

Divine King 981

Chapter 981: The Name of the Meteor

The tribulation clouds in the sky gradually dispersed.

A crisis had also ended.

Glancing around, Xu Nian didn't hesitate and darted towards the nearest city.

No nonsense, even though most of those in the Transcendence Tribulation Stage and Heavenly Immortal powerhouses had died, some survived.

Now these people almost hated him to the bone. If they came to their senses, they would tear him apart.

"Look quickly, that guy is running away!"

"Don't let him get away. Damn it, he caused us so much suffering; not killing him would never ease the hatred in our hearts."

"I almost got killed. Let's go, catch up with him!"

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A string of curses came from all directions.

Among them, besides those in the Transcendence Tribulation Stage, there were also strong people at the Earth Immortal Level.

One after another, like they had gone crazy, they chased after Xu Nian.

Xu Nian didn't hesitate at all, immediately summoning his Flying Boat and pushed it to the extreme.

He then left them far behind, escaping a calamity.

After entering Wind City, Xu Nian said nothing and directly entered the transmission portal, leaving Slaughter Star.

Even though these people didn't dare take action in Wind City, if they reached Wind City,

all his actions would be monitored.

By that time, he wouldn't be able to go anywhere.

Once he left Wind City or Slaughter Star, he would be hunted down.

Instead of facing that, it was better to leave Slaughter Star before they arrived.

By then, relying on the Flying Boat, they wouldn't be able to find him at all.

As Xu Nian stepped out of the Transmission Array, he saw the same steward who was responsible for distributing tokens last time.

When the steward saw Xu Nian coming out, he was visibly surprised.

"Oh, you're still alive? And you've broken through to the Transcendence Tribulation Stage?" the steward remarked in surprise, looking at Xu Nian.

In his view, a Heavenly Phenomenon Realm individual entering Slaughter Star wouldn't survive for more than a few days.

Yet so much time had passed, and this guy was still alive.

It was truly baffling to him.

"Maybe this guy was lucky, or maybe he stayed in Profound Argumentation City all along," the steward thought to himself.

Xu Nian didn't have time for idle chatter with him, as a large number of powerhouses were chasing him again.

It might not be long before they caught up.

So he immediately asked, "Do I need to hand over this token?"

"No, you can keep the token. With it, you can enter directly next time, but you need to register with me. We'll reserve your points," the steward replied.

Yet in his heart, he was indifferent.

How many points could this guy have? A newly ascended to the Transcendence Tribulation Stage, who could he possibly have killed?

But the next moment, he was stunned.

"Eighty-five million?" When he saw the points displayed on Xu Nian's token, he almost thought he was seeing things.

So he rubbed his eyes and looked again.

No mistake, it was eighty-five million!

How could there be so many points?

The steward was dumbfounded. How many people had to be killed for so many points?

If it were an Earth Immortal Peak individual, he might just be somewhat surprised, but this guy was only at the Early-stage Transcendence Tribulation?

"Now can I leave?" Xu Nian said impatiently.

The steward subconsciously nodded.

Xu Nian no longer paid attention to the shocked steward and activated his Flying Boat, transforming into a stream of light as he left.

The steward remained rooted to the spot, still in shock.

Eighty-five million points?

That was the highest score he'd ever seen anywhere besides his duty station.

"What exactly did this guy do?" the steward wondered in amazement.

"Buzz, buzz, buzz!"

At that moment, a series of fluctuations emerged from the Transmission Array.

Then, one after another, powerhouses stepped out, there were dozens, and the numbers kept increasing.

The weakest among them were in the Late Stage of Transcendence Tribulation, with many at the Earth Immortal Realm.

"Where is he?" As soon as they appeared, they glared at the steward and demanded.

Each one looked fierce and intimidating.

"Who?" The steward was startled by the tone of these people.

He was sent by the Denor Empire to oversee the place. Although his cultivation wasn't high, he represented the Denor Empire.

Usually, even Earth Immortal Realm powerhouses were polite to him.

But now these guys were acting as if they were about to rebel.

