

Divine King 851

Chapter 851 I Have No Money

"Mr. Xu, are you really an artifact refiner?" Long Tian'er asked once again.

"Lady Tian'er, you've already asked me three times. I told you, I really am an artifact refiner," Xu Nian replied helplessly.

Ever since Long Tian'er heard he was an artifact refiner, she had asked three times in a row.

She just couldn't believe he was an artifact refiner.

"Mr. Xu, it's not that I don't believe you, but the title of artifact refiner is incredibly prestigious, especially a top-grade refiner. If you really are a top-grade refiner, not only would you not have to pay for anything at the VIP section of Heavenly Treasure Pavilion, but you would also be honored as a Supreme Merger," Long Tian'er explained.

"Why didn't you say so earlier?!" Xu Nian's eyes lit up immediately.

"How could I know you were an artifact refiner? But to be recognized as an artifact refiner by the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion, you have to forge a top-grade spiritual artifact according to their requirements. Only then can you prove your identity," Long Tian'er said.

"That's a piece of cake. By the way, does the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion have top-grade refining materials?" Xu Nian asked casually.

"Of course. The Heavenly Treasure Pavilion is known for having the most comprehensive collection of treasures, and the prices are fair. So if you want to buy refining materials, it's the best place to go," Long Tian'er replied.

"Let's go to the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion!" Xu Nian waved his hand grandly and started walking outside.

Long Tian'er quickly led the way, eager to see if Xu Nian was telling the truth.

Top-grade artifact refiner?

Such a young top-grade artifact refiner?

How could that be possible?

Very soon, Xu Nian and his companions arrived at the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion.

When Xu Nian saw the pavilion, he couldn't help but be stunned.

The scale of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion was beyond his imagination.

The entire pavilion's area could only be described as exaggerated.

It had three floors.

But the entire building resembled a giant beast sprawled out, like a small city.

The most crucial part was that the entire structure of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion was built with incredibly hard Black Dragon Stones.

Both durable and luxurious.

It evoked the impression of extraordinary wealth.

Upon entering the pavilion, Xu Nian was even more shocked by the inside.

The first floor's height was nearly twenty meters, and the length and width were extremely exaggerated.

To walk around the pavilion could take several hours.

Inside, an array of treasures was on display.

Items were categorized into different sections.

There were areas for spiritual medicines, spiritual artifacts, medicinal herbs, and artifact refining materials.

Various formations and cultivation techniques of all kinds were also available.

The first floor was open to everyone.

Therefore, the first floor was crowded.

Xu Nian followed Long Tian'er directly to the section for artifact refining materials.

"Sir, what do you need?" a beautiful female attendant at the counter greeted them as they approached.

"Oh? I need these materials. Please check if you have them?" Xu Nian handed over a beast skin scroll.

Before coming, Xu Nian had already listed the refining materials he needed.

Refining spiritual artifacts was different from making regular weapons. Generally, it required the fusion of multiple materials.

All these materials were precious and expensive.

The female attendant glanced at the beast skin scroll, then looked at Xu Nian again.

After repeatedly examining him, she asked, "Sir, are you sure you need the materials on this scroll?"

"Yes. Don't you have them?" Xu Nian nodded.

The female attendant was caught her breath in surprise but continued, "We do have these refining materials, but they are rare and expensive, and the quantity is quite large. I can't make the decision myself, so please wait a moment while I call the manager."

"Go ahead," Xu Nian waved his hand.

"Please wait here. I'll be right back," the female attendant said as she hurried away.

Long Tian'er was curious about what materials Xu Nian had asked for.

When she looked at the list on the beast skin scroll, she couldn't help but open her mouth in shock.

One hundred pounds of Blue Tear Gold.

One hundred pounds of Meteorite Ink Gold.

One hundred pounds of Thunderbolt Meteorite Iron.

One thousand pounds of Xuanyuan Jade Iron.

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Long Tian'er's eyes widened.

These rare materials were usually sold by the ounce.

This guy directly asked for pounds?

The Xuanyuan Jade Iron alone cost one hundred top-grade spirit stones per ounce.

One thousand pounds would be one million top-grade spirit stones.

Along with the other materials, it would cost several million top-grade spirit stones.

Didn't Xu Nian say he only had ten thousand top-grade spirit stones?

How could he afford so many materials?

When she looked at Xu Nian again, she found him calmly sitting there drinking tea.

He didn't show any signs of anxiety.

If she hadn't seen Xu Nian's capabilities, Long Tian'er might really consider leaving.

Otherwise, they might embarrass themselves if they were thrown out later.

Ordering so many rare materials without enough money would inevitably be seen as troublemaking.

Long Tian'er was restless.

Xu Nian smiled but didn't explain, maybe noticing her worry.

Soon, the female attendant returned, but this time with an elderly man.

This elderly man had white hair and beard, yet his skin was as tender as a baby's.

He wasn't deliberately emanating any aura, but he exuded a majestic presence.

His every move was intimidating.

Xu Nian was also surprised.

This elderly man was a peak-level Heavenly Phenomenon realm master.

Such strength meant he'd be the head of a sect on Tianlan Star.

Yet here, he was just a manager of the Heavenly Treasure Pavilion.

"Manager Liu, it's this gentleman who wants to buy those refining materials. Mr. Xu, this is our Manager Liu, you can talk to him," the female attendant introduced.

Manager Liu sized up Xu Nian.

Soon, a trace of disappointment appeared in his eyes.

Because this young man before him was too young.

And his cultivation was only at the early stage of Cave Void, far below Liu's expectations.

"Are you really sure you need the materials on this list?" Manager Liu picked up the beast skin scroll, looked at it, and asked Xu Nian.

His tone was neither warm nor cold.

"Yes!" Xu Nian smiled.

"Oh, I roughly calculated, and these materials would cost four and a half million top-grade spirit stones. If you truly intend to buy them, I can take off fifty thousand for you, so you only need to pay four million," Manager Liu said with a smile.

Then he stared at Xu Nian with sharp, sword-like eyes.

Long Tian'er also stared at Xu Nian, feeling amazed.

Four million top-grade spirit stones?

Where would they find so many?

Finished, they really might be thrown out.

Just when Long Tian'er hoped Xu Nian would pull off a miracle.

Xu Nian bluntly said, "I have no money!"

Long Tian'er swallowed, almost choking.

Chapter 852 Mid-grade Artifact Refiner

Manager Liu and the beautiful attendant were also stunned.

They didn't expect the young man in front of them to speak so straightforwardly.

They even doubted whether they had heard him wrong.

"Young Master, if you don't have enough money with you, I can give you a further discount. How many Spirit Stones do you have with you?" Manager Liu continued to ask.

"Ten thousand!" Xu Nian answered truthfully.

Long Tian'er almost passed out next to him.

Is this guy really planning to cause trouble?

Manager Liu and the beautiful attendant were also taken aback.

Ten thousand?

For Artifact Refining Materials worth 4.5 million, you only brought ten thousand Top-grade Spirit Stones?

Manager Liu's face immediately turned gloomy.

"Men, throw these two out!" Manager Liu immediately ordered.

Then several guards rushed in from outside the hall.

Long Tian'er felt bitter and speechless.

If she had known this would happen, she would never have brought Xu Nian here.

But when she looked at Xu Nian, she found him still maintaining a calm demeanor.

"Manager Liu, how many Top-grade Spirit Stones can a Supreme guest credit at your pavilion?" Xu Nian suddenly asked.

Manager Liu, who had already turned away, paused upon hearing the words "Supreme guest."

At Tianbao Pavilion, guests were divided into five levels: One-star guest, Two-star guest, Three-star guest, Supreme guest, and Star Level guest.

A Supreme guest was a highly distinguished client, second only to Star Level guests at Tianbao Pavilion.

Every guest of this type was someone with a noble identity and extraordinary status.

Could the young man in front of him be a Supreme guest?

But how is it possible?

There is only one Supreme guest on Cloud Thunder Star, and he knows him.

Could he be a noble descendant from another planet?

"Are you a Supreme guest?" Manager Liu asked uncertainly.

Xu Nian shook his head.

"Are you toying with me?" Manager Liu was instantly enraged.

The young man in front of him was clearly teasing him.

The beautiful attendant beside him also frowned, afraid that Xu Nian's offense to Manager Liu would result in her scolding as well.

She looked at Xu Nian with a blaming gaze.

"I'm not now, but I will be soon." Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Soon? Young man, do you know the requirements for becoming a Supreme guest?" Manager Liu asked coldly.

