

## **Divine King 791**

Chapter 791 Observing the Sword and Gaining Insight

On the Asking Sword Square of Lingxi Sect's Big Stone Peak.

This moment was packed with people.

The Asking Sword Square was the place where the disciples of Lingxi Sect practiced their skills.

On normal days, the place was not crowded.

But since the crowd of visitors had increased in the past few days,

the Asking Sword Square had been packed every day.

And their presence here,

was naturally to catch a glimpse of Han Xiaoxiao, who was ranked fourth on the Rouge List.

However, unfortunately, Han Xiaoxiao had not appeared at the Asking Sword Square these past few days.

Although they did not see Han Xiaoxiao, another woman on the square had attracted many talented youths from various places.

That's also why, despite not seeing Han Xiaoxiao, the crowd had not dispersed.

Xu Nian, Bu Keng, and Zhang Lin were all standing among the crowd at this moment.

Bu Keng and Zhang Lin's eyes were firmly fixed on the woman who was performing swordsmanship in front of them.

Xu Nian glanced at her and then lost much interest.

Though the sword-dancing woman had good looks and a nice figure, overall, she was not comparable to Sister Hong Xiang.

For someone like Xu Nian, who had seen exceptionally talented beauties, this level of woman really wasn't that interesting.

The only commendable feature Xu Nian found in this woman was her ample bust.

The woman performing sword moves was indeed beautiful and graceful, captivating the hearts of onlookers.

This also resulted in Han Xiaoxiao not appearing,

and the crowd of spectators had not left for that reason.

"Boss, how is it, isn't it very... thrilling?" Bu Keng made a Tai Chi encompassing gesture.

"This woman is the tenth on the Rouge List, named Xie Baishi. As for why she's on the list, I'm afraid, boss, you can also see why," Zhang Lin said with a smile.

Xu Nian smiled lightly and said, "I'm not interested in her. You guys continue to watch here. I'm going to look around, but let me remind you, this swordsmanship is too profound... Oh, it's better for you to watch less of it. If the Tao Heart is not firm, it might cause surges in your energy and blood, which is not good for cultivation."

After saying this, Xu Nian turned and walked out of the crowd.

Zhang Lin and Bu Keng shared a smile.

To not watch this swordsmanship would truly be a waste.

Perhaps only someone like Xu Nian, who had mastered superior swordsmanship, would feel that this level of sword skill was not worthy of his attention.

Xu Nian left the crowd, looking at the people swarming around.

He shook his head helplessly.

It was not that he was playing saint; he genuinely felt that such matters should be stopped at the right point.

Really, if one watched too much, it could indeed affect the Tao Heart.

Besides, just watching without practicing was nothing but pretense.

He always preferred real combat.

Xu Nian left the crowd and began to wander around.

Although the name of Lingxi Sect doesn't contain the word 'sword,' it was truly a sect founded on swordsmanship.

Not to mention the sculptures of Sword Immortals and carvings of Immortal Swords all around.

Even every blade of grass and tree here was imbued with deep sword principles.

As Xu Nian walked along the mountain path, he could sense the essence of swordsmanship emanating all around.

Or rather, the entire Lingxi Sect was like a sharp sword.

Seventy-two main peaks, one hundred eighty sub-peaks, each was like a sharp sword.

Xu Nian walked slowly.

Sword Qi roamed in his chest like Nine Dragons, becoming increasingly vigorous and stirring.

Over three thousand years, countless disciples' accumulation of Sword Dao and Sword Qi had already permeated the entire Beiling Mountain Range.

Now, Xu Nian was using these three thousand years of accumulation to continuously nurture his own Sword Qi and King Jing Sword.

"It's a pity, this Lingxi Sect could have climbed to a higher level if only it didn't lack in talents. If only another Bai Xi Sword Immortal could emerge, Lingxi Sect's future wouldn't just be limited to this tiny Tianlan continent," Xu Nian muttered to himself with a sense of regret.

"Buzz!"

However, just then, Xu Nian suddenly sharpened his gaze and looked straight ahead.

Because he sensed a piercingly intense Sword Qi coming from ahead.

This Sword Qi felt extremely profound.

"Could it be that some Elder or expert from the Lingxi Sect is cultivating here?" Xu Nian revealed a hint of surprise.

Thus, with a tip of his toes, he directly swept towards the direction ahead.

His movements were light and silent, not even stirring a breath of wind.

This was the result of Xu Nian's comprehension of the Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation.

Therefore, Xu Nian quickly arrived at the source of the Sword Qi, but the person emitting the Sword Qi hadn't noticed Xu Nian's approach.

Xu Nian's face also showed some surprise.

It was completely different from what he had expected.

The person practicing swordsmanship was not some Elder of the Lingxi Sect or a reclusive expert.

Instead, it was a young and beautiful woman.

This woman was exceedingly beautiful and captivating, with a figure incomparably graceful.

Dressed in a white gown, she seemed almost ethereal as she moved with her sword.

Her swordsmanship was at times as fierce as a storm, and at times as elusive as dance sleeves in the moon palace.

Extremely pleasing to the eye.

Xu Nian's expression showed a hint of surprise.

He could feel that the swordsmanship wielded by this woman contained a dense presence of the Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation.

And this Profound Argumentation was precisely the Wind Vibration that he was cultivating.

However, judging by this woman's mastery of the Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation, it was clear that she had reached the level of Initial Profound Argumentation Formation.

She was just one step away from Small Achievement.

As for her cultivation, this woman's cultivation was also extremely high, having reached the Early Stage Cave Void.

At first sight of this woman, Xu Nian identified her identity.

The Heavenly Pride Girl of the Lingxi Sect, fourth on the Rouge List, Han Xiaoxiao.

Xu Nian never expected to encounter Han Xiaoxiao, whom everyone was desperately trying to meet, by sheer chance.

And even more unexpectedly, she was alone in this Small Bamboo Forest practicing swordsmanship.

"Who's there?"

However, just as Xu Nian was about to continue watching the sword practice,

Han Xiaoxiao suddenly fixed her gaze and looked towards Xu Nian.

Then without hesitation, she directly thrust her sword out.

This sword shone coldly like the Milky Way stretching across the lands, directly chopping through the bamboo and slashing towards Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was startled, not expecting to be discovered by Han Xiaoxiao.

Watching that swiftly approaching Sword Radiance, his expression also turned chilly.

He directly countered the incoming Sword Radiance with a palm strike.

"Boom!"

The sword light shattered, and the Sword Qi scattered in all directions.

Xu Nian's figure, however, remained as stable as a mountain.

The bamboo forest was swept aside, forming a long path.

Han Xiaoxiao, with a surprised look on her pretty face, watched as this young man blocked her sword with one palm.

Although her strike was not meant to harm,

it definitely was not something that a Zifu Level expert could easily handle.

The fact that this young man caught her sword so casually indicated that his strength was not far behind hers.

However, this young man seemed to be a few years younger than her!

"Who are you?" Han Xiaoxiao immediately asked in a cold voice.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and said, "My name is Xu Nian, a guest attending an event at your sect. I was simply strolling around and entered here by accident, with no intention of offending the lady."

"So you are a guest of our sect; then I apologize for the discourtesy, but this place is my private residence. Please leave," Han Xiaoxiao immediately issued a request for him to leave.

Xu Nian just smiled slightly and responded, "I can leave, but if I do, the lady might regret it."

"Eh?" Han Xiaoxiao was taken aback, gazing at Xu Nian with a puzzled face.

Chapter 792 The Deal with Han Xiaoxiao

Han Xiaoxiao looked at the young man with a face full of astonishment.

She didn't quite understand the meaning behind the young man's words.

Xu Nian, noticing Han Xiaoxiao's puzzled expression, slightly smiled and said, "Haven't you always wanted to break through the Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation Success Realm? And haven't you always been unable to understand how to converge the power of the Wind Vibration at one point?"

"How do you know?" Han Xiaoxiao asked in surprise.

Indeed, her cultivation of Wind Vibration had reached the Initial Peak.

To achieve a breakthrough in the Wind Vibration Success Realm, one must gather all the power of the Wind Vibration at one point.

But she could never grasp the essence of it.

Wind Vibration inherently transmitted energy in the form of waves.

How, then, could the power of Wind Vibration be concentrated together?

She was somewhat curious about how this young man in front of her knew she was stuck at this point.

"Don't be surprised how I know, it was your swordsmanship that told me. Initially, you integrated Wind Vibration into your sword techniques, which produced strong Wind Waves, quite powerful indeed. But later, when you attempted to merge the power generated by these Wind Waves, you failed. It's not hard to guess you hit a bottleneck," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Han Xiaoxiao's face was full of astonishment.

The situation was just as this young man had described.

He indeed wanted to merge the Wind Waves, but he had failed.

Being able to discern her swordsmanship's profound argumentation and pinpoint the bottleneck indicated that this young man's understanding of the Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation was superior to hers.