However, seeing their raging anger, the steward didn't dare stir up trouble.

Suddenly, he remembered the person who had left with such high points and instantly understood what was going on.

Quickly, he said, "Are you looking for that shooting star?"

"Exactly, him!" someone in the crowd shouted.

Others nodded in agreement.

"He's already gone, in that direction," the steward said immediately.

"Chase!" The crowd was about to pursue in the direction the steward pointed.

"Don't bother, that guy has a Flying Immortal Artifact. You won't catch up, and besides, how do you know he'll keep flying in that direction?" the steward interjected.

Hearing the steward's words, this group finally gave up the thought of pursuing.

However, they were still furious.

"Damn it, this guy actually got away."

"I'd tear him to pieces if I ever see him again."

"Hmph, I've lived for thousands of years, and it's the first time I've been outwitted by a kid."

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The crowd spoke with resentment, their eyes full of killing intent.

The steward, on the side, was amazed at what this guy did that enraged these people so much.

So he curiously asked, "What exactly did this guy do?"

Upon hearing the steward's question, someone in the crowd explained what had transpired.

The steward listened more and more in shock.

This guy incited a million Transcendence Tribulation Stage individuals to fight Earth Immortals?

He even brought down a heavenly tribulation, dragging hundreds of thousands of powerhouses to cross tribulation together?

The most crucial part was, the tribulation was drawn by this guy's breakthrough to the Transcendence Tribulation Stage.

In the battle for the Heavenly Immortal Pond, countless were killed or injured.

Instead, this shooting star became the biggest beneficiary.

Now he finally understood why there were so many points on that guy's hand.

The heavenly tribulation was drawn by him, so naturally, the points for those killed by it were credited to him.

"This guy, I fear he'll never enter Slaughter Star again. Going back would mean getting killed," the steward secretly chuckled to himself.

Having offended so many powerhouses, entering Slaughter Star again would be suicidal, right?

It's a pity for the huge number of points he holds.

The powerhouses around had already begun to disperse.

Since they couldn't catch him, staying there was pointless.

They all returned to Slaughter Star to cultivate.

The steward stood lost in thought for a long time, and then he decided to take up the Communication Spirit Talisman.

He reported the incident here to that person.

He believed that person would be very interested in this news.

During the transmission, he repeatedly mentioned the name of the shooting star.

After doing all of this, the steward smiled with satisfaction.

Besides supervising Slaughter Star, he had another purpose, which was to recruit talents.

Once extraordinary individuals appeared, they had to be reported to the Empire.

If the Empire really recruits that person, he would receive a considerable reward.

"I hope you can bring me good luck," the steward muttered to himself, eyes full of anticipation.

Chapter 982: A Matter of Life and Death

Just as Xu Nian left Slaughter Star and was rushing towards Silver Wolf Star where the Heavenly Court Gang was located.

Inside the grand hall on Silver Wolf Star, there was quite a gathering of people at this moment.

The atmosphere was exceptionally heavy.

"Vice Gang Leader, when will the Gang Leader return? If he doesn't come back soon, our Heavenly Court Gang is really doomed." Lin Qiang said solemnly, looking at Xuanyuan Qingling who was seated in the vice leader's seat.

During this period, under Xuanyuan Qingling's leadership, the Heavenly Court Gang had undergone rapid expansion.

They had annexed three medium-sized gangs in succession.

They had gathered a total of eighteen metal veins in their hands.

Among them, eight were Xuan Gold Energy Metals, and there was even a vein of Red Gold Energy Metal.

They even obtained a mining Token of Red Gold Energy Metal from the hand of one of the gang leaders.

The entire Heavenly Court Gang had reached a terrifying scale of a hundred thousand members.

However, good times didn't last long, as the Heavenly Court Gang was soon targeted by a large force.

The leader of the Giant Crocodile Gang was an Early Stage Earth Immortal powerhouse.

This fellow not only robbed their Red Gold Energy Metal Vein but also killed two of their Heavenly Phenomenon Peak level members in the Heavenly Court Gang.

