultivation Sects.

On this continent, there are no empires, everything is governed naturally.

Of course, it's not true to say there isn't any form of governance.

On the Tianlan Continent, there are three Sects stationed, and they act as the rulers of this land.

The three Sects are the Heavenly Array Sect, the Lingxi Sect, and the Tianxing Sect.

Qingcheng Sect is not on this planet.

Besides these, there are several significant families.

Their power, however, is much lesser than that of the Three Great Sects.

Of course, these Three Great Sects are considered top forces on the Tianlan Continent,

but when compared to the nine major star systems, they are practically nothing.

Xu Nian and the trio proceeded to walk into the city.

Even though this is the periphery of the continent, where Cultivators are rarely seen,

one could still occasionally bump into one or two while walking the streets.

The goods sold in this city were much higher-level than those on the Tianhen Continent.

Some treasures rare on the Tianhen Continent were casually displayed here.

Even Spiritual Treasures used by Cultivators were being sold in shops.

Such a disparity deeply moved Xu Nian.

"Eh? What's that..."

Suddenly, Xu Nian's gaze was attracted by an object as black and stone-like.

Clearly, it was not a stone.

But a Low Grade Spiritual Medicine.

Named Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass.

It's a peculiar herb that looks like a stone but is in fact a plant.

The reason why Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass is named that way is because it resembles a stone.

But once cut open, one would witness a spectacle of dragons and phoenixes dancing.

It can strongly nourish a person's soul.

This Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass is one of the four auxiliary herbs for the Spirit King Pill.

The Spirit King Pill is a Top-grade Pill.

It's also one of the methods the Wentian Demon Sovereign told him to use to awaken Emperor Ye Tian.

Therefore, Xu Nian must gather the three main ingredients and four auxiliary ingredients.

The three main ingredients are: Black Jade Sky Spirit Mushroom, Taichu Water, and an Azure-water Green Bamboo Branch that's more than a hundred thousand years old.

As for the four supplementary ingredients, they are: Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass, Snow Falling Fruit, Ten-thousand-year-old Black Blood Ginseng, and Red Phoenix Scorpion Tail Snake Crystal.

Xu Nian already had the Black Jade Sky Spirit Mushroom in hand.

The Taichu Water and the Azure-water Green Bamboo Branch that's more than a hundred thousand years old were incredibly rare, and it would be difficult to find them.

The other four supplementary ingredients were also challenging, but with some effort, they could be found.

Xu Nian was not in a hurry to search.

He just didn't expect that he had only just arrived in the Cultivation World

When he came across one of the four supplementary ingredients, the Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass.

Since it had appeared before him, naturally, Xu Nian had no reason not to take it.

Thus, Xu Nian stopped in his tracks and looked toward the vendor.

What Xu Nian hadn't expected was that this vendor turned out to be an acquaintance.

Glancing at the shiny bald head and the fat earlobes, Xu Nian recognized him at once.

This monk was none other than the one who had sold Black Wind to him, the monk whose Dharma name was Bu Keng.

Xu Nian was somewhat surprised.

He had originally thought their previous meeting was a fleeting encounter, never expecting to meet again now.

At this moment, the monk also seemed to notice someone pausing and opened his eyes to take a look at Xu Nian, a touch of surprise appearing on his face as well.

Clearly, he too recognized Xu Nian.

He hadn't expected Xu Nian to appear here.

"Bu Keng?" Xu Nian tried to confirm.

"Haha, I never imagined I'd meet an old customer! How is it, is the Earth-shattering Demon Dog I sold you last time still useful?" Bu Keng, seeing Xu Nian speak, immediately laughed heartily.

His face was extremely excited.

Xu Nian was speechless for a moment.

If Black Wind were here, he'd probably be ready to kill this guy.

"Master Bu Keng, how come you are here?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, Bu Keng smiled slightly.

He glanced at Xuan Hong and Hong Xiang, who were behind Xu Nian, and his expression showed surprise.

The surprise upon looking at Xuan Hong clearly came from recognizing Xuan Hong's extraordinary cultivation.

And his surprise when looking at Hong Xiang was due to admiring Hong Xiang's beauty.