Yet this young man looked several years younger than her.

Thinking this, Han Xiaoxiao took another look at Xu Nian.

The more she looked, the more unbelievable she found it.

What surprised her most was that this young man's cultivation was only at the Zifu Early-stage.

"So you mean, you can help me overcome the bottleneck of understanding?" Han Xiaoxiao asked.

"Exactly!" Xu Nian replied with a slight smile.

"Speak then, what's the condition? I doubt you would help me for no reason," Han Xiaoxiao asked.

Her peach blossom-like eyes stared at Xu Nian, shimmering like autumn water.

Exuding an aura that made one submissive like immortal qi.

"Indeed, a straightforward person. Yes, I do want you to make a deal. I can help you break through the bottleneck of the Wind Vibration Success Realm, but you must agree to a condition," Xu Nian said smilingly.

"What condition?" Han Xiaoxiao's eyebrows slightly furrowed.

"I haven't thought of it yet; I'll tell you when I have," Xu Nian said with a laugh.

"That won't do. What if you ask me to do something shameful? I will eventually break through my Sword Dao enlightenment; there's no need to rush it," Han Xiaoxiao flatly refused.

"Are you really in no rush? In ten days, it's your Sect's grand festival, right? At that time, there will be a competition at the Sword King Pavilion. I assume Miss Han won't be indifferent to the inheritance from Bai Xi Sword Immortal!" Xu Nian said with a smile.

With these words from Xu Nian,

Han Xiaoxiao suddenly looked like a cat whose tail had been stepped on, her gaze fixating on Xu Nian.

Indeed, she was so eager to break through because she wanted to show her strength at the Sect's grand festival,

to win the championship and acquire the inheritance from Bai Xi Sword Immortal.

But without a breakthrough in her Sword Dao enlightenment, she had no confidence in winning the competition at the festival.

Don't ask how Xu Nian guessed; Han Xiaoxiao's urgency revealed in her sword techniques just now told him.

That's why he was so sure about Han Xiaoxiao.

"Don't worry, I won't ask you to do anything against your own will, especially in that regard; to be honest, I'm not really interested in you," Xu Nian said with a laugh.

Upon hearing this, Han Xiaoxiao was immediately enraged.

This guy actually said such a thing.

After all, she is recognized as one of the four great beauties of the Tianlan Continent.

Her suitors number no fewer than eight thousand, if not ten thousand.

This guy actually said he had no interest in her, which was simply the greatest insult to her.

"No way, if you don't provide a condition, I won't agree to your request today," Han Xiaoxiao firmly said.

Xu Nian heard this and felt helpless.

He had to say, "Fine, since you are so anxious, I'll propose a condition to put you at ease. I want you to become an Earth Immortal and then give me a drop of your vital blood, and you must be a virgin, meaning you have to keep yourself intact for me until you reach the realm of an Earth Immortal."

"Vital blood? What do you want my vital blood for, and also a virgin's... body?" Han Xiaoxiao shyly said.

She never expected this young man to make such a request.

"What I want your vital blood for is not something you need to worry about. You should know that one drop of vital blood won't have any effect on you," Xu Nian explained.

Han Xiaoxiao remained silent, seemingly hesitant.

Xu Nian looked at Han Xiaoxiao, teasing, "I hope you haven't already lost your virginity, have you?"

"Shut up!" Han Xiaoxiao immediately cursed loudly.

Xu Nian just smiled slightly.

He hadn't expected such a fairy-like woman to curse someone out.

As to why he wanted Han Xiaoxiao's vital blood.

Naturally, it was the Wentian Demon Sovereign who had told him.

This Han Xiaoxiao was the legendary Immortal Embryo.

Once she became an Earth Immortal, her Immortal Embryo would completely mature.

At that time, her vital blood would be as precious as an Immortal Pill.

Such a treasure, Xu Nian could not afford to miss.

Of course, the premise was that Han Xiaoxiao stayed intact.

Otherwise, her Immortal Embryo would be affected.

It was likely that she herself did not know this.

Of course, if he could engage in Dual Cultivation with her and seize her Red Pill, that would be even more precious than the Immortal Pill.

However, Xu Nian was not one to take advantage of others in peril.

Getting Han Xiaoxiao's vital blood alone was enough for him.

In the future, it would definitely help greatly increase his cultivation.

As for Han Xiaoxiao's cultivation speed, Xu Nian was completely confident in that.

Since Han Xiaoxiao was an Immortal Embryo, her speed would definitely not be slow.

"Okay, I agree, but only if you can help me achieve the Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation Success Realm within ten days," Han Xiaoxiao looked at Xu Nian seriously and said.

Xu Nian's face showed a smile upon hearing this.

He knew that Han Xiaoxiao would agree to his request.

"Don't worry, I will not only help you break through the bottleneck of your enlightenment, but I will also help you level up your power," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Han Xiaoxiao was stunned, a look of surprise and doubt appearing on her face.

"It's complicated during the day with many people around, inconvenient. Come here at midnight tonight, and I will teach you how to break through your bottleneck of enlightenment," Xu Nian dropped these words and then floated away with a flick of his sleeves.

Han Xiaoxiao was stunned and finally stamped her foot in anger.

This place was where she cultivated alone, what did he mean by 'too many people and prying eyes?'

This guy was clearly just making excuses.

Chapter 793 Breakthrough Again

Although Han Xiaoxiao heavily doubted Xu Nian would appear,

she still rushed to the bamboo forest at midnight.

When she arrived, she was surprised to find that the young man she had seen during the day was really standing in the middle of the bamboo forest.

"You really came?" Han Xiaoxiao exclaimed in astonishment.

She had always suspected that this young man would not appear, but there he was.

"Since I promised you, naturally I will fulfill it. Here, take this leaf and hold it in your mouth." Xu Nian said with a slight smile, then tossed a leaf to Han Xiaoxiao.

Han Xiaoxiao caught the leaf.

She found this leaf to be particularly magical.

It was the color of seven-colored glaze, resembling the leaves of the Bodhi Tree.

"This is..." Han Xiaoxiao was somewhat surprised.

This leaf seemed like something she had read about in an ancient book, reportedly a leaf from a Divine Tree.

"Yes, this is a Seven-colored Bodhi Leaf. It will help you gain insight into cultivation. Keep it in your mouth, and you will see more clearly how I demonstrate the Wind Vibration," Xu Nian explained to Han Xiaoxiao.

"It really is a Seven-colored Bodhi Tree leaf!" Han Xiaoxiao exclaimed in surprise.

What astonished her even more was that this guy was also adept at the Vibration Profound Argumentation of the wind.

Could his Vibration Profound Argumentation really surpass her own?

"What is your name?" Han Xiaoxiao curiously inquired.

She suddenly realized that she still did not know the name of the person before her.

However, Xu Nian simply glanced at Han Xiaoxiao and reprimanded, "Do you still want to learn the sword or not?"

Han Xiaoxiao was taken aback by Xu Nian's rebuke and could only pout her lips.

Even her master had never scolded her like this, and now this man was being so harsh with her.

With no alternative, she reluctantly placed the Seven-colored Bodhi Leaf in her mouth.

Her inviting red lips, holding a colorful leaf, added an unusual charm to her.

"Buzz!"

A sword appeared directly in Xu Nian's hands.

"I will only demonstrate it once, watch carefully. If you miss it, don't blame me," Xu Nian told Han Xiaoxiao.

After finishing speaking, Xu Nian began swinging the sword in his hand.

As the sword in his hand swung,

a clear breeze started swirling around.

These breezes vibrated continuously, layering on top of each other like ripples.

A look of astonishment also appeared on Han Xiaoxiao's face.

Although she could do this as well, it was definitely not as effortless as Xu Nian made it seem.

Just from this point alone, it was evident that this young man's understanding of the Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation was superior to hers.

"Break for me!"

Suddenly, Xu Nian swung the sword in his hand.

A sword stab.

The ripples raised by the breeze passed directly through the sword's body to the tip.

"Buzz!"

A black dot suddenly appeared in the void where Xu Nian had pointed.

Han Xiaoxiao's eyes revealed a surprised expression.

She knew this black dot was caused by the collapse of space.

A sword that could even pierce through space, the power of that sword was imaginable.

"Do you understand?" Xu Nian sheathed his sword and asked Han Xiaoxiao, who was at his side.

Han Xiaoxiao nodded, then shook her head.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and said, "Don't worry, carefully comprehend it, and you should be able to understand the profound argumentation."

Han Xiaoxiao nodded and then started miming sword motions with her fingers.

Xu Nian said nothing more and directly planted his sword into the ground.

Then he sat down beside her, watching Han Xiaoxiao practice sword.

In fact, Xu Nian had also recently made a breakthrough to the Small Achievement Realm in Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation.

This was still with the help of the Dragon Veins and the Seven-colored Bodhi Tree.