"No, but I'm willing to hear them." Xu Nian smiled.

"Hmph, since you want to know, I'll tell you. To become a One-star guest, you must pay ten thousand Top-grade Spirit Stones. For a Two-star guest, you need to pay one hundred thousand. A Three-star guest requires one million. As for a Supreme guest, you need to pay ten million Top-grade Spirit Stones, and for a Star Level guest, it doesn't matter how many Spirit Stones you pay; it must be personally granted by the Pavilion Master." Manager Liu explained.

"Is there another way? I heard that Alchemists, Artifact Refiners, and Array Masters can also become your esteemed guests." Xu Nian asked with a smile.

"Correct, our Tianbao Pavilion has this rule. Any Low Grade Alchemist, Artifact Refiner, or Array Master can become a Two-star guest. A Mid-grade becomes a Three-star guest, and so on." Manager Liu said.

"So a Top-grade Refiner can become a Supreme guest at your pavilion?" Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Yes! But do you know how rare Top-grade Refiners are? They are at least strong enough to undergo Tribulation Crossing; even a genius in Artifact Refining needs hundreds of years to reach the level of a Top-grade Refiner. Are you claiming to be a Top-grade Refiner?" Manager Liu sneered at Xu Nian.

If the young man in front of him really were a Top-grade Refiner.

Then his Peak of Heavenly Phenomenon realm would have to address him as Master.

After all, in the Cultivation World, there are many Low Grade and Mid-grade Refiners, but Top-grade Refiners are scarce.

As for Supreme Refiners, there are barely a handful throughout the Cultivation World.

"That's correct, I am a Top-grade Refiner." Xu Nian responded with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Manager Liu sneered: "Young man, do you think being a Refiner is something you can claim? You must undergo a test by Tianbao Pavilion."

"Proceed with the test." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Manager Liu was taken aback. How could this guy be so calm?

Could he really be a Top-grade Refiner?

"Fine, I'll call a Mid-grade Refiner from Tianbao Pavilion over. Then you'll have to refine an artifact in front of both him and me. If you can produce a Top-grade Spiritual Artifact, you'll qualify as a Supreme guest, and not only will I apologize, but these 4.5 million Artifact Refining Materials won't need to be credited; I'll give them to you directly. But if you can't, then you won't leave Tianbao Pavilion alive." Manager Liu said.

"Good, it's a deal." Xu Nian immediately agreed.

Manager Liu was surprised. Did this young man accept so quickly?

Long Tian'er was a bit worried.

Although she had heard Xu Nian claim to be a Top-grade Refiner.

She had never seen it for herself.

If Xu Nian failed to refine the artifact or made a mistake.

Wouldn't they be risking their lives?

"Someone, invite Bing Luo's guest to the rear hall." Manager Liu instructed the beautiful attendant next to him.

Then he addressed Xu Nian: "This place is too noisy for Artifact Refining. Why don't the two of you follow me to the rear hall?"

"Fine!" Xu Nian agreed straightforwardly.

Then he took Long Tian'er and followed Manager Liu to the rear hall.

Soon, Xu Nian and his companions were led to a large courtyard.

The courtyard had a very spacious area, suitable for Artifact Refining.

Refining Spiritual Artifacts would attract Heavenly Thunder.

So it must be done in a large area.

"Haha, Old Liu, I heard someone claimed to be a Top-grade Refiner? Let me see, where is this Top-grade Refiner?"

Just as Xu Nian and his party arrived at the rear hall.

A thunderous laughter echoed from outside the hall.

Then an old man dressed in luxurious attire walked into the courtyard, followed by the beautiful attendant, along with a richly dressed young man.

The young man was arrogant, clearly proud of his status.

"Another Peak of Heavenly Phenomenon?" Xu Nian said in surprise.

If he guessed correctly.

This elderly man should be Bing Luo's guest.

The Mid-grade Refiner.

As for the young man, he should be Bing Luo's disciple.

"It's him!" Manager Liu pointed at Xu Nian.

"Him?" The old man Bing Luo looked at Xu Nian, a mocking expression appearing on his face.

Then he turned to Manager Liu: "Old Liu, are you kidding me? This young man looks like he's not even a hundred years old. Even if he's a Refiner, he probably hasn't reached the level of a Low Grade Refiner yet. My disciple He Tu, you know him. He's definitely a genius in Artifact Refining, and even at one hundred thirty years old, he has just reached the level of Low Grade Spirit Artifact. You say this guy is a Top-grade Refiner? Ridiculous."

Artifact Refining requires rich experience to reach a certain level.

So Bing Luo's questioning of Xu Nian's age was not unfounded.

He Tu, the young man, also looked at Xu Nian with a mocking expression.

"It's not me who said it, but him. I didn't believe it either, so I invited you to be the witness!" Manager Liu explained.

"Oh? He wants to refine artifacts?" Bing Luo asked.

He turned to look at Xu Nian again, his eyes full of ridicule.

Chapter 853 Bing Luo's Shock

"Kid, you said you're a top-grade refiner?" Bing Luo looked at Xu Nian and asked with a smile.

"Yes!" Xu Nian nodded honestly.

Upon hearing this, Bing Luo sneered.

Before he could speak, the young man named He Tu behind him sneered and said, "Bragging also needs limits. If you're a top-grade refiner, then you would already be a top-grade artifact refiner."

He Tu would never believe this young man's nonsense.

He had cultivated in artifact refining for over a hundred years and had only reached the level of a low-grade artifact refiner.

Now this young man claimed he was a refiner.

How could this be possible?

"What if I really am a top-grade refiner?" Xu Nian also sneered at He Tu.

He never gets angry at such provocations; instead, he feels quite pleased.

Because each time, he can gain a considerable amount of benefits from it.

"If you are a top-grade refiner, then this piece of Red Bright Fire Gold in my hand will be yours. It is exceptional artifact material. But if you're not a top-grade refiner, you must not only kneel and call me 'grandfather' three times but also leave this woman beside you behind. How about it, dare to bet?" He Tu sneered.

This Red Bright Fire Gold was obtained from a relic.

Though only a palm-sized piece, it's worth millions of top-grade Spirit Stones.

Putting such a precious item as a wager is indeed a grand gesture.

Of course, he believed there's absolutely no way this young man is a top-grade refiner.

"Alright, I'll bet with you!" Xu Nian agreed without hesitation.

Long Tian'er instantly widened her eyes.

Xu Nian actually used her as a bet?

And he didn't even ask her opinion.

This made her speechless.

He Tu sneered upon hearing this.

He didn't think he would lose.

Bing Luo didn't stop his disciple's actions.

Because he also didn't believe the young man in front of him was a top-grade refiner.

No matter how talented a refiner may be, it's impossible to reach the level of a top-grade refiner without a hundred years of artifact refining.

Manager Liu, at this moment, felt a bit suspicious.

If this young man named Xu Nian was really just bragging, why would he agree to such a bet?

"Does anyone else want to raise the stakes?" Xu Nian smiled at Bing Luo and Manager Liu.

Manager Liu and others all had dark looks on their faces.

Of course, the most depressed one was Long Tian'er.

Now she could only hope that Xu Nian could actually forge a top-grade Spiritual Artifact in the end.

"Alright, since everything is clear, let's begin. I have a set of artifact refining materials and a weapon blueprint here. As long as you can forge the corresponding weapon according to the blueprint, and after Bing Luo's guest verifies it's a top-grade Spiritual Artifact, not only will the artifact be yours, but you will also become a supreme guest of Tianbao Pavilion. Do you have any objections?" Manager Liu asked.

"No problem!" Xu Nian agreed immediately.

Manager Liu nodded, then called a nearby beautiful maid to prepare the artifact refining materials.

Bing Luo and He Tu both sneered.

They wanted to see how this guy would forge a top-grade Spiritual Artifact.

Soon, the beautiful maid brought over the artifact refining materials.

And a weapon blueprint.

Xu Nian glanced at the blueprint, the corner of his mouth curling into a smile.

The weapon on this blueprint was a battle axe.

The requirements for battle axes aren't high, but they are not too simple either.

It's just average.

"Xu Nian, there are three sets of artifact refining materials prepared here. As long as you can forge a top-grade Spiritual Artifact before using up all three sets of materials, it will be considered a success." Manager Liu said again.

Artifact refining has a certain probability of failure. Once it fails, the whole set of materials becomes waste.

"No need, one set is sufficient." Xu Nian said with a smile.

"Arrogant!" Bing Luo snorted coldly.