However, Bu Keng was very astute, smiling at Xu Nian and saying, "This poor monk wanders the four seas and finds home anywhere. Naturally, I go wherever I wish. Those heaven and earth restrictions are decent, but they can't hinder this monk's steps. As for you, patron, your fortune is exceptional, a person of destined prosperity indeed!"

Xu Nian smiled.

Although Bu Keng was a monk.

His flattery was top-notch.

Initially, it was out of curiosity that Xu Nian had bought Black Wind.

But in the end, it was not a loss.

After all, Black Wind was a Demon Beast with a Divine Beast bloodline.

"Is the patron interested in any of the treasures in this poor monk's possession? If there's anything you fancy, feel free to buy. Since you're an old customer, I'll give you a discount, 10 percent off." Bu Keng said, smiling, his white teeth flashing particularly bright.

Xu Nian smiled wryly.

And decided not to beat around the bush.

Since the guy was Bu Keng, he definitely didn't recognize the true value.

He must also know how precious this Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass was.

"How much for this?" Xu Nian pointed at the Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass and said.

"Ah, patron, you really have an eye for excellence. This is absolutely the most precious treasure here, the Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass, a top-quality item among low grade spiritual medicines. And mine is the best of the best. No more nonsense, ten thousand low grade spirit stones, minus the discount for you, nine thousand. What do you think?" Bu Keng replied, grinning.

"Nine thousand? Are you trying to rob us?" Hong Xiang, who usually had great restraint, also couldn't help but widen her eyes in protest.

Xu Nian shook his head too, put down the Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass, and prepared to leave.

A low grade spiritual medicine typically wouldn't cost more than a thousand spirit stones at most.

This guy started with ten thousand, really taking them for newcomers ripe for the plucking, trying to fleece them.

"Hey, hey, don't go!"

Seeing Xu Nian about to leave, Bu Keng suddenly became anxious.

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"Don't go, how about 8,000 Low Grade Spirit Stones, just 8,000 Spirit Stones, and this Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass is yours," Bu Keng hastily clung to Xu Nian's thigh and said.

"Bu Keng, don't treat us as fools, I've never heard of Low Grade Spiritual Medicine exceeding three thousand Low Grade Spirit Stones," Xu Nian looked at Bu Keng and said with a smile.

"It's different, my Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass is absolutely comparable to Mid-grade Spiritual Medicine, you can take a closer look, how many dragons and phoenixes are there?" Bu Keng quickly said.

Having said that, he handed the Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian took a look and his face immediately showed a look of surprise.

In this Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass, there were actually three dragons and three phoenixes.

The typical Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass, even if high Grade, only had one dragon and one phoenix.

But now, this Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass actually had three dragons and three phoenixes.

This meant that this Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass was at least three levels higher than the top-quality Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass.

"How about it, I told you my Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass is different from the ordinary ones, this is the best of the best, its medicinal effect is five times that of the ordinary," Bu Keng said proudly.

Xu Nian also looked surprised and asked, "Where did you get this Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass, how can there be such a Grade of Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass?"

Xu Nian was amazed in his heart.

If it were an ordinary place, it would be impossible to grow such a Grade of Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass.

The place where such a Grade of Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass could grow must be extraordinary.

Xuan Hong and Hong Xiang also looked at Bu Keng, clearly very surprised as well.

"Hehe, this Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass, I risked my life to get it, and it involves a big secret. If you want to know, I can sell the information to you, Amitabha Buddha," Bu Keng said with a chuckle.

After speaking, he also didn't forget to chant a Buddhist name.

Hong Xiang and Xuan Hong were both speechless.

This Bu Keng was just too greedy!

He was even thinking about making money!

Who came up with that Buddhist name in the first place?

"How about this, this Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass plus your information for five thousand Low Grade Spirit Stones, will you sell?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Only five thousand? At least seven thousand!" Bu Keng immediately said displeased.

Xu Nian just smiled and said, "Your Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass is high quality, but after all, it is still Low Grade Spiritual Medicine, and you want to sell it at the price of Mid-grade Spiritual Medicine, which is absolutely impossible. Moreover, the substitutability of Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass is too strong, five thousand, I will not give you a cent more."