Regarding the Wind Vibration, in Xu Nian's view, it was actually the energy fluctuations produced by utilizing air vibrations.

The previous First Level Wind Wave and Second Level Wind Wave were both superimposed attacks produced by layer upon layer of fluctuations generated by air vibrations.

The Success Realm of Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation was the Third Level Wind Wave.

This was the same case.

Although Han Xiaoxiao's approach to Wind Vibration was different from Xu Nian's,

in essence, there wasn't much of a difference.

Xu Nian's Third Level Wind Wave was actually a combination of Wind Vibration forces, which were then separated to produce mutually reinforcing vibration waves,

thus making the attacks even more powerful.

That's why he found it so easy when instructing Han Xiaoxiao.

Of course, even if Han Xiaoxiao ultimately grasped the Wind Vibration Success Realm, the attack moves she created would definitely not be as powerful as Xu Nian's.

Because Xu Nian had a much deeper understanding of Wind Vibration than she did.

Han Xiaoxiao repeatedly executed the moves Xu Nian had just showcased.

With the Seven-colored Bodhi Leaf in her mouth and her eyes tightly closed,

her white dress fluttered under the moonlight, exuding an indescribable beauty.

Xu Nian watched Han Xiaoxiao try over and over, a slight smile appearing on his lips.

Then he sat down cross-legged and began to absorb the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Energy.

In fact, he had a small ulterior motive for letting Han Xiaoxiao come to the bamboo forest at night to cultivate.

After all, Han Xiaoxiao was an Immortal Embryo, so the surrounding Spiritual Energy had an especially strong affinity for her.

As long as she was around, the Spiritual Energy in the area would naturally be much denser than elsewhere.

By cultivating next to her, Xu Nian could also improve much faster.

In this manner, while one continued to practice sword,

the other meditated.

Both were immersed in their own states.

In the following five to six days, Xu Nian visited this bamboo forest every night.

And Han Xiaoxiao continued to ponder.

Occasionally, Xu Nian would appear to instruct her.

It could be said that Han Xiaoxiao's progress was swift.

With Xu Nian's guidance, she had basically grasped the essence of the convergence of Wind Vibration.

It's just that in creating her own sword moves, she was still somewhat inexperienced.

As for Xu Nian, he was now at a critical period for a breakthrough.

The True Essence within him boiled unstoppably.

Within the misty expanse of his Zifu, Golden Lotus emerged from the soil and finally bloomed on the surface of the Zifu Lake.

As these Golden Lotus bloomed, Xu Nian's Dantian's True Essence became even denser.

Moreover, Xu Nian's Dantian was permeated with a Purple Gold Energy.

This energy nourished Xu Nian's Divine Wheel Talent Phenomenon.

Thus, making the Divine Wheel even more majestic and powerful.

"Vroom!"

A formidable aura suddenly burst forth,

directly cleansing the entire bamboo forest.

Xu Nian disrupting her sword practice with a surprised expression stopped and looked over.

"Is this the breakthrough to the Zifu Middle-stage? But why is there such a formidable aura?" Han Xiaoxiao wondered aloud in surprise.

The aura produced by Xu Nian's breakthrough to the Zifu Middle-stage was much stronger than when he had broken through to the Cave Void stage.

"Who exactly is he?" Han Xiaoxiao thought to herself in amazement.

These days, her curiosity about Xu Nian had grown even more intense.

Chapter 794 What a Coincidence

Xu Nian felt the surge of energy within his Zifu.

A wave of joy surged in his heart as well.

He could feel that his strength had increased considerably from before.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian slowly opened his eyes.

There was a cyan-golden light shimmering in his pupils,

exceptionally charming.

"You've had a breakthrough?" Han Xiaoxiao asked in surprise, looking at Xu Nian.

"Yes, thanks to you, I broke through to the Zifu Middle-stage half a month early," Xu Nian said with a smile, standing up.

Han Xiaoxiao nodded; she was not surprised.

She knew she could gather Spiritual Energy.

Of course, she was aware that her physique could attract Spiritual Energy, but she did not know why it attracted Spiritual Energy.

"How did you know that my physique is special?" Han Xiaoxiao asked curiously.

Her sect had studied her physique for a long time and concluded that she was the reincarnation of an Immortal.

But this young man, who had only seen her a few times, had discovered the secret that her physique could attract Spiritual Energy.

This piqued her curiosity.

"You probably still don't know what your physique is exactly. Telling you won't hurt. You are a Supreme Daluo Immortal embryo, but your physique has not yet fully grown. When you reach the Earth Immortal realm, your physique will truly be considered a Supreme Daluo Immortal embryo. Before that, you cannot engage in sexual activities," Xu Nian said to Han Xiaoxiao.

Realization dawned on Han Xiaoxiao, and she nodded. "So that's why you want me to reach the Earth Immortal realm and give you a drop of my essence blood!"

"That's right. I need your essence blood as a main ingredient for refining an Immortal Pill," Xu Nian said bluntly.

Upon hearing this, Han Xiaoxiao was not angry; instead, she relaxed a lot.

Otherwise, she would have always been somewhat worried about Xu Nian asking her for her essence blood.

"Fine. When my Immortal Embryo reaches Great Success, I will give it to you as a token of my gratitude for helping me grasp the Profound Argumentation," Han Xiaoxiao said.

Xu Nian smiled and continued, "How is your understanding now?"

"I've basically grasped it, but there are still some parts I'm unsure about when it comes to creating sword techniques," Han Xiaoxiao said.

"Show me what you've understood!" Xu Nian commanded.

Han Xiaoxiao nodded.

Han Xiaoxiao had completely submitted to the strength of this young man.

If this young man were not younger than her, she might have even called him a senior.

Han Xiaoxiao drew her sharp sword, and her eyes became fierce.

"Buzz!"

Her sword began to hum.

Then she thrust it forward.

The thrust was like a droplet on a calm lake, a terrifying force transmitting outward.

"Buzz!"

A distant Panyu Bamboo instantly splintered into pieces.

"Interesting! You've concentrated the Wind Attribute's power in one place and let it explode inside an enemy's body. This technique is truly ingenious," Xu Nian nodded in appreciation.

When Han Xiaoxiao heard Xu Nian's praise, a smile appeared on her face.

These past few days, Xu Nian had always seemed very strict.

To receive his praise was very rare indeed.

"However, there is also a problem. When you thrust with your sword, it's clear that gathering the Wind Vibration isn't smooth; there's a possibility of failure," Xu Nian said.

"Yes, that's the problem. Even though nine times out of ten, it's successful, but if that one failure occurs during a battle, it could be fatal," Han Xiaoxiao said seriously.

Xu Nian nodded and smiled, "If you realize there's a problem, it shows that you're meticulous in your cultivation. Well then, since it's so, I'll tell you the reason. Give me the sword."

Without a word, Han Xiaoxiao threw her sword over to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian caught the sword from Han Xiaoxiao and immediately felt an icy, metallic sensation.

However, what surprised Xu Nian was that the sword was extraordinarily light.

Like a feather, indeed.

"It's actually a Mid-grade Spiritual Artifact made of Green Feather Cloud Gold, and the quality isn't even low!" Xu Nian said with a smile.

As an Artifact Refiner, he could naturally tell the quality of a Spiritual Artifact at a glance.

Han Xiaoxiao was somewhat astonished, not expecting that this young man could even discern the material of her weapon.

After all, Green Feather Cloud Gold was an extremely rare material.

It didn't exist on this continent at all.

For this young man to recognize it showed how widely traveled and knowledgeable he was.

But remembering that this young man seemed to have endless knowledge, the surprise in her heart lessened considerably.

"Buzz!"

Xu Nian didn't say anything more and just started to swing the Immortal Sword in his hand.

No unnecessary movements, just a straight thrust with the sword.

Yet the movement of this sword gave the impression of clouds flowing smoothly and beautifully through the sky.

"Clang!"

A piece of Panyu Bamboo in the distance trembled suddenly and then returned to calm.

Han Xiaoxiao showed a touch of surprise. Had he failed?

"Go and take a look!" Xu Nian, placing the sword aside, said with a smile.

Han Xiaoxiao approached the bamboo, and upon inspection, her mouth fell open in shock.

"This..."

She extended a finger and touched the bamboo.

In an instant, it turned into powder and fell to the ground.

The shock in Han Xiaoxiao's heart was immense.

How powerful must his control over the Wind Vibration be to shatter bamboo to this extent?

She had originally thought that after her breakthrough to the Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation Small Achievement Realm, she would be nearly on par with this young man in front of her.

But now it seemed that this young man still gave her an unfathomable feeling.

"Did you see that? When utilizing Wind Vibration, you must control the frequency of the vibration to match perfectly. Only by doing this can you fully harmonize, and during this process, your heart must be extremely calm," Xu Nian said.

Han Xiaoxiao nodded.