Even with a hundred years of cultivation in artifact refining.

He still couldn't guarantee success every time while forging mid-grade Spiritual Artifacts.

This guy claimed he only needed one set of materials?

If this isn't arrogance, then what is?

"Alright, please start refining the artifact!" Manager Liu said.

After speaking, he stepped back, leaving the space for Xu Nian.

Long Tian'er also stepped back, but in her heart, she was silently praying for Xu Nian's success.

Xu Nian glanced at everyone, smiled, and then started picking up the metal materials.

"Wait a minute, where's your artifact furnace?" Bing Luo suddenly asked.

"Is an artifact furnace necessary for refining?" Xu Nian retorted.

Bing Luo was instantly speechless.

Even Manager Liu and Long Tian'er looked at Xu Nian with blank faces.

Even as outsiders, they knew that refining can't be done without an artifact furnace.

But this guy asked such a question.

Is he really a refiner?

"Haha, this is hilarious. It's the first time I've heard someone say that refining doesn't need an artifact furnace. You're just a fraud. What's next, are you going to say refining doesn't need Innate True Fire?" He Tu laughed mockingly.

The beautiful maid nearby was also speechless.

This guy was purely here to cause trouble, right?

"Well, not to that extent. I do have Innate True Fire." Xu Nian replied with a smile.

"I fear your Innate True Fire won't even be able to melt the top-grade artifact materials." He Tu sneered.

This time, Xu Nian remained silent.

He opened his palm, and a ball of flame appeared in his hand.

This flame was extremely red, as if its heat was as intense as molten lava.

"Such... such a scorching flame!" Bing Luo and the others exclaimed in shock.

He was a mid-grade refiner and extremely sensitive to flames.

He could be sure that the flame in Xu Nian's hand far exceeded his Innate True Fire by more than one level.

As for He Tu, needless to say.

Xu Nian smiled. The Innate True Fire of the Red Bright Flame Dragon, its power naturally wasn't empty.

In the future, as Xu Nian absorbs more Dragon Energy.

The power of Dragon Flame will become even stronger.

"Hmph, the higher the flame temperature, the harder it is to control. Moreover, this guy doesn't have an artifact furnace. I really want to see how he will control the flame temperature." He Tu snorted.

An artifact furnace is the most effective tool for controlling flame temperature.

This guy doesn't use an artifact furnace to refine?

Bing Luo also nodded.

Such a terrifying flame, attempting to control it is extremely difficult.

If these top-grade artifact materials get close to the flame, they will instantly melt completely.

At that moment, it will ruin the refining materials.

Yet the next moment, their faces revealed expressions of astonishment.

Because they saw that the four refining materials on the ground all started to float.

Then Xu Nian simultaneously summoned four flames, enveloping the four refining materials.

The frightening part was that the temperatures of the four flames were actually different.

The same flame at different temperatures.

The key point was that these four materials were all melting at the same speed.

"How is this possible?"

Bing Luo widened his eyes in disbelief.

Different materials require different flame temperatures.

Too high a temperature will destroy the material's internal properties.

Too low a temperature won't allow melting.

So the flame must be controlled at a perfect level.

For normal people, controlling the temperature to melt one material is already difficult.

This guy actually controlled four materials to melt simultaneously, and each temperature was in a state of perfection.

Instantly, Bing Luo felt as though his hundreds of years of artifact refining had been for nothing.

Chapter 854 Master Xu

Bing Luo was extremely shocked.

His attitude towards Xu Nian changed dramatically.

Whether Xu Nian could refine a top-grade spiritual artifact or not didn't even matter.

Just by this skill alone, he was a rightful master in the artifact refining world.

"Melting four kinds of materials at the same time, this is simply nonsense." He Tu said with a sneer.

"Slap!"

But as soon as he finished speaking, a slap landed hard on his face.

He Tu was about to curse out loud but found that it was his own master who hit him.

"Master, you..." He Tu said in disbelief.

His own master actually hit him?

Manager Liu and Long Tian'er were also shocked beyond words.

"You disgraceful fool. Daring to question Master Xu, it seems that all my teachings over the years have gone to waste." Bing Luo scolded harshly.

He Tu was completely dumbfounded.

What was going on?

Manager Liu and Long Tian'er were also stunned.

Who exactly is Master Xu?

Could it be Xu Nian?

Just now, he was calling him a kid, wasn't he?

Why was he now calling him Master Xu?

"Master, what's happening?" He Tu still couldn't understand.

How did Xu Nian suddenly become Master Xu?

"Keep your eyes wide open. This is a rare learning opportunity. Master Xu's melting technique is something not even top-grade artifact refiners can do. Melting four materials at the same time, each at a perfect temperature. This is something that even top-grade artifact refiners are ashamed to admit they can't achieve." Bing Luo explained.

Manager Liu and Long Tian'er were also deeply astonished.

Even top-grade artifact refiners can't match that?

What kind of high praise is that?

He Tu couldn't believe his ears.

He felt like he had been struck by a bolt from the blue, shocked and dazed.

"When Master Xu finishes refining, you must apologize to him. If you don't get Master Xu's forgiveness, then don't call me Master anymore." Bing Luo's voice rang out again.

He Tu was completely stunned, unexpected that his master would say such a thing.

Manager Liu and Long Tian'er were also utterly shocked.

Is Xu Nian really that impressive?

Xu Nian, however, ignored their expressions.

He was fully focused on controlling the flame's temperature.

Ordinary artifact masters control the flame through the artifact furnace; he, however, used his spiritual sense power.

Now his soul power was just enough to divide into four parts.

If it were one more part, it would be impossible to achieve such perfection.

But such techniques in Bing Luo's eyes were already beyond incredible.

Very soon, four metal materials melted into liquid under Xu Nian's flame control.

Xu Nian then controlled these metal liquids to merge together.

This process was an enormous test for an artifact master.

During the fusion, proportions had to be precisely followed.

A tiny bit too much or too little could result in less than perfect hardness or flexibility of the weapon.

But for Xu Nian, this was a small matter.

Very quickly, Xu Nian successfully merged these metal liquids together in perfect proportions.

"Such a perfect fusion method. I thought his melting technique was already at a master level, but I never anticipated that his fusion technique would be even more astonishing." Bing Luo couldn't help but exclaim in amazement.

Manager Liu and Long Tian'er, although they didn't understand, clearly recognized one thing.

That was, Xu Nian was incredible!

And not just ordinarily incredible!

Having completed the metal liquid fusion, he began the casting template phase.

Ordinary artifact masters use soil to create a tool mold.

But Xu Nian didn't. He directly used his soul power to shape the metal liquid into a battle axe.

He then placed the battle axe in a prepared water pool.

The water boiled, and soon all the water evaporated completely.

A battle axe's preliminary form appeared in everyone's view.

"There is such a method for casting? Truly an eye-opener. Such a template casting could double the speed of artifact refining. Remarkable, remarkable." Bing Luo praised again.

His gaze toward Xu Nian became more and more reverent.

Manager Liu and Long Tian'er were already numb from the shock.

While He Tu looked utterly despondent.

He knew he was finished!

Offended a top-grade artifact refiner.

If this top-grade artifact refiner really wanted to target him...

Then he probably could kiss his career in the artifact refining world goodbye.

Long Tian'er was extremely delighted.

This meant she no longer needed to worry about her fate.

However, she was still deeply shocked, not expecting Xu Nian to truly be a top-grade artifact refiner.

Such an existence was comparable to a Tribulation Crossing expert, holding a supreme status in the entire cultivation world.

"Who exactly is he?" Long Tian'er found that the more she interacted with Xu Nian, the less she understood him.

"Buzz!"

While everyone had different thoughts in mind.

Xu Nian had already entered the final and most crucial phase of artifact refining.

Hammering!

Ten Thousand Divine Hammer Technique!

Xu Nian gripped the Kunlun Hammer and struck it forcefully on the floating battle axe.

"Clang!"

A terrifying energy wave burst out.

The surrounding people were all pushed back a step by the energy wave.

Under the impact of this hammer, the battle axe seemed to awaken from ancient times, emanating a powerful aura.

"What kind of hammering technique is this? It's magical!" Bing Luo's eyes widened.

"Clang clang clang..."

A series of hammering sounds followed.

Each strike made the aura of the battle axe stronger.

He struck one hundred times, making the entire battle axe become incredibly transparent, an axe like the War God's weapon.

"A top-grade spiritual artifact, definitely a supreme one among the top-grade spiritual artifacts!" Bing Luo exclaimed in astonishment.