Hearing this, Bu Keng's face showed a hesitant look.

Xu Nian didn't waste words, he directly took out a storage ring and transferred five thousand Low Grade Spirit Stones into it.

Then he handed the storage ring to Bu Keng.

Bu Keng looked at the storage ring, and finally accepted it.

"Well, I'll consider this a benefit for a regular customer, but next time we do business, you better not haggle like this!" Bu Keng hastily said.

Xu Nian smiled noncommittally.

It was a pity for Bu Keng not to be a cunning businessman.

To make him a monk would absolutely be a waste of talent.

"Tell me, what is your secret information?" Xu Nian asked with a smile.

If such spiritual medicine could grow there, that piece of land must be extraordinarily remarkable.

"In a canyon, three thousand miles east from this city, there is an Ancient Spiritual Field and an ancient well, it is said to be inhabited by an Ancient Strange Beast, and I picked this Black Dragon Phoenix Dance Grass from there," Bu Keng said.

"Oh? An Ancient Spiritual Field?" Xu Nian's face showed a look of surprise.

The so-called Ancient Spiritual Field was naturally a place where ancient predecessors planted Spiritual Medicine.

And such places usually have Spiritual Medicines that are extremely old.

At the same time, ancient predecessors would also lay down strong Spirit Gathering Arrays to ensure that these Spiritual Medicines could absorb enough Spiritual Energy.

"Willn't this Medicine Field attract the attention of everyone?" Xu Nian asked.

"Indeed, this Spiritual Medicine has caused quite a stir," Bu Keng replied. "Even the Medicine King from Medicine King Valley made a move. However, that Ancient Strange Beast is strong and doesn't allow anyone to approach. Plus, there's a terrifying Killing Array there. I only managed to secretly pluck one while it was napping. Even then, it chased me for a good while, Amitabha Buddha."

Xu Nian and Hong Xiang exchanged glances, surprised expressions emerging on their faces.

If that was the case, he really needed to check it out.

There might be other medicinal materials he needed.

And Xu Nian was also quite curious about that Ancient Exotic Beast.

"Benefactor, if you wish to go, I can lead the way for you, rest assured it's free." Bu Keng said with a smile.

Xu Nian and the others immediately frowned.

It would have been fine if Bu Keng hadn't said that last part.

That statement alone blatantly revealed his nature as a sly merchant.

And seeing the smile on his face, it was clear he was up to something.

Perhaps he wanted to take advantage of their entry into the gorge to try and gain something himself.

"Alright then, lead the way," Xu Nian said.

"Alright!" Bu Keng immediately responded.

With that, he took out a string of prayer beads from around his neck.

Quietly chanting scriptures, a dazzling Buddha light suddenly surged from the beads.

"Collect!"

As soon as Bu Keng spoke, the items on the stalls were collected into the beads.

He then carefully hung the beads back around his neck.

Witnessing this, Xu Nian was once again speechless.

So, Bu Keng stored his possessions in the prayer beads.

The storage ring on his hand was likely just for show.

"What a cunning and greedy monk, truly attached to wealth," Xu Nian thought to himself with a chuckle.

"Let's go!" Bu Keng then smiled at Xu Nian.

He then took the lead, heading towards the east of the city.

Xu Nian and Hong Xiang had no choice but to follow.

"Why did you let him lead us? His information clearly trapped us, and he admitted it caused quite a stir. That means many people must already know," Hong Xiang's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

Hearing this, Xu Nian's expression remained unchanged.

But he chuckled inwardly.

"I know that, but although Bu Keng is greedy, he doesn't seem like a bad person. He's clearly been on this continent for a long time. We three know nothing about this continent; it's perfect to get some information we need from him, so we don't encounter unnecessary trouble," Xu Nian transmitted back with a smile.

At that, Hong Xiang nodded understandingly.

She didn't say anything more.

No matter how strong a person is, without sufficient information, they're like a blind master.

Ultimately, they could very well be led into a deadly pitfall.

So, Xu Nian's reason for using Bu Keng as a guide was clear.

Of course, he would still be cautious, not fully trusting him.

Thus, the group of four left the city, continuously heading east.