Her previous failures had all been due to disturbances in her Heart Realm.

This guy really knows everything, even recognizing that detail.

"Alright, I've given you all the instructions I have. Here are ten leaves from the Seven-colored Bodhi Tree. Keep them, and just hold one in your mouth whenever you engage in Insight Cultivation. Also,

here is an Immortal Technique, which is very suitable for someone with your physical constitution to cultivate. After you convert it, your cultivation speed will definitely double," Xu Nian said, tossing a Jade Scroll and ten leaves from the Seven-colored Bodhi Tree to Han Xiaoxiao.

Han Xiaoxiao was stunned.

Both the ten leaves and the Immortal Technique were treasures beyond price.

This guy was actually giving these to her.

The value of just these gifts probably surpassed the quality of her own blood essence when she reached Great Success with her constitution.

"Don't look at me with that expression. To be honest, I have a reason for giving you these things. Since you have such a constitution, your achievements in the future won't be low, so I hope that if I need any assistance later on, you won't leave me to die," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Han Xiaoxiao looked at Xu Nian for a few seconds.

She didn't make any extravagant promises but merely stored away the Bodhi Tree leaves and the Immortal Technique.

Seeing Han Xiaoxiao accepting the gifts, Xu Nian also showed a smile.

He knew that Han Xiaoxiao had made her stance clear.

"Well, I should take my leave now. I wish you success in becoming the champion at the grand celebration," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Once he finished, he prepared to leave.

"Ouch, take it easy!"

However, just then, a delicate voice of complaint came from afar.

Han Xiaoxiao and Xu Nian exchanged looks, and then both their faces showed a hint of embarrassment.

It couldn't be such a coincidence...

Chapter 795 Xu Nian's Scheming

Xu Nian and Han Xiaoxiao both wore expressions of embarrassment on their faces.

Just by hearing that noise, they knew what had happened.

So the two of them immediately flew to a hidden spot and secluded themselves.

Right after they hid themselves, two shadowy figures stealthily appeared where they had just been.

Xu Nian and Han Xiaoxiao were both startled.

Because they realized that one of these two individuals was someone they both actually knew.

A man and a woman.

That's right, the woman was indeed an Inner Sect Disciple of the Lingxi Sect.

Ranked tenth on the Rouge List, Xie Baishi.

As for the man, Xu Nian was somewhat unfamiliar with him.

He could be certain that he had never seen him before.

However, the Cultivation of the pair was indeed very formidable.

This Xie Baishi, like Han Xiaoxiao, was a mighty Early Stage Level Cave Void expert.

As for this young man, he had already reached the Middle-stage of the Cave Void Realm.

And his age seemed to be not much different from that of Han Xiaoxiao and Xie Baishi.

"He is the second-ranked talent of the Tianxing Sect, Yuwen Gong, and he is also the seventh on the Tianlan continent's talent list," Han Xiaoxiao's telepathic message rang out in Xu Nian's mind.

"The second talent of the Tianxing Sect? Yuwen Gong, I see!" Xu Nian suddenly said to himself.

He had not expected that this youth would be from the Tianxing Sect.

"What is this talent list?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"This so-called talent list, also known as the Hidden Dragon List, includes all the young prospects below the age of thirty-six, with higher rankings indicating greater potential," Han Xiaoxiao explained.

Xu Nian nodded and asked with a smile, "Then what is your ranking on the talent list?"

"Tenth!" Han Xiaoxiao said somewhat embarrassedly, then remembered something and continued telepathically, "But I feel like you should be on the list, at least in the top five, or even top three!"

Xu Nian just smiled indifferently at Han Xiaoxiao's words.

He had no interest in that so-called talent list.

Moreover, his goal was not just the minor Tianlan continent, but the entire Cultivation World.

"This Yuwen Gong having a secret rendezvous with Xie Baishi from your Sect late at night, I'm afraid it's not that simple," Xu Nian said with a smile through telepathy.

Han Xiaoxiao nodded; she too had not expected that Xie Baishi would end up associating with Yuwen Gong of the Tianxing Sect.

But the conversation that followed between the two ignited fury within her.

"Brother Yuwen, slow down; there's no need to hurry," Xie Baishi said coyly.

"Sister Bai Xi, you're just too beautiful, I'm really about to be enchanted to death by you," Yuwen Gong said eagerly.

"Hmph, haven't you always been thinking about Han Xiaoxiao? How could you be captivated by me!" Xie Baishi said, pretending to be angry.

A blush tinted her snow-white skin, which under the moonlight, appeared exceptionally beautiful and moving.

"What nonsense. Although Han Xiaoxiao is beautiful, isn't she out of reach? A delicacy that can't be enjoyed, no matter how beautiful, is worthless," Yuwen Gong said with a sly grin.

"So you're saying, Brother Yuwen, you still want to 'eat' Han Xiaoxiao!" Xie Baishi said with a bewitching smile.

"Of course, which man in the world wouldn't? But right now, I want to 'eat' you even more!" Yuwen Gong said with a face full of wicked smiles, speaking lasciviously.

Xie Baishi laughed gleefully, continuing seductively, "Don't rush, I'll eventually be yours. But before that happens, we need to talk things through. I can let you thoroughly enjoy yourself, but you need to help me take the lead in the grand ceremony."

"Oh? How do you plan to take it?" Yuwen Gong, now interested, asked.

"At this grand event, any youth under the age of thirty-six can sign up to participate. I want you to join and defeat Han Xiaoxiao for me, and then deliberately lose to me. This way, I might be able to inherit the legacy of the Bai Xi Sword Immortal and also secure the position of the Sect Master's Direct Disciple," said Xie Baishi.

"That might be difficult, don't you think? The inheritance of the Bai Xi Sword Immortal is extremely prestigious. Do you really think you're a match for it?" Yuwen Gong said with a smirk.

Xie Baishi's eyebrows knitted together, and he coldly replied, "I'll add another condition. As long as you help me come out on top, I'll make sure Han Xiaoxiao is yours."

"Are you serious?" Yuwen Gong's eyes lit up immediately.

One Xie Baishi might not be enough, but add Han Xiaoxiao into the equation, and it was totally worth it.

"Of course, I'm serious. As long as you agree to help me, I will be yours tonight, to do with as you please," Xie Baishi said seductively, her eyes nearly stealing one's soul.

Her exaggerated figure made Yuwen Gong's mind waver even more.

"Good, it's a deal!" Yuwen Gong was overjoyed and immediately pounced on Xie Baishi, sending her to the ground.

What followed was a vivid erotic spectacle.

Xu Nian and Han Xiaoxiao stood on a distant tree, witnessing the scene unfold before them.

Both felt a wave of embarrassment, and the atmosphere was charged with an awkward intimacy.

Occasionally, moans that made their scalps tingle could be heard.

About a little more than two hours passed.

Only then did Yuwen Gong and Xie Baishi leave, looking satisfied.

Xu Nian and Han Xiaoxiao also emerged from the darkness once more.

Both were exceedingly embarrassed.

Having watched the 'scenery' for over two hours, they now found it difficult to look each other in the eyes.

Especially Xu Nian, who felt a devilish fire stirring within him at that moment.

Han Xiaoxiao's face was also flushed and burning hot.

"It seems like winning first place won't be easy for you this time. With Yuwen Gong participating in the event, it's a disadvantage for you," Xu Nian took the opportunity to find a topic to break the awkward silence.

Han Xiaoxiao nodded, acknowledging that Yuwen Gong was a formidable force.

Even now, she would still find it quite challenging to face him.

She had already been somewhat worried that people from the Hidden Dragon List might join the competition.

Now, she hadn't expected Xie Baishi to resort to selling her body to convince Yuwen Gong to team up with her.

Even less did she expect that Xie Baishi would actually use her as a bargaining chip.

"No, I must tell my Master about this!" Han Xiaoxiao clenched her fist, her eyes filled with anger.

However, Xu Nian shook his head and said, "You could tell your Master, but I don't think now is the time. Rest assured, since I've already been helping you for so long, I might as well see it through. I'll take care of Yuwen Gong for you, and when the time comes, you just need to deal with Xie Baishi."

"You'll take care of Yuwen Gong for me?" Han Xiaoxiao looked utterly astonished.

Yuwen Gong was a master of the Middle-stage Cave Void Realm.

And yet, this youth had only just broken through to the Zifu Middle-stage. How could he help her with Yuwen Gong?

Seeing the surprise on Han Xiaoxiao's face, Xu Nian just smiled and said, "You'll see when the time comes."

Han Xiaoxiao had her doubts.

She also felt that reporting Xie Baishi at this moment might not be wise.

"Here, take this. After the grand event, a good show is likely to take place!" Xu Nian laughed as he tossed a crystal ball to her.

"What is this?" Han Xiaoxiao asked, her face full of surprise.