"Boom!"

At this moment, a lightning bolt struck from the sky.

It hit the battle axe directly.

The battle axe was instantly shrouded in thunder, glowing with intense lightning.

"Incorporating the final power of heavenly thunder into the battle axe, exquisite. Had I not seen it with my own eyes, I would never have believed that such a superior artifact refining method exists in the world." Bing Luo sighed with heartfelt admiration.

Xu Nian also breathed a sigh of relief, looking at the thunder-clad giant axe.

"I'll name you Thunderclap Battle Axe, not bad. If my hammering technique could go another hundred strikes, perhaps you could reach the top-grade spiritual artifact level." Xu Nian said with delight, holding the Thunderclap Battle Axe.

"Master Xu, I was blind earlier, please don't blame me." Bing Luo hurriedly stepped forward and said.

"Senior Bing Luo, no need to be so courteous, I never blamed you." Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Artifact refiners have their pride, so Xu Nian didn't mind Bing Luo's previous disdain.

Bing Luo was greatly relieved and smiled with excitement.

Xu Nian then walked to Manager Liu and said, "Manager Sir, may I now be promoted to the supreme VIP of your pavilion?"

Manager Liu, upon hearing this, immediately replied with a smile, "Of course you can. Apologies, Master Xu, it was my oversight."

Xu Nian waved his hand dismissively and continued, "Can I now have those materials on credit?"

Manager Liu was taken aback, then smiled and said, "Of course! Not only on credit, but even as a gift if you'd like."

However, Xu Nian shook his head and said, "That's not necessary. I'll pay the exact amount of spirit stones because I have a large business deal with you soon!"

"Oh? In that case, I will accept with gratitude," Manager Liu said with a smile.

Xu Nian smiled softly and then looked at He Tu.

The latter's face turned pale upon being looked at by Xu Nian.

He immediately knelt down with a thud and crawled to Xu Nian's feet.

Chapter 855 Taigu Clan

"Master Xu, I was wrong. I failed to recognize Taishan. Please don't be angry."

He Tu was truly terrified.

He looked at Xu Nian with a face full of fear.

If Xu Nian didn't forgive him, his future would be utterly ruined.

"Angry? Why would I be angry? You're delivering Spirit Stones to me. I'm more than happy." Xu Nian said with a smile, then took the Artifact Refining Materials from He Tu's hand.

Top-grade Refining Materials, these are treasures.

In the Cultivation World, these are extremely rare items.

So the price is exceedingly high.

Hearing Xu Nian's words, He Tu thought Xu Nian was being sarcastic, and his face turned even paler.

"Alright, I won't make things difficult for you. Stand up!" Xu Nian waved his hand impatiently.

He didn't bother to argue with He Tu. Right now, it was more important to accumulate more wealth for the auction.

"By the way, Manager Liu, what items are there in this auction?" Xu Nian turned to ask Manager Liu.

"So Master is here for the auction. No wonder, this auction is extraordinary. Many experts will come from various planets." Manager Liu said with sudden realization.

Xu Nian frowned.

Is this auction really that attractive?

Seeming to notice Xu Nian's doubt, Manager Liu smiled and said, "Master Xu might not know. This time, we have many excellent items in the auction. Even some items will be coveted by experts at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage. It's bound to be unprecedentedly grand."

"Coveted by Earth Immortal Experts? What kind of treasures?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

"Master Xu, have you heard of the Taigu Clan?" Manager Liu countered.

Xu Nian shook his head.

"The Taigu Clan is a race living on the White Dwarf Star. Due to the strong gravity, members of the Taigu Clan are born with formidable physical strength. They are the most powerful race within Body Cultivation, though still inferior to the now vanished Divine Demon Body Refiners." Manager Liu explained.

"A Body Cultivation race? What does that have to do with the auction?" Xu Nian asked.

"This time, we have several items from the Taigu Clan in the auction, with the highlight being their treasured Divine Power Pearl." Manager Liu said.

"Divine Power Pearl? What kind of item is that?" Xu Nian looked astonished.

"The Divine Power Pearl is a treasure born from heaven and earth. It is said that an Immortal from the Taigu Clan compressed a White Dwarf Star to refine it into an Immortal Artifact. With this pearl, both physical strength and True Essence within the body will double." Bing Luo explained.

"Double the strength?" Xu Nian looked surprised.

Doesn't that mean a cultivator at the early stage of Cave Void Realm...

With doubled strength, could qualify to defeat someone at middle or even late stage of Cave Void Realm?

This treasure would have enormous allure for any cultivator!

"There's an even more crucial point. Whoever obtains this Divine Power Pearl can rule the entire Taigu Clan." Manager Liu added.

"Rule the Taigu Clan? Are they strong?" Xu Nian asked.

"Very strong. The Taigu Clan seldom appears in the world, but they have many powerful figures, including some at Gang Immortal Level." Manager Liu said with emotion.

"Gang Immortal? That strong? How could their treasure be stolen?" Xu Nian asked in disbelief.

Gang Immortal refers to the term Body Cultivation experts use for Earth Immortal Level.

An expert with physical strength at Gang Immortal Level is almost invincible.

Stronger than Earth Immortal.

"I don't know, but it's said that an Earth Immortal Expert risked his life to steal it. This treasure has not had a master in the Taigu Clan for 800 years." Manager Liu explained.

Xu Nian felt a wave of surprise.

It seems recognizing the master of this Divine Power Pearl is not easy.

"Will the Taigu Clan attempt to seize it during the auction?" Xu Nian thought of another question.

"They might try, but they don't dare. The main chamber of commerce attaches great importance to this treasure, so they've sent four Earth Immortal Experts to guard it. It is very safe now. The Taigu Clan has regulations that their Gang Immortal experts cannot leave their star system without their ruler's permission." Manager Liu explained.

Xu Nian nodded.

It makes sense. The Tianbao Pavilion is so powerful.

Even the Taigu Clan wouldn't dare to offend them easily.

But Xu Nian didn't want to dwell on these thoughts.

His primary goal now was to obtain Top-grade Healing Pills and Spirit King Pill.

"Manager Liu, does your pavilion have Top-grade Healing Pills?" Xu Nian asked.

"We do, but you know Top-grade Healing Pills are extremely precious, so they have been listed as auction items. If you want to buy them, you can only do so through the auction. But even if you don't get it, I can apply to the main chamber of commerce for you." Manager Liu replied with a smile.

Xu Nian being a Top-Grade Refiner would surely be courted by the main chamber of commerce.

"Then please trouble Manager Liu. I also have an elixir recipe here. Please help me inquire about it." Xu Nian handed the Spirit King Pill to Manager Liu.

Manager Liu took the elixir recipe, frowning, and said: "Spirit King Pill, this is a very rare Top-grade Pill. Even among Top-grade Alchemists, it's seldom refined. Only supreme Alchemists can do it. The materials are also extremely rare. The auxiliary herbs are manageable, given time, but the three main ingredients are difficult. Master Xu, if you really need these materials, I can ask the main chamber of commerce."

"That's great, thank you, Manager Liu. Here's a Thunderclap Battle Axe for you. If it's not suitable, let me know what type of weapon you prefer, and I'll make it for you." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Manager Liu's eyes lit up and he hurriedly said, "That's great, my weapon is an axe. This axe is perfect for me. Thank you, Master Xu."

Xu Nian smiled slightly, feeling pleased.

In this way, he has become friends with Manager Liu.

Only then will Manager Liu work wholeheartedly for him.

"Master Xu, are you planning to refine artifacts after purchasing so many refining materials?" Bing Luo asked as she approached.

Xu Nian nodded and said, "Yes, I'm preparing for the auction. I don't have much Spirit Stone, so I want to refine some Spiritual Artifacts before the auction starts to earn Spirit Stone."

"Huh?"

Upon hearing this, Manager Liu and Bing Luo were stunned.

Both looked at Xu Nian in disbelief.

"Enough materials to refine a thousand Top-Grade Spiritual Artifacts? That would take years to complete!" Bing Luo exclaimed in shock.

A thousand Top-Grade Spiritual Artifacts would likely take hundreds of years to complete.

After all, refining a Spiritual Artifact exhausts an Artifact Refiner significantly.

Xu Nian smiled and waved his hand: "No need, I've calculated. I can finish refining them all before the auction."

"What?" Bing Luo widened her eyes.

She even doubted her ears.

Chapter 856 Crazy Artifact Refining

Finally, Xu Nian left Tianbao Pavilion with a large batch of artifact refining materials.

However, this time, he had two attendants with him.

These two were none other than Bing Luo and his disciple He Tu.

Xu Nian initially didn't want to have too much contact with them.

But they insisted on following him, wanting to observe Xu Nian's artifact refining.

Xu Nian thought about it; if he were to refine artifacts tirelessly, it would definitely cause a big commotion.

Having Bing Luo, a protector at the peak of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm, would make his refining process much more stable.

Back at his residence, Xu Nian cleared out the courtyard.

He then prepared a large vat of water and took out all the materials, ready to begin refining.

Refining a large number of top-grade spiritual artifacts in twenty-odd days was no easy task.

So Xu Nian didn't hold back and directly summoned the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar.

With two avatars refining artifacts simultaneously, it could save half the time.

"An avatar?"

Bing Luo and He Tu were both shocked.

They could both see that this was a real avatar, not a temporary one condensed by secret techniques.

This kind of method was something only immortals possessed.

Thus, their respect for Xu Nian grew even deeper.

Once everything was ready, Xu Nian prepared to start refining.

Xu Nian and the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar began refining artifacts simultaneously.

Their actions were dazzling to the eyes.

The speed was so fast that Bing Luo and He Tu were left dumbfounded.

Soon, a thunderous roar came from the sky.

Accompanied by Xu Nian's hammering sounds, which continued to ring out.

On average, every fifteen minutes or so, a top-grade spiritual artifact was forged.

And each one was of very high quality.

"I've never seen such fast artifact refining!" Bing Luo and He Tu's hearts were filled with astonishment.

The more they watched, the more they were shocked.

Xu Nian tirelessly refined artifacts day and night.

He completely entered a state of madness.

As he continued to refine, his soul power did not deplete; instead, it rapidly grew.

This was the terrifying aspect of the Ten Thousand Divine Hammer Technique.

Generally, artifact refiners would feel immense energy consumption after refining a weapon.

But Xu Nian grew more invigorated the more he refined.

With his increasing soul power, his refining speed increased.

Starting from controlling four types of artifact refining materials simultaneously, he progressed to six types.

And eventually to eight types.

He even reached the terrifying ability to refine two top-grade spiritual artifacts simultaneously.

Thus, thunder continuously rolled in the courtyard where Xu Nian lived.

All the cultivators in the city were drawn to the commotion, curious about what was happening.

This was when Bing Luo played his part.

With his strength at the peak of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm, he directly deterred many cultivators.

Fortunately, no Transcendence Tribulation Stage experts intervened.

Otherwise, Bing Luo wouldn't have been able to stop them.

After witnessing Xu Nian's formidable refining technique.

Bing Luo was in complete awe of Xu Nian.

Xu Nian completely redefined his understanding of artifact refining.

To refine over a hundred top-grade spiritual artifacts in a single day.

If he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, he wouldn't have believed it even if beaten to death.

And the terrifying part was that Xu Nian had not made a single mistake.

The crafted weapons were all different.

Swords, spears, knives, axes, and hammers were scattered all over the place.

Making one doubt whether these were top-grade spiritual artifacts or trash.

For the next twenty days, Xu Nian completely immersed himself in refining artifacts.

Finally, all the artifact refining materials were used up, with Manager Liu sending some more during that time.

Otherwise, Xu Nian would have finished them in just over ten days.

"A total of two thousand top-grade spiritual artifacts, should fetch quite a bit of money." Xu Nian smiled and murmured to himself, looking at the ground covered in weapons.

Bing Luo and He Tu were already numb with shock.

"Master Xu, are you truly only a top-grade refiner?" Bing Luo stepped forward and asked.

"I was before, but after this prolonged refining, I should now be able to refine top-grade spiritual artifacts without any problem." Xu Nian said with a smile.

What pleased him most during these crazy refining days was not the refining itself.

But his soul power.

His soul level now matched the peak of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm.

With only early-stage Cave Void Realm cultivation, yet possessing soul power at the peak of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm.

Others probably wouldn't even dare to imagine it.

"Now if I use the Ten Thousand Divine Hammer's soul attack technique, I can severely injure a peak of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm unexpectedly. A late-stage of Heavenly Phenomenon Realm would be certain to die. But if they have a soul-type spiritual artifact, it's hard to say." Xu Nian thought to himself.

The enhancement of his soul power gave him an additional trump card.

That was why Xu Nian had the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar abandon cultivation to assist him in refining.

Of course, during the refining period, the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar did not stop cultivating either.

Its cultivation had reached the peak of Zifu, just a step away from breaking through to Cave Void Realm.

Once it breaks through, Xu Nian's strength will receive a significant boost.

"How many days until the auction?" Xu Nian asked Bing Luo.

"Six more days, but Master Xu, a lot has changed outside during your twenty days of seclusion. Tianbao City is now teeming with experts." Bing Luo explained.

During his time guarding Xu Nian, he didn't stop keeping an ear to the outside world.

The number of experts gathered in Tianbao City this time also surprised him.

"Hmm!" Xu Nian nodded.

He had already anticipated this.

After all, Manager Liu had mentioned earlier that this auction was extraordinary.

The treasure of the Taigu Clan had surfaced, attracting numerous experts, including some Earth Immortal level masters.

"Where is Long Tian'er?" Xu Nian noticed Long Tian'er was not present and asked in surprise.

"Oh, Miss Tian'er saw you were busy with refining recently, so she went to seclude herself for cultivation too." Bing Luo replied.

Xu Nian nodded.

"I'm here!" Long Tian'er walked out from the house.

Xu Nian looked at Long Tian'er, his face showing surprise.

Long Tian'er had surprisingly broken through to the early stage of the Cave Void Realm.

"Congratulations!" Xu Nian quickly smiled and said.

Long Tian'er also smiled and said, "I owe it to you; the spiritual energy you attracted while refining helped me break through."

Xu Nian smiled slightly.

Long Tian'er's talent was indeed remarkable.

"Let's go to Tianbao Pavilion again and sell all these top-grade spiritual artifacts." Xu Nian said with a smile.

Bing Luo smiled wryly.

With this sale, he would probably earn tens of millions of top-grade spirit stones at least!

Such terrifying earning speed, even dozens of top-grade refiners wouldn't match him.

"Master, something's wrong! Two Earth Immortal level experts are fighting outside!"

At this moment, He Tu rushed in from outside.

Bing Luo's face immediately changed.

Two Earth Immortal Realm experts fighting?

Wouldn't that be catastrophic?

Xu Nian's eyes, however, lit up.

"Let's go and take a look!" Xu Nian said excitedly.

Earth Immortal level battle.

How could Xu Nian miss such a learning opportunity?

So he immediately rushed out.

Bing Luo and the others hesitated for a moment but followed him out.

Chapter 857 A World-Shocking Sword

On the city wall of Tianbao City, a crowd had gathered.

Many cultivators were present, including some experts at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage.

Xu Nian, Bing Luo, and others also arrived at the city wall.

They stood in a relatively sparse area.

The reason everyone gathered on the city wall was due to the protection of a powerful formation.

Otherwise, the battle at the Earth Immortal level could easily affect them.

These people were there to watch the fight, naturally unwilling to meet a tragic end.

Xu Nian looked ahead from the city wall, seeing two middle-aged men approaching each other in mid-air.

One held a powerful battle saber, exuding an incomparably domineering aura.

The other wielded a spirit sword, its sharpness intimidating all directions.

The momentum of the two continually clashed in the air, resounding with thunderous roars.

The storm generated by their collision raged wildly.

Uprooting trees within a ten-mile radius, shattering rocks, flattening everything in its path.

"Such powerful momentum, is this what Earth Immortal level experts are like? Just their aura alone is beyond my resistance," Xu Nian thought as he watched the two figures hovering in the distance.

Though they were over ten miles away, the storm formed by their aura still hurt as it whipped across his face.

He could not imagine what it would be like if this momentum were to press on him alone.

Could he still remain standing?

"It's them!" Just as Xu Nian marveled at the imposing aura of the two Earth Immortal level experts.

Bing Luo's astonished voice came to his ear.

"Big Brother Bing Luo, you know them?" Xu Nian asked.

Originally, he addressed Bing Luo as Senior, but Bing Luo insisted otherwise, and after some negotiation, Xu Nian called him Big Brother Bing Luo.

Bing Luo continued to address Xu Nian as Master Xu.

At first, Xu Nian felt awkward, but became used to it over time.