Xu Nian chuckled and replied, "I thought the scene just now was too good to miss, so I conveniently recorded their images in this Light and Shadow Ball."

"Ah!" Han Xiaoxiao gasped, her pretty face turning red once again.

Looking at Xu Nian, she realized that this youth seemed even more scheming than she had imagined.

Chapter 796 Prelude to the Grand Ceremony

Time swiftly passed, and nine days had gone by.

Just one day remained before the grand event of the Lingxi Sect.

At this juncture, the Lingxi Sect became incredibly lively.

The invited guests had almost all arrived at the Lingxi Sect.

During this time, Xu Nian also met the people from the Tianxing Sect.

Situ Chen did not seem to make an appearance.

However, Lin Ya did come here.

Accompanying her were Yuwen Gong and an elderly man.

It looked like this elderly man was an Elder from the Tianxing Sect.

Of course, considering they were at the Lingxi Sect, they were not in a position to cause any trouble.

So the Elder and Yuwen Gong merely gave Xu Nian a cold glance and then paid him no more attention.

But Xu Nian knew that the Elder from the Tianxing Sect had developed killing intent.

As soon as he left the Lingxi Sect, he would face the peril of assassination.

Xu Nian did not care about this.

He didn't mind playing their game to the end if the Tianxing Sect wanted to play.

Apart from the Tianxing Sect, Xu Nian also encountered Rashamon City Lord Xuanyuan Qingling.

It had only been half a month since he had seen her last, and Xuanyuan Qingling's Cultivation had significantly improved.

She had now reached the Middle-stage Cave Void Level.

Her arrival naturally attracted many onlookers.

After all, she was the beauty ranked fifth on the Rouge List.

And if it weren't for her usually low profile, in terms of beauty and temperament, she was no less than the Four Great Beauties.

Xuanyuan Qingling's strength increase was, of course, related to Xu Nian.

The Immortal Technique he had given her had been of great help.

However, when she met Xu Nian, she did not greet him.

It wasn't that she didn't want to, but rather that there was a bothersome person following her.

Xu Nian also took notice of the young man accompanying Xuanyuan Qingling.

This young man appeared to be around thirty years old, handsome, suave, and also quite strong.

He had already achieved the Late Stage Cave Void Level in Cultivation.

Reaching the Late Stage Cave Void by the age of thirty proved that he was truly a talent.

However, this person carried an arrogant air, looking down upon everyone with disdain.

"He is Guan Yun, ranked sixth on the potential list, and possesses great talent in Fire Attribute Profound Argumentation," explained Zhang Lin to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian nodded in acknowledgement.

So this is another talent from the talent list.

No wonder he's so arrogant.

That said, this guy's strength was even above Yuwen Gong's.

Upon hearing Zhang Lin's words, Xu Nian finally understood why Xuanyuan Qingling pretended not to know him.

It seemed that Guan Yun was pursuing Xuanyuan Qingling.

And clearly, Guan Yun was the type with an extremely narrow mind.

If Xuanyuan Qingling showed familiarity with Xu Nian, it would undoubtedly provoke Guan Yun's displeasure.

Xuanyuan Qingling did not want to cause unnecessary trouble for Xu Nian, so she simply acted as if she did not know him.

Xu Nian was quite pleased with Xuanyuan Qingling's actions.

At least it showed that his help had not been in vain.

Apart from Xuanyuan Qingling, Xu Nian had also seen members from the Heavenly Array Sect.

This time, the representatives from the Heavenly Array Sect seemed few in number.

Only three.

One was a young man who looked to be about twenty-seven or twenty-eight years old, with his Cultivation presumably at the Early Stage Cave Void.

He was handsome and possessed an extraordinary temperament.

But what caught Xu Nian's attention was the beautiful woman beside the young man.

This woman's appearance didn't lose out to Han Xiaoxiao and Xuanyuan Qingling in the slightest.

Her figure was also perfect beyond words.

But what surprised Xu Nian the most was that this woman had already reached the Middle-stage Cave Void Level of cultivation.

If Xu Nian wasn't mistaken, she was the Bai Lingxue from the Heavenly Array Sect.

She was also ranked ninth on the genius list.

Her rank was even higher than that of Han Xiaoxiao.

Other than Bai Lingxue and that young man, there was a middle-aged man.

This middle-aged man was not weak either, having reached the Harmonization Peak Level.

Clearly, he was the Elder responsible for this time's team attending the Spirit Rhinoceros Sword Sect ceremony.

Xu Nian didn't go over to greet them.

After all, he was just a disciple in name of the Dark God Island Master.

At most, he was half a person of the Heavenly Array Sect.

And Hong Xiang was the true disciple of the Dark God Island Master.

If one were to talk about seniority, this Elder should probably address Hong Xiang as his ancestral master.

However, Hong Xiang had no intentions of returning to the Heavenly Array Sect, so she too didn't step forward to reveal her identity.

As a result, Xu Nian and his group naturally blended into the crowd.

They didn't attract the attention of the Heavenly Array Sect.

It was Bai Lingxue who, because of Xu Nian's probing gaze, responded by giving him a glance.

From her look, Xu Nian clearly felt a chill.

"Just as the rumors described, so aloof! No wonder men around the world are fascinated by her. A woman like this indeed sparks a man's desire to conquer," Xu Nian said, shaking his head with a smile.

"That's certainly true. Bai Lingxue's coldness is well-known. Big brother, you probably don't know how many men have fallen under her pomegranate dress, yet no one has been able to touch even the hem of her garment," Zhang Lin said wistfully, his eyes revealing a longing.

"What's there to be subdued about? With that sort of arrogance, she just needs to be dragged to bed and given a good beating, and she'll behave," Xu Nian joked with a laugh.

"Only you, big brother, would dare to say such a thing," Zhang Lin immediately gave a thumbs up.

Xu Nian smiled faintly.

But at that moment, Xu Nian suddenly felt a chilling killing intent.

He abruptly looked up, only to find that this killing intent had come from the cold woman he had spoken of.

Xu Nian awkwardly touched his nose, making a rascal-like face as he looked around.

Bai Lingxue's eyes flickered with disgust, and then she no longer paid attention to this impudent rascal.

Xu Nian watched Bai Lingxue walk away, finally letting out a sigh of relief.

He had only made that comment offhandedly and hadn't expected Bai Lingxue to actually hear it.

Considering that this was the Lingxi Sect's territory, she might have already taken action if it weren't.

Zhang Lin then burst into a bad laugh.

Clearly, he was mocking how even a demon like Xu Nian could be put in his place.

"By the way, Zhang Lin, where are the people from your Zhang Family? Why haven't I seen them? Have they not arrived yet?" Xu Nian didn't want to dwell on this issue and quickly changed the topic.

"They've arrived. But because of Duan Tianya's matter, our Zhang Family and the Duan Family had some disputes. Currently, the Duan Family is trying to form an alliance with the Lin Family to suppress our Zhang Family, and my father is worrying about this," said Zhang Lin, his mood dampened.

Xu Nian's eyebrows knitted together, "Wasn't Duan Tianya killed by me? What does it have to do with your Zhang Family?"

"Boss, you might not be aware, but since the Duan Family is suspicious of your identity, they don't dare to deal with you rashly. So, they are deliberately taking advantage of the situation, pushing the blame onto me. Right now, our Zhang Family is facing enemies on both fronts," Zhang Lin sighed.

Xu Nian immediately understood the situation.

It was likely due to him creating momentum with his identity from the Heavenly Court, coupled with the extermination of the Feng Family.

Which made the Duan Family wary.

Thus, the Duan Family didn't dare to trouble him and instead blamed everything on the Zhang Family.

Their goal was probably to unite with the Lin Family to swallow up the Zhang Family.

"Interesting. Tell your father when you get back that if the Duan Family comes after your Zhang Family, I, Xu Nian, won't stand idly by," Xu Nian said to Zhang Lin with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Zhang Lin's eyes lit up instantly.

He immediately said, "Alright, I'll go tell my father right away!"

Then, he hurriedly ran off.

Xu Nian watched Zhang Lin run off with a faint smile.

Let him stir up the storms on this Tianlan continent!

Chapter 797 It Might Be Because I'm Too Handsome

Soon, the tenth day arrived.

Today also marks the three-thousand-year anniversary of the Spirit Rhinoceros Sword Sect aside from its founding and establishment.

The ceremony is being held atop the largest peak of the Spirit Rhinoceros Sword Sect.

There is an enormous square on this peak, with an area of several hundred thousand square meters.

And at this moment, the square was crowded with people.

In addition to the thousands of disciples of the Lingxi Sect, there were also some guests who had been invited to attend the ceremony.

Of course, on the outer perimeter of the square, there were also some Loose Cultivators and smaller forces from various places who had come.

How could they easily miss such a lively and grand occasion?

Furthermore, this place was gathering four beauties from the Rouge List.