"Master Xu doesn't recognize them?" Bing Luo asked in surprise.

Xu Nian shook his head.

He was a novice in the cultivation world, rarely even seeing Transcendence Tribulation Stage experts.

How could he know Earth Immortal level experts?

"True, Master Xu, your cultivation time has been brief; it's normal not to know them, but they are quite famous in the cultivation world, especially in our Tianhen Star Domain." Bing Luo said.

"Big Brother Bing Luo, could you tell me more about them?" Xu Nian asked.

Bing Luo nodded, pointing to the domineering man with the battle saber.

"This man's name is Luo Jue. Hundreds of years ago, he reached the Earth Immortal Realm. Though still in the early stage, his strength is extraordinary. His Luo Jue Blade Technique makes even typical Earth Immortal level experts no match for him. At least five Earth Immortal experts have perished by his hand." Bing Luo explained.

Xu Nian looked at the domineering man in surprise.

Clad in a black robe, black hair cascading down his back, the battle saber in his hand exuded an unparalleled domineering aura.

"Indeed very strong!" Xu Nian remarked.

"As for the white-robed man with the sword, his name is Jiang Lingye. He is a renowned genius in our Tianhen Star Domain. He has been cultivating for only three hundred years. Though he broke through to the Earth Immortal Realm just ten years ago, he has already defeated at least ten Earth Immortal level experts in that time. In Sword Dao, his talent is unmatched." Bing Luo continued.

He clearly held Jiang Lingye in high regard.

An established Earth Immortal and a genius Earth Immortal.

A duel between two such powerful experts was indeed exciting.

"Why are they fighting?" Xu Nian asked again.

Bing Luo shook his head, unaware of the reason.

"I heard Jiang Lingye is a battle maniac and probably wants to test himself against Luo Jue." Bing Luo speculated.

"Wrong, it was Luo Jue who sought out Jiang Lingye; Jiang Lingye had no choice but to fight back." A young man standing nearby interrupted.

Xu Nian glanced at the young man.

He found it impossible to gauge the young man's cultivation.

This surprised him greatly.

His soul power had reached the peak of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm.

Yet he could not see through the young man's cultivation.

This meant the young man's cultivation was at least at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage?

Such a young Transcendence Tribulation Stage expert?

The young man appeared to be at most a little over a hundred years old.

If truly at the Transcendence Tribulation Stage, he would undoubtedly be a genius.

Xu Nian had not realized there was such an extraordinary individual standing beside him.

A cultivator's appearance could change, but their bone age could not.

So their true age could be easily ascertained with a probe.

"Oh, does this lord know the reason?" Bing Luo asked.

Clearly, he too noticed the young man's extraordinary nature.

"Haha, indeed, Luo Jue and Jiang Lingye had a duel before this. Luo Jue lost, albeit by half a move. Unable to accept the defeat, Luo Jue wants to reclaim his face this time." The young man laughed.

Xu Nian and Bing Luo were astonished.

Neither had expected that Luo Jue had dueled Jiang Lingye before and that Jiang Lingye had won.

"Look, they're about to fight again; it seems they'll decide the winner this time." The young man pointed ahead.

Xu Nian and Bing Luo instantly fixed their gaze forward.

The higher the level of the duel, the faster it concluded.

Unlike storytellers' tales of battles lasting three days and nights.

Often, a single move decided the outcome.

So Xu Nian and Bing Luo did not want to miss this fight.

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Luo Jue and Jiang Lingye faced each other.

"Jiang Lingye, my Luo Jue Blade has reached the Fourth-level Domain. Today, I will wash away my previous shame and show you my power." Luo Jue said coldly to Jiang Lingye.

As he spoke, a domineering aura emanated from his blade.

The aura was so intense that even those miles away felt a chill in their hearts.

"Fourth-level Domain?" Xu Nian could not help but be astonished.

His comprehension had only reached the Small Achievement Realm, still some distance from Great Success, let alone the Domain level.

That meant Luo Jue was an expert at the Fourth-level Domain.

Such an expert could instantly kill him without using any True Essence.

However, Jiang Lingye's face remained expressionless, his gaze calm as water.

"Prepare to die!"

Luo Jue shouted, his battle saber slicing down instantly.

A massive sword light, a thousand feet long, formed in the air.

This was not just a simple sword light.

It contained the terrifying power of the Thunder Attribute Domain.

Even the space around the sword light began to collapse, crushing everything into dust.

"What a terrifying strike! The space cannot withstand it! Can Jiang Lingye block it?" Xu Nian exclaimed.

"Splat!"

While everyone was awestruck by Luo Jue's attack.

They suddenly felt a moment of suffocation.

A flash of cold light swept before their eyes.

The next moment, deathly silence filled the air.

Luo Jue's strike dissipated instantly.

Jiang Lingye had somehow appeared behind Luo Jue, slowly sheathing his sword.

"Sev...Seventh-level Domain, how...possible?"

Luo Jue's eyes widened, and his body split in two, falling to the ground.

Everyone around was dumbfounded.

One sword!

Jiang Lingye had killed Luo Jue with one sword?

Chapter 858 Taigu Clan Members

Everyone around was stunned in place.

For a full ten breaths, the entire city tower was silent.

Terrifying!

Absolutely terrifying.

That sword strike just now was simply too fast, too fierce.

They clearly felt a suffocating sensation flash through their hearts the moment Jiang Lingye drew his sword.

It was formed by the instantaneous explosion of sword momentum.

"Such a strong and fast sword, even my Gray Dragon Eye couldn't capture the movement of this strike!"
Xu Nian thought in amazement.

Just now, he had been using the Gray Dragon Eye, but he still couldn't capture Jiang Lingye's movements.

He really couldn't believe what kind of scene it would be if he faced that strike himself.

Now he finally understood the Dark God Island Master's warning words.

He said his own master Bai Tianhan had many enemies, among them many were Earth Immortals.

Previously, Xu Nian did not have a strong concept of Earth Immortal experts, but through the battle with Luo Jue and Jiang Lingye.

He finally understood, let alone Earth Immortal experts, even Transcendence Tribulation Stage experts could easily kill him.

"It seems I still have a long way to go, whether it's restoring the Divine Demon Sect or going to the Tiancang Sect to take back Murong Xue, it requires strong power." Xu Nian murmured to himself.

At this moment, he finally realized how weak he truly was.

However, this also ignited a determination within Xu Nian to become stronger.

"The Seven-level Domain is indeed extraordinary, and it's even a Wind Attribute. No wonder Jiang Lingye could easily kill Luo Jue." The youth beside Xu Nian couldn't help but sigh.

"Seven-level Domain?" Xu Nian thought in surprise.

Luo Jue had broken through to the Earth Immortal Realm for hundreds of years, yet he only reached the Fourth-level Domain.

But this Jiang Lingye could actually reach the Seven-level Domain.

It seems this Jiang Lingye truly is a terrifyingly powerful genius.

Xu Nian looked at that ethereal and determined figure in the sky, his eyes filled with strong resolve.

"Wait, just now this youth said Jiang Lingye used Wind Attribute Swordsmanship? But why didn't I feel any traces of Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation?" Xu Nian suddenly thought of something and immediately showed a contemplative expression.

Just now, Jiang Lingye suddenly drew his sword.

Directly slaying Luo Jue.

But the Profound Argumentation contained within it made Xu Nian unable to understand.

That sword was just purely fast and fierce, with no traces of Wind Cutting or Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation.

Could it be Wind Extreme Movement Profound Argumentation?

"It's the fusion of Wind Extreme Movement Profound Argumentation and Wind Cutting Profound Argumentation. You should know that once cultivation reaches a certain realm, the comprehension of Profound Argumentation will no longer start from one single profound argument. Sometimes, different profound arguments of the same attribute can also integrate and complement each other," the youth seemingly saw through Xu Nian's doubts and said with a smile.

"Profound Argumentation fusion?" Xu Nian was taken aback, then his eyes lit up.

How did he not think of this?

In the past, he only thought about how to maximize a single Profound Argumentation.

But now it seems he was wrong.

Different profound arguments of the same attribute originate from one attribute, how can they be separated?

Even if they can be segregated, ultimately, they still walk down the same path.

"I understand now! No wonder I couldn't break through to Profound Argumentation Great Success." Xu Nian suddenly realized.

For instance, he comprehended Wind Cutting.

If he could integrate the characteristics of Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation into Wind Cutting Profound Argumentation.

Perhaps it could elevate Wind Cutting Profound Argumentation to the Great Success Realm.

Similarly, Wind Vibration could also integrate with Wind Cutting or Wind's Extreme Speed.

Although it fused the characteristics of other Profound Argumentations, the essence still primarily remains Wind Cutting.

"Thank you. If it weren't for your guidance, I might still take a long time to figure out this principle." Xu Nian said gratefully as he looked at the youth.

"No need to thank me. Your perception is strong. To realize your own shortcomings from Jiang Lingye's sword is not something ordinary people can achieve," the youth said with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded, but within his heart, he increasingly felt that this youth was extraordinary.

"Right, I haven't yet asked for your esteemed name!" Xu Nian quickly asked.

Xu Nian did not believe an existence whose cultivation was not weaker than the Transcendence Tribulation Stage would be ordinary.

"Haha, my name is Wind Wheel. I know you have been probing my cultivation. I'll tell you the truth, I'm not a Spirit Cultivator but a Body Cultivation expert. My power has not reached the Tribulation Gang Realm, but is at the Peak of the Heavenly King Realm," the youth said with a smile.

"Body Cultivation? Peak of the Heavenly King Realm?" Xu Nian's face was full of surprise.

He did not expect that this youth was only at the Heavenly King Realm.

The Heavenly King Realm is how Body Cultivation experts refer to the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm.

The Body Cultivation realms are: Vajra Realm, Wanxiang Realm, Heavenly Gang Realm, Heavenly King Realm, Tribulation Gang Realm, Gang Immortal Realm.

Corresponding to Spirit Cultivator realms: Zifu Realm, Cave Void Realm, Unity Realm Stage, Heavenly Phenomenon Realm, Tribulation Crossing Realm, Earth Immortal Realm.

This youth saying he is only at the Peak of the Heavenly King Realm surprised Xu Nian.

How could he not detect the Heavenly King Realm?

Moreover, how could he not distinguish between Body Cultivation and Spirit Cultivation?

"You don't need to be surprised. I have a family treasure that hides my aura and cultivation, so your soul power cannot detect me," Wind Wheel said with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded in realization.

He was also wondering why he couldn't distinguish between Body Cultivation and Spirit Cultivation.

It turned out to be due to a treasure concealing the aura.

Suddenly, Xu Nian seemed to think of something and couldn't help but look closely at Wind Wheel.

"Are you from the Taigu Clan?" Xu Nian suddenly transmitted his voice to Wind Wheel.

Wind Wheel was also taken aback, then he smiled.

"That's right, I am indeed from the Taigu Clan. Moreover, I am a royal of the Taigu Clan. I came out this time to retrieve our clan's treasure," Wind Wheel transmitted back to Xu Nian.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian finally understood.

He never would have thought he'd encounter someone from the Taigu Clan, and moreover, a royal.

However, soon Xu Nian frowned.

"But it won't be easy for you to retrieve your treasure. Even if you can auction it, you won't be able to safely bring it back. Others won't let you leave easily," Xu Nian transmitted back to Wind Wheel.

Wind Wheel heard Xu Nian's words and couldn't help but smile bitterly.

"Forget about bringing back the treasure safely. Right now, I can't even protect myself. I've been hunted all this time, and the clan members who came with me were all killed. Now I'm the only one left. They might be nearby even now," Wind Wheel said bitterly.

Xu Nian was stunned.

Is this guy really this tragic?

But wait, if he's being hunted, why would he so easily reveal his identity to me?

"Are you curious why I revealed my identity to you?" Wind Wheel looked at Xu Nian and smiled.

Xu Nian didn't speak, just nodded.

Wind Wheel smiled and said: "Because I know you are a descendant of the Divine Demon Sect. Bai Tianhan is your master, and you are precisely the person our Taigu Clan has been looking for!"

"What the heck?" Xu Nian was dumbfounded.

This guy actually knows my identity and even knows my master is Bai Tianhan?

Chapter 859 Wind Wheel's Plan

Xu Nian brought Fenglun directly back to his own residence.

Since the other party knew his identity and also knew his Master.

Then it must be that his Master had mentioned him in front of them before, otherwise, how would Fenglun know his identity.

"You know my Master?"

Inside the small courtyard, Xu Nian and Fenglun sat facing each other.

At this moment, only the two of them were left in the courtyard.

As for Bing Luo, Long Tian'er, and others, they were sent by Xu Nian to Tianbao Pavilion to sell those top-grade spiritual artifacts.

Xu Nian did not want Bing Luo and the others to know his identity, so he deliberately sent them away.

"That's right, your Master Bai Tianhan is our Taigu Clan's esteemed guest and honorary Elder. He once lived within our clan for a period." Fenglun nodded and said.

"Where is my Master now?" Xu Nian asked urgently.

In fact, he came to the cultivation world with another purpose, which was to find out the whereabouts of his Master Bai Tianhan.

Therefore, since entering the cultivation world, he had been secretly inquiring about his Master Bai Tianhan's whereabouts.

However, as he continued to probe, he found that his Master became increasingly mysterious.

"As for the whereabouts of Bai Tianhan, I'm not sure either. He only came to our Taigu Clan three years ago, told us about you, and then left." Fenglun shook his head and said.

"Told you about me? What did my Master say?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

Why would his Master mention him to the Taigu Clan?

"Bai Tianhan said that you might be able to become the master of the Divine Power Bead and become the leader of our Taigu Clan." Fenglun said.

"Me?" Xu Nian was full of surprise.

He didn't expect Fenglun to say such a thing.

"Yes, it's you. Bai Tianhan said that you possess great potential." Fenglun said firmly.

Xu Nian couldn't help but be speechless.

He had heard that the Taigu Clan's Divine Power Bead had not had a master for hundreds of years.

Just because he had the Nine Dragons Supreme Body, could he really become the master of the Divine Power Bead?

What if he couldn't?

Besides, even if he could become the master, the Divine Power Bead was to be auctioned off. He probably wouldn't have the chance to become its master.

"So what do you plan to do?" Xu Nian turned to Fenglun and asked.

Upon hearing the question, Fenglun frowned instantly.

"The only way now is to auction off the Divine Power Bead. The Divine Power Bead is the treasured inheritance of our Taigu Clan and must not fall into others' hands." Fenglun said with a determined look.

"But it will take a lot of spirit stones to auction off the Divine Power Bead! And even if we manage to auction it off, taking it safely off this planet won't be easy." Xu Nian said.

"You don't need to worry about the spirit stones, Brother Xu. I have one million top-grade spirit stones here, which should be enough to buy the Divine Power Bead." Fenglun said.

"One million top-grade spirit stones?" Xu Nian's eyes widened instantly.

One million top-grade spirit stones are equivalent to one billion top-grade spirit stones.

He had worked for more than twenty days and managed to gather only tens of millions of top-grade spirit stones.

Fenglun's casual mention of one billion top-grade spirit stones left Xu Nian deeply moved.

"The only challenge now is how to leave safely after getting the Divine Power Bead. Many strong ones will want to kill me for the treasure, and those who tried to kill me before won't let me go either." Fenglun said.

"Brother Feng, you haven't told me why those people want to kill you?" Xu Nian continued to ask.

"It's a long story. You know that I'm from the Taigu Clan's royal family, and our Taigu Clan has been safeguarding an important secret. This secret pertains to a very powerful divine artifact." Fenglun said.

"A divine artifact?"

Xu Nian was full of surprise.

He didn't expect the Taigu Clan to have such an important secret?

Although he also had a divine artifact.

But the divine artifact in his hand was not very effective.

Only when he became stronger could it show its powerful effects.

"The people trying to kill me are from one of the Four Great Sects, the Tiansheng Sect. Although they only sent their disciples to avoid alerting our clan, these two disciples were very strong and killed all the clansmen who came out with me." Fenglun said angrily.

"Doesn't the Taigu Clan also have Earth Immortal level experts? Why not send them directly?" Xu Nian asked hastily.

"Our Taigu Clan has a rule: any strong person who reaches the Tribulation Gang Realm is not allowed to leave the Taigu Star Domain without the leader's permission, or they will never be allowed to return." Fenglun answered.

"Not allowed to leave once they reach the Tribulation Gang Realm? What kind of crappy rule is that?" Xu Nian couldn't help but say.

Fenglun smiled bitterly and shook his head.

This was a rule set by their ancestors, and they dared not disobey it.

"Without the help of Tribulation Gang Realm experts, it will be as hard as ascending to heaven for you, with your Heavenly King Realm strength, to take the Divine Power Bead back to the Taigu Star Domain!" Xu Nian exclaimed.