Just the presence of the four great Rouge List beauties was enough to make their trip worthwhile.

Because Xu Nian and the others had invitations, they were also arranged to sit at the front.

They could clearly see the scene on the square.

Of course, the appearance of Xu Nian and his companions also drew the attention of the major forces around them.

Some were curious, others scornful.

Of course, there was also anger.

Xu Nian turned a blind eye to all of this.

"Hum!"

Just then, the sound of three sharp swords piercing through the sky was heard.

Then, everyone saw three sharp swords cutting across the sky and eventually hovering above the heads of the crowd.

And on these three sharp swords, there stood three elders.

"Sword Flight, isn't that the unique Sword Flight technique of the Lingxi Sect? I heard it can cover ten thousand miles in a single day, with extremely fast speed," someone in the crowd exclaimed.

Clearly, they were surprised by the means of these three elders.

Xu Nian was also somewhat astonished.

Sword Flight, this indeed was a type of Sword Dao body skill.

It was said to have been created by the Bai Xi Sword Immortal, extremely brilliant.

"Look, that's our Sect Master, the Great Elder, and the Second Elder of our sect," the disciples of the Spirit Rhinoceros Sword Sect also began to get excited.

These three held very high status in the Spirit Rhinoceros Sword Sect.

Naturally, they were much adored.

The disciples of the Lingxi Sect were extremely excited as the three appeared.

Xu Nian also sized up the three elders in the sky.

He found that he could not see through the cultivation of these three people.

"Three at the Peak of Heavenly Phenomenon Level, that should be the overt strength of the Spirit Rhinoceros Sword Sect," Xuan Hong spoke up.

Xu Nian nodded.

Three experts at the Peak of Heavenly Phenomenon were indeed not low for the Three Great Sects.

Of course, just as Xuan Hong had said, that should be the overt strength of the Lingxi Sect.

It was unknown whether there were any hidden experts at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage lurking in the dark.

"Gentlemen, welcome all to the Lingxi Sect. Today is the three-thousand-year anniversary ceremony of the founding of our Lingxi Sect. It truly gladdens our sect to have everyone here to grace this occasion," the leading elder among the three said.

His voice was loud and full of vigor.

Clad in a white robe, fluttering in the wind.

He appeared exceptionally otherworldly and full of the essence of the Tao.

And his words were especially moving.

As soon as these words were spoken, the entire venue erupted into cheers.

The elderly man extended a hand and pressed down.

The crowd once again fell silent.

"Since everyone is here to participate in the grand ceremony of the Lingxi Sect, I won't say much. Let's get straight to the point," said the elderly man.

The surrounding audience was full of excitement.

"Presumably everyone knows that the founder of our Lingxi Sect, Bai Xi Sword Immortal, established our lineage, and his mastery of the Sword Dao has been unsurpassed for three thousand years. But before his ascension, he had made an ambitious vow, wishing for every Sword Cultivator in the world to reach Great Success in the Sword Dao, shattering the void and ascending to Sword Immortal," Sect Master Yun Qingyang said.

"What an ambitious vow, 'for everyone to reach Great Success in the Sword Dao', shattering the void!" Xu Nian exclaimed with admiration.

He hadn't expected that Bai Xi Sword Immortal would harbor such lofty aspirations.

But the path of cultivation depends on innate talent, and this is especially true for Sword Cultivators.

Otherwise, it would be very difficult to make any significant achievements on the path of the Sword Dao.

"I'm sure everyone also knows how difficult the path of a Sword Cultivator is. His wish is hard to fulfill. Even the legacy of Sword Dao he left behind has not been inherited by anyone for three thousand years. We are very much ashamed," continued Yun Qingyang.

There was a moment of silence below.

Was the legacy of Bai Xi Sword Immortal really so difficult to inherit?

That no one had succeeded in three thousand years?

"In order not to let his grand wish be buried, our Lingxi Sect has decided to open our Sword King Pavilion to the entire Tianlan Continent. All geniuses under the age of thirty-six can participate in the contest. The top three will be granted access to the Sword King Pavilion and the qualification to receive Bai Xi Sword Immortal's legacy. If a Loose Cultivator wins the inheritance, we will not have any complaints. If it is one of our Sect's Disciples, I will appoint him as my Direct Disciple and the candidate for the next Sect Master," said Yun Qingyang.

The disciples of the Lingxi Sect gasped upon hearing this.

The Sect Master's Direct Disciple, the candidate for the next Sect Master?

This was simply too tempting!

The disciples of the Lingxi Sect were their blood boiling, each clenching their fists.

It seemed they wanted to fight for their chance.

The Loose Cultivators were also extremely excited.

For them, the legacy of Bai Xi Sword Immortal was an invaluable treasure.

"This Lingxi Sect is really generous, to actually be willing to offer Bai Xi Sword Immortal's legacy," said Xu Nian with a smile.

Although in the end it might not be taken by others, it's the unexpected that one fears.

"Boss, do you want to give it a try? I feel like if you make a move, the legacy will definitely be yours," Bu Keng patted Xu Nian's shoulder and said.

"Right, I also believe you have a chance, Boss. Although your cultivation is a bit low, your strength is terrifyingly powerful. Now that you've broken through to the Zifu Middle-stage, I really can't be sure how strong you are," Zhang Lin also followed with emotion.

Zhang Lin admired Xu Nian from the bottom of his heart.

Xu Nian just smiled and said, "I definitely plan to participate, but as for the inheritance, I'm not particularly interested. Have you guys noticed that there is bound to be a great show at today's ceremony?"

Saying this, Xu Nian looked in the direction of Han Xiaoxiao.

And at that moment, Han Xiaoxiao was also looking at Xu Nian.

Their eyes met, and Han Xiaoxiao couldn't help but remember the events of that night, her face flushing red.

This scene was caught by Bu Keng and Zhang Lin standing nearby.

Both widened their eyes, showing surprised expressions.

Then, they asked severely as if to extort a confession, "Boss, do you know Han Xiaoxiao?"

"I don't know her!" Xu Nian answered with a smile.

However, Bu Keng and Zhang Lin clearly didn't believe him, obviously thinking Xu Nian was lying.

"Boss, you're lying to us. I clearly saw you and Han Xiaoxiao making eye contact, and she even showed a shy expression. Are you saying you two don't know each other?" Bu Keng said disbelievingly.

Zhang Lin also nodded in agreement, obviously supporting Bu Keng's view.

Xu Nian simply laughed softly and said, "Really, I don't know her. Maybe it's just because I'm too handsome?"

Zhang Lin and Bu Keng both rolled their eyes.

If it weren't for the fact that they couldn't defeat Xu Nian, they really would have liked to tear him apart!

Chapter 798 Making an Appearance One After Another

Xu Nian was at a loss when it came to Bu Keng and Zhang Lin, these two lecherous fellows.

Had he told them that he was meeting with Han Xiaoxiao in the bamboo grove every evening,

and had experienced such a wonderful scene,

these two guys would definitely beat their chests and stomp their feet, frustrated enough to cough up blood.

They might even grab Xu Nian and demand to know the full story.

So Xu Nian still insisted he did not know Han Xiaoxiao.

Bu Keng and Zhang Lin were half-convinced and eventually stopped questioning further.

After all, they reasoned, how could Xu Nian, a man from the Lost Land, possibly know Han Xiaoxiao.

So the two of them babbled on, discussing whether Han Xiaoxiao was better looking than Bai Lingxue, or perhaps Xuanyuan Qingling was more charming?

Xu Nian shook his head helplessly; these two were indeed a pair of living treasures.

But soon, Xu Nian no longer paid attention to these two.

For the competition of the Spirit Rhinoceros Sword Sect's Holy Scripture was about to begin.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I've said all that needs to be said. Next, we will officially commence the Holy Scripture event. All young men and women under the age of thirty-six who wish to participate, please come to the central battle platform," Yun Qingyang continued to speak.

Upon these words, the area around burst into cheers.

Then they saw figures flitting down from the stands, rapidly falling onto the battle platform.

In an instant, over a hundred figures appeared on the battle platform.

All of these youths were at Zifu Level,

and even Middle-stage Zifu were very rare.

Because of such a selection process,

without Late-stage Zifu or even Peak Level strength,

one would simply be making up the numbers.

Therefore, each of these youths on stage was outstanding.

"Look, isn't that Wong Tian, the genius of the Lingxi Sect, getting on stage?" someone in the crowd exclaimed.

Xu Nian looked into the distance.

He saw a youth in Inner Sect Disciple attire of Spirit Rhinoceros Sword Sect leaping up to the platform.

This person was dashing and graceful, with eyebrows sharp as swords.

His appearance immediately attracted the attention of many Lingxi Sect disciples,

particularly the female disciples, whose eyes were sparkling.

Xu Nian smiled slightly. It seemed Wong Tian was quite popular in the Lingxi Sect!

Wong Tian, the number one genius disciple of the Lingxi Sect.