"Therefore, I want to ask for Brother Xu's help. At the auction, I will buy the Divine Power Bead. Then, I will have Tianbao Pavilion give it directly to you. You should then become its master right away if possible. Once you become its master, my clansmen will sense it, and you can immediately order them to send strong ones to assist you. If you can't become its master, I will attract everyone's attention while you quietly take the Divine Power Bead and leave. Please ensure that it is brought back to the Taigu Star Domain." Fenglun said with utmost solemnity.

Xu Nian frowned instantly.

If he really couldn't become its master and followed what Fenglun said.

Fenglun might have to sacrifice himself to protect the Divine Power Bead.

"Don't worry, even if I can't become its master, I might still be able to get you out safely." Xu Nian said firmly.

He had the Divine Travel Boat.

As long as there were enough top-grade spirit stones, he believed that few could stop him.

Of course, he also couldn't rule out the possibility of those powerful forces using special methods, so Xu Nian couldn't guarantee it entirely.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's words, Fenglun also showed a smile on his face.

Then he left Xu Nian's small courtyard.

It's forbidden to fight in Tianbao City.

So Fenglun wouldn't be in any danger.

Xu Nian, on the other hand, went into seclusion for cultivation.

The battle between Luo Jue and Jiang Lingye had yielded significant gains for him.

He wanted to use the time in seclusion to organize his thoughts.

He could feel that if he managed to organize his thoughts.

He might be able to break through to the Realm of Profound Argumentation Great Success.

If so, his combat power would greatly increase.

This would give him more confidence to face the upcoming dangers.

In the small courtyard, Xu Nian wielded his sharp sword continuously, slashing.

With each slash, the sword qi from his sword became sharper.

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In the next few days.

Xu Nian remained in the courtyard, repeatedly practicing the sword slash.

Occasionally he would stop, ponder for a moment, then continue slashing.

There was no spectacular Sword Qi, just plain sword slashes.

Although the swordtip had a sharp Sword Intent, it posed no significant threat to ordinary cultivators.

"Master, what is Master Xu doing? It's been four days, and he keeps repeating the same action." He Tu couldn't help but ask Bing Luo beside him.

He was also a Cave Void Realm powerhouse, also practicing swordsmanship.

But he couldn't see any value in Xu Nian's repetitive slashing.

"I think Master Xu is sensing the characteristics of the weapon, figuring out how to refine it to be more offensive." Bing Luo said.

In his view, Xu Nian, an early-stage Cave Void cultivator,

excelled in artifact refining, but his cultivation might not be that impressive.

So he guessed Xu Nian's actions were related to artifact refining.

Only Long Tian'er on the side believed that Xu Nian was comprehending swordsmanship.

Because she had witnessed Xu Nian's swordsmanship before.

He once killed three peak Cave Void powerhouses with one sword, such terrifying swordsmanship.

That kind of mastery could not be accomplished overnight.

She also could not comprehend what Xu Nian was actually understanding.

Xu Nian was presently immersed in his own world.

Aside from the sword in his hand, he was focused on the changes in the airflow around him.

With each slash, Xu Nian would release his Spiritual Sense Power to feel the subtle changes in the surrounding airflow.

Attempting over and over, constantly concluding laws.

"No, this sword slash isn't right. The cutting speed of the wind is significantly insufficient. If the Wind's Extreme Speed is infused into the sword, it should be faster. It must be mainly Dimension Cutting, supplemented by Wind's Extreme Speed," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

Jiang Lingye's sword had left a shocking impact on Xu Nian.

It also opened a new world for Xu Nian.

Now Xu Nian attempted to integrate Wind's Extreme Speed Profound Argumentation into Dimension Cutting swordsmanship.

Although his Wind's Extreme Speed Profound Argumentation was only at the Profound Argumentation Formation stage, once combined with Dimension Cutting, the power would be unimaginable.

"Yes, like this, faster, the faster the more incisive!" Xu Nian wielded his sword.

The sword in his hand started to transform.

Three sword shadows appeared around him, each as sharp as before, even more powerful.

"The power of Mixed Element Slash has increased threefold, indeed the fusion of Profound Argumentation amplifies the attack significantly." Xu Nian marveled in his heart.

"We'll call it Triple Chaos Slash!" Xu Nian murmured to himself.

He could only manifest three sword shadows as of now.

With more comprehension, the power of his Mixed Element Slash would grow stronger.

Three sword shadows combined meant three times the power.

If in the future the sword shadows reached a hundred, it would be a hundred times the power.

Just the thought of it seemed terrifying.

"Although the current Dimension Cutting hasn't entered the Great Success Realm, the power of the move is already comparable to it. I wonder if Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation can integrate with Dimension Cutting," Xu Nian speculated.

The four-day comprehension advanced his Sword Dao cultivation significantly.

Now even without Body Cultivation force, Xu Nian believed he could slay a Harmonization Early Stage powerhouse with one sword.

With Spirit Cultivator force, he could even battle a middle-stage Harmonization without falling into disadvantage.

Xu Nian sheathed his sword, realizing Bing Luo and He Tu were watching him in awe.

They had witnessed Xu Nian's last slash.

The terrifying power was something no ordinary Cave Void powerhouse could unleash.

Moreover, Xu Nian evidently didn't use True Essence. If he had, the power would have been enormous.

"Master Xu, have you been practicing swordsmanship these past few days?" Bing Luo asked in surprise.

"Yes, what about it?" Xu Nian smiled in response.

"Nothing!" Bing Luo laughed awkwardly, having thought Xu Nian was analyzing weapon characteristics.

"I didn't expect Master Xu to have such an unparalleled talent in swordsmanship. If I am not mistaken, Master Xu's comprehension of Profound Argumentation has at least reached the Small Achievement Realm, right?" Bing Luo asked.

"Almost," Xu Nian nodded.

His Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation was just a step away from Great Success.

Without the breakthrough, it was indeed considered Small Achievement Realm.

Bing Luo was amazed, having cultivated for nearly a thousand years and only reaching the Small Achievement Realm in Profound Argumentation.

How could Xu Nian, at such a young age, have already reached Small Achievement Realm?

He Tu was equally astonished.

At that moment, he clearly felt the vast gap between himself and Xu Nian.

"By the way, Master Xu, these are the proceeds from selling your two thousand Top-Grade Spiritual Artifacts, converted into Top-grade Spirit Stones as you requested, totaling nine hundred thousand," Bing Luo said.

Handing a storage ring to Xu Nian.

"Nine hundred thousand? So much?" Xu Nian asked in astonishment.

Nine hundred thousand Top-grade Spirit Stones were equivalent to eighty million Top-grade Spirit Stones!

Two thousand Top-Grade Spiritual Artifacts, averaging fifty thousand Top-grade Spirit Stones each.

After deducting ten million for artifact refining materials, there were still ninety million left.

Thus, at the auction besides the Top-Grade Spirit Pill, he would have substantial funds for other items.

There might be something at the auction that catches his eye.

As for the Divine Power Pearl, he need not worry.

With Wind Wheel present, it was certain Wind Wheel would secure the Divine Power Pearl.

"I am quite looking forward to what treasures this auction will offer to my satisfaction," Xu Nian murmured to himself.

Only half a day remained until the auction.

Most of the powerhouses supposed to arrive in Tianbao City were already gathered there.

Tianbao City was now teeming with powerhouses.

Many powerhouses had quietly entered the city.

Now Tianbao City was a place of hidden undercurrents, powerhouses lying dormant.

Tomorrow's auction would be unprecedentedly grand.

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The next day arrived quickly.

Early in the morning, Xu Nian sensed the bustling atmosphere outside the small courtyard, the streets teeming with people.

Led by Bing Luo, Xu Nian headed towards Tianbao Pavilion.

Along the way, Xu Nian saw numerous powerhouses.

Among them, many were young talents.

But as they reached the entrance of Tianbao Pavilion, an arrogant shout came from behind: "Move aside, everyone move aside, Mr. Shangguan is here, everyone quickly make way."

Xu Nian and his company turned around, seeing a handsome young man walking from afar, holding a beauty on each side.

His expression was extremely arrogant and domineering.

His cultivation was not low, having reached the middle-stage Harmonization.

Beside him was a fawning young man berating the crowd; he was the one who shouted.

That young man's cultivation was slightly lower, at the early-stage Harmonization.

But what truly caught Xu Nian's attention was the old man behind the arrogant youth.

A Transcendence Tribulation Stage expert!