He was also ranked eighth on the prodigy list,

even two places higher than Han Xiaoxiao.

Wong Tian's cultivation was not low; clearly, he had reached the Middle-stage Cave Void.

Originally, Han Xiaoxiao was no match for him,

but after Xu Nian's guidance during this time, it was uncertain who would win.

"Wow, Xie Baishi has also made an appearance, and it seems her strength has improved a lot. Tsk-tsk, her impressive figure truly makes one unable to stop," another voice of admiration came from afar.

They saw Xie Baishi wearing a fiery red dress, turning into a graceful shadow on the battle platform.

Her arrival naturally caught the attention of many.

Of course, what the crowd was more focused on was her fair and proud figure.

Xie Baishi seemed proud of the attention she was drawing,

thoroughly enjoying the animal-like gazes of those around her.

She even threw a provocative look at Han Xiaoxiao in the distance.

Xu Nian smiled faintly.

This kind of woman was utterly vile,

selling her body and soul to achieve her goals.

Frankly, such a woman really didn't interest him in the slightest.

Han Xiaoxiao also felt the provocation from Xie Baishi.

She couldn't help but think of Xie Baishi, and the schemes of that night.

Therefore, she also stepped directly onto the Void, drifting towards the Battle Platform.

Her figure seemed like a dragonfly skimming the water, graceful as a startled swan.

Her white dress drew a bright arc in the air.

"So beautiful, so fairy-like, just like a fairy descending to earth!"

"Yes, if I could get a smile from Fairy Xiaoxiao, I would gladly trade ten years of my life."

"Too beautiful, truly worthy of being the fourth on the Rouge List, such an aura of Immortal Qi is not something Xie Baishi can compare with."

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The surrounding Lingxi Sect disciples were all buzzing with conversation.

Even the cultivators who had come to watch were enthralled.

The attention that had originally been on Xie Baishi,

had now swiftly shifted to Han Xiaoxiao.

Not only were the men captivated, but even the female cultivators felt inferior.

Xie Baishi, watching this scene, felt venom surge deep in her eyes.

Looking at Han Xiaoxiao, her eyes filled with intense jealousy.

Of course, what angered her the most was that Yuwen Gong, who had been diligently courting her these past two days, was now looking at Han Xiaoxiao with infatuation.

This made her fury towards Han Xiaoxiao soar to new heights.

"Junior Sister Xiaoxiao, have you made advance in your strength?" Wong Tian looked at Han Xiaoxiao descending onto the Battle Platform, asking amiably.

Han Xiaoxiao merely nodded slightly.

Wong Tian wasn't offended and smiled, "Then in this tournament, there must be a place for Junior Sister Xiaoxiao among the top three."

Han Xiaoxiao remained calm and didn't say a word to Wong Tian.

Wong Tian knew to keep quiet,

but still obediently stood behind Han Xiaoxiao.

This scene, seen through the eyes of Xie Baishi, inflamed her jealousy even more.

"Whoosh!"

At this moment, another figure drifted down onto the Battle Platform.

This one appeared quite young.

"Is he Xing Yu from the Heavenly Array Sect? It is said that he is only twenty-four, but he has already reached the Early Stage Cave Void, a remarkable genius of the Heavenly Array Sect. I didn't expect him to join this grand event."

"It seems he's here to gain experience, after all, the Heavenly Array Sect specializes in formations, not in swordsmanship."

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Discussions continued all around.

Xu Nian also watched the youth arriving on the Battle Platform, taking note of the name in his heart.

But he sighed with relief as well.

At least Bai Lingxue didn't take action.

Otherwise, the outcome of this grand event would be hard to predict.

"Boom!"

Just then, another figure plummeted onto the Battle Platform like thunder.

Zhang Lin's eyes immediately lit up, and he quickly said to Xu Nian beside him, "Boss, look, that's my big brother Zhang Lei. His strength has reached the Peak Vajra Realm. How about that, isn't he impressive?"

Xu Nian looked towards Zhang Lei in the distance and nodded appreciatively.

Zhang Lin's big brother was indeed impressive.

He was only a step away from reaching the Wanxiang Realm, the second realm of Body Cultivation.

Looking at Zhang Lei's face,

despite his burly stature, he wore a gentle smile.

He came across as very approachable.

"Hmph!"

However, at that moment, a cold snort came from another direction.

Then a figure shot upwards towards the Battle Platform like lightning.

The person wasn't particularly tall, but exuded an air of dominance.

And his face bore a strong resemblance to Duan Tianya, whom Xu Nian had slain.

"Is that Duan Tianya's brother, Duan Tianhai?" Xu Nian immediately recognized the newcomer.

This person was indeed the eldest son of the Duan Family, with strength already at the Early Stage Cave Void.

Chapter 799 The Whistling of the Wind Before the Storm

"Duan Tianhai actually broke through to the Cave Void Realm, am I seeing things?"

"You're not seeing things, he really has broken through to the Cave Void Realm, and his aura is strong, too. It seems he must have made the breakthrough some time ago."

"He's only thirty-two years old. Doesn't that mean he's qualified to enter the list of geniuses?"

"It's a bit difficult, even if he has broken through to the Cave Void Realm. He might not be a match for Han Xiaoxiao. However, now that he's made this breakthrough, Zhang Lei, who used to be a notch above him, is probably going to be left behind."

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With Duan Tianhai's appearance, a buzz of discussions immediately erupted from all around.

They were not unfamiliar with the talents from the Four Great Families.

The Feng Family was annihilated, and the Lin Family only had a single daughter.

As for the remaining Zhang and Duan Families, they naturally attracted the most attention.

Now that Duan Tianya was dead, all eyes that followed the Duan Family naturally fell upon Duan Tianhai.

And the one often mentioned alongside Duan Tianhai was naturally Zhang Lei.

Zhang Lei himself was frowning at this moment.

He hadn't expected that Duan Tianhai had already broken through to the Early Stage Cave Void.

As such, his advantage of being unbeatable in the same realm of Body Cultivation no longer existed.

He might even be suppressed by Zhang Lei instead.

"Hmph, Zhang Lei, my brother died because of your Zhang Family. Today, I will make your Zhang Family pay the price." As soon as Duan Tianhai stepped onto the Battle Platform, he directly declared war on Zhang Lei.

Zhang Lei's frown deepened upon hearing this.

However, as the eldest son of the Zhang Family, he naturally would not submit and immediately responded, "I'm ready whenever you are!"

Duan Tianhai gave a scornful laugh.

Up in the stands, Zhang Lin was also deeply frowning.

Inner anxiety burned within him.

If his brother really faced Duan Tianhai, he was afraid there would be significant trouble.

"Don't worry, I've got this!"

However, just then, Zhang Lin felt a pat on his shoulder.

Turning his head, he saw Xu Nian smiling at him.

He was stunned for a moment, then nodded emphatically.

He trusted Xu Nian completely.

So when Xu Nian said he had it, he believed his brother would be fine.

"Ha ha, have all the people arrived? It's my turn to enter the scene!"

A cheerful laugh sounded.

Then the crowd saw a figure arriving on a trail of fire.

Like a ball of flame, he appeared directly on the Battle Platform.

"Yuwen Gong? Is he going to participate too?"

"Yeah, if he participates, wouldn't he easily take first place?"

The surrounding crowd all revealed faces of surprise.

Clearly, they hadn't expected Yuwen Gong of the Tianxing Sect to choose to participate in this Holy Scripture.

He was the second talent of the Tianxing Sect, ranked seventh on the list of geniuses.

The faces of Zhang Lei, Duan Tianhai, and Wong Tian on the Battle Platform all changed.

Yuwen Gong joining was like bullying, wasn't it?

With his strength, no one present was a match for him!

Yet Yuwen Gong seemed to thoroughly enjoy the surprised looks from everyone.

His face was filled with absolute arrogance.

He even glanced at Han Xiaoxiao, hoping to see a look of surprise in her eyes.

However, Han Xiaoxiao didn't even spare him a glance.

This stirred a surge of anger deep within Yuwen Gong.

"Hmph, you arrogant woman, let's see how long you can maintain your arrogance, soon you will submit to my authority just like Xie Baishi," Yuwen Gong sneered inwardly.

The arena continued to be noisy.

Next, a few more figures swept onto the Battle Platform.

However, this time, there were no particularly impressive contenders.

Xu Nian felt it was about time, so he took a step forward.

"Boss, are you going to make a move now? But why didn't you go out earlier?" Zhang Lin noticed Xu Nian's action and immediately asked excitedly, confusion also evident in his eyes.

"You don't understand, do you? The big shots usually appear last, ever heard of 'One move to determine the outcome'? That's our Boss," Bu Keng immediately said with contempt towards Zhang Lin.

"So that's how it is, the Boss is truly the Boss, such an imposing presence," Zhang Lin immediately praised.

Xu Nian, however, helplessly shook his head.

His late entry was purely due to his personality, preferring to keep a low profile.

How it became high profile in Bu Keng's mouth was beyond him.

Indeed, Bu Keng and Zhang Lin's words had caught the attention of many.

People around began to look in Xu Nian's direction.

Apart from the Lingxi Sect disciples and Loose Cultivators, the Family Heads of the Three Great Families, as well as people from the Tianxing Sect and Heavenly Array Sect, all turned their gaze towards Xu Nian.

Duan Tianhai's eyes turned colder still, a surge of killing intent welling up deep within his pupils.

As for Yuwen Gong, he glanced at Xu Nian and then showed a disdainful expression.

Zifu Middle-stage?

Dare to claim the first place with such Cultivation?

He's probably the last, right?

The others, after looking at Xu Nian's cultivation level, also showed disdainful expressions.

The only exception was Han Xiaoxiao in the crowd, who hooked the corner of her mouth into a faint, barely noticeably smile.

Fortunately, no one took notice of this detail, or it would have certainly shocked everyone.

Of course, not everyone was oblivious to it.

Bai Lingxue, standing in the distance, caught this scene.

The perceptively sharp Bai Lingxue immediately showed a look of surprise.

She remembered this young man.

The one who had made that rude remark yesterday, the one who wanted to drag her to bed and thrash her.

Originally, she thought he was just a clown.

But that slight smile on Han Xiaoxiao's face aroused her curiosity.

"Tch, a Zifu Middle-stage claiming he can take the first place, people these days really throw away their face just for a bit of fame," Guan Yun said with a thick tone of disdain, standing next to Xuanyuan Qingling.

Xuanyuan Qingling's brows unconsciously furrowed.

She was now a person of the Heavenly Court.

And Xu Nian was even the Heavenly Court Master.

Guan Yun's blatant disrespect for Xu Nian naturally made her dissatisfied.

"You're wrong, one must not judge some people just by their appearance, or you might find yourself being slapped in the face," Xuanyuan Qingling said coldly.

Guan Yun started, clearly not expecting his beloved woman to suddenly get angry.

Seeing Xuanyuan Qingling's expression, the cold indifference in her deep gaze made him even more uneasy.

"Qingling, what's wrong? Why did you suddenly get angry? Do you know this young man?" Guan Yun asked in confusion.

Xuanyuan Qingling, realizing her moment of agitation had aroused Guan Yun's suspicion, immediately responded, "I don't know him, but I just think he might be special, perhaps his strength isn't as simple as it appears to us."

"I thought you knew him. Even if he's a little special, how special can a Zifu Middle-stage be? Qingling, you're just overthinking," Guan Yun said with relief, smiling.

Xuanyuan Qingling's gaze turned colder, and she left Guan Yun with a remark that left him stunned.

"Guan Yun, maybe one day, you will die because of your own arrogance."

After saying that, Xuanyuan Qingling turned around and went to another viewing stand, distancing herself from Guan Yun.

Guan Yun was dumbfounded, not understanding why Xuanyuan Qingling would get angry without reason today.

Could it be that Xuanyuan Qingling was on her period these last few days?

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Xu Nian stepped onto the Battle Platform, his figure quickly floating down to land.

He didn't care about the mockery around him.

Originally, he wanted to keep a low profile, but now he had become so high-profile.

"Hey, brother, which faction are you from?"

Xu Nian flew to a corner of the Battle Platform.

A young man beside him chuckled.

Xu Nian glanced at the young man and found that his cultivation was only at the Late-stage Zifu level.

He could say that, compared to ordinary Zifu Middle-stage cultivators, there was no difference.

In the end, they would all be eliminated.

But Xu Nian was curious about this guy's initiative to greet him.

"Heavenly Court, what's the matter?" Xu Nian responded with a smile.

"Heavenly Court? Why does this name sound so familiar?" The young man muttered.

"Don't think too much, very few people know about the Heavenly Court faction." Xu Nian interrupted with a smile.

The young man also nodded, thinking that Heavenly Court might be some small faction.

Otherwise, how could he have never heard of a faction from Tianlan Continent?

"It doesn't matter, brother, I'm from Cloud Sky Sect. I joined this Holy Scripture not to qualify for the Sword King Pavilion inheritance and definitely not for some damned trial," the young man hurriedly said to Xu Nian.

"Then what is it for?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Come on, brother, aren't you just like us, here for Han Xiaoxiao and Xie Baishi? Do you really want to compete for the Sanjia slots?" The young man said disdainfully.

Xu Nian suddenly smiled helplessly upon hearing this.

Only then did he remember that he was just a Zifu Middle-stage level contestant in the eyes of others.

With such strength, he would only be at the bottom.

"I'm just curious and came to take a look. But you can just watch Han Xiaoxiao and Xie Baishi on the stands. Why come up here?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"You don't know? Of course, it's to have a chance to face Han Xiaoxiao and Xie Baishi. Even if you lose, just having the opportunity to spar with these two peerless beauties is something to show off. If you could have some physical contact with them, it would be worth it even if you get injured!" The young man said excitedly.

His eyes were filled with excitement and longing.

Xu Nian shook his head helplessly.

Originally, Han Xiaoxiao and Xie Baishi were no more than beautiful women.

But after being listed on the Rouge List, everything changed.

They suddenly became the most admired women by all the men in the continent.

This invisibly made their charm even greater and stirred the desire in men to conquer them.

So these people, like fish swimming upstream, wouldn't spare any cost just to get close to them.

Xu Nian himself had no thoughts on this.

In his eyes, Xie Baishi was no different from a brothel woman.

As for Han Xiaoxiao, Xu Nian had already spent a long time with her.

He even hand-taught her swordsmanship.

Naturally, he couldn't worship her.

"Brother, how about it? Are you tempted too? Let me tell you, the cultivators below the Cave Void Realm are almost all up here for this purpose. Otherwise, who would come up here to seek abuse?" The young man said to Xu Nian.

"What if you don't meet those two and instead encounter other powerful people?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

"Surrender!" The young man replied.

Xu Nian laughed instantly upon hearing this.

These guys were really cunning.

For them, the Lingxi Sect's Holy Scripture was just an opportunity to get close to their goddesses.

I wonder if the Bai Xi Sword Immortal would be still alive if he knew this.

"Everyone, since we're almost done, let's begin. The Great Elder will be the judge, and opponents will be determined by drawing lots. The matching numbers will decide the pairs, and the numbers also indicate the sequence of appearances," Yun Qingyang said.

Xu Nian nodded.

This lottery method was the least fair and the most fair method.

All opponents were determined by luck.

"Alright, without further ado, let's begin now!" Yun Qingyang said.

As he finished speaking, he waved his sleeve.

Suddenly, countless leaves floated down from the sky.

Everyone around him used their True Essence to absorb the leaves.

They all hoped to draw an opponent who wasn't too strong so they could advance further.

Xu Nian didn't care and casually grabbed a leaf floating in front of him.

The number on it was actually sixty-two.

"Last one?" Xu Nian showed a surprised expression.

He just noticed that there were one hundred twenty-four people in total.

Since he drew number sixty-two, it meant he would be the last to debut.

"Interesting, let's see who my opponent will be!" Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Uh, I'm number ten, meaning I'm the tenth to debut. Brother, what's your number?" The overly familiar young man asked as he approached Xu Nian.

Xu Nian directly showed him his number.

"Sixty-two, meaning you're the last to debut? Brother, you have such bad luck, you'll have to wait forever!" The young man said surprisedly.

Xu Nian smiled and said, "Who said being late is bad? Maybe I'll meet Han Xiaoxiao or Xie Baishi."

"True. I don't know who my opponent will be, but if I could meet them, it would be worth it even if I get heavily injured." The young man said excitedly.

"Everyone, since you've all drawn your numbers, let's start the competition. Those who drew number one remain; everyone else return to the stands and wait," Yun Qingyang said.

With these words, everyone around him quickly left the Battle Platform.

Xu Nian naturally returned to Bu Keng by their side.

The platform instantly had only two people left.

The sight of these two surprised the people around.

"No way! The first match is already this intense?"

Everyone around showed shocked expressions.

Xu Nian also revealed a trace of surprise and couldn't help but look at Zhang Lin at the side.

Zhang Lin frowned, eyes filled with tension.

Yes, the remaining ones were Zhang Lin's elder brother Zhang Yan.

And his opponent was Duan Tianhai from the Duan Family.

A fateful rivalry!

Two individuals who had been compared since childhood.

Now, they finally stood on the battle platform.

A decisive match.

No one expected this fateful rivalry to come so soon.

"Boss, how confident do you think my brother is?" Zhang Lin suddenly turned to Xu Nian and asked.

Xu Nian was taken aback, looking at Zhang Lin.

He saw the seriousness on his face, and instinctively frowned.

Spitting out two words: "Ten percent!"