Lan Qi and Tie Chui were both seriously injured.

If not for Xuanyuan Qingling desperately battling the leader of the Giant Crocodile Gang with a secret technique, the Heavenly Court Gang might have fallen.

At this moment, Xuanyuan Qingling sat on the high platform, her face pale.

Due to using the secret technique, she seemed to be in a state of fluctuating breath, and her injuries were not healed.

In the past month or so, she had made some breakthroughs.

Her cultivation had once again broken through from Early-stage Tribulation Crossing to Middle Stage Tribulation Crossing.

Her combat power was comparable to a Late Stage Tribulation Crossing expert.

This was also why she could sweep through the three gangs.

But despite this, she was still vastly outmatched against the Earth Immortal Realm.

In her current state, she was absolutely unable to cast the second secret technique.

The opponent wasn't seriously injured and would sooner or later come knocking again.

By that time, the entire Heavenly Court Gang would completely fall.

If she died, it didn't matter, but Xu Nian entrusted the Heavenly Court Gang to her before he left.

If she really lost it in her hands, she wouldn't be able to face Xu Nian.

Besides, that Giant Crocodile Gang Leader even put out word that she must marry him, otherwise, he'd slaughter the entire Heavenly Court Gang.

If she were to die, a hundred thousand people would accompany her in death.

This was something Xuanyuan Qingling didn't want to see.

But to have her marry that Giant Crocodile Gang Leader was worse than death.

"Vice Gang Leader, let's fight him, our Heavenly Court Gang people have only the fate to die in battle and never to surrender." Tie Chui snorted coldly.

After speaking, he gave Lin Qiang a sidelong glance.

"Did I say surrender? I just hope that the Gang Leader could return, with the Heavenly Court Gang's life and death at stake, how can the Gang Leader remain uninvolved?" Lin Qiang said angrily, seeing Tie Chui's glance.

"I think you're just scared. What does it matter if the Gang Leader is here or not? If you ask me, we should all go at once. Even if we die, we won't let him get his way." Zhao An also said angrily.

"You're unreasonable." Lin Qiang snorted coldly.

Zhao An and Tie Chui looked at him with disdain.

They actually knew in their hearts that it was hard for the Heavenly Court Gang to survive this calamity.

The opponent was, after all, an Earth Immortal level powerhouse, even if Xu Nian was strong, it's impossible for him to have Earth Immortal level strength.

So deep down, they didn't really want Xu Nian to come back.

After all, if Xu Nian returned, it was very likely another life would be lost.

They believed that with the Gang Leader's talent, he would surely avenge them in the future.

So they were so unkind to Lin Qiang.

"Vice Gang Leader, at this life and death moment, do you think we should inform the Gang Leader to come back?" Lin Qiang ignored Zhao An and Tie Chui and turned to Xuanyuan Qingling.

"Guardian Lin, the Gang Leader is in secluded cultivation; it's best not to disturb him." Xuanyuan Qingling shook her head.

"But..." Lin Qiang was stunned, about to speak again, but was interrupted by Xuanyuan Qingling.

"Don't mention this again, even if the Gang Leader comes back now, it's too late. What we need to do now is to deal with the Giant Crocodile Gang's attack." Xuanyuan Qingling said firmly.

"Resist the attack? How do we resist?" Everyone around sighed.

Considering their side, with Lan Qi and Lin Qiang who had just broken through to the Tribulation Crossing stage, they had at most only three Tribulation Crossing stage.

The opponent had as many as seven Tribulation Crossing stage experts, and their Gang Leader was an Earth Immortal Realm.

With such a disparity in strength, how could they fight?

Most importantly, Xuanyuan Qingling was still injured.

"This is bad, this is bad, Vice Gang Leader, the Giant Crocodile Gang is here again." At this moment, a guard rushed in from outside the hall, shouting anxiously.

Everyone in the hall wore solemn expressions.

Came so quickly?

It had scarcely been three days; how could the Giant Crocodile Gang be here so soon?

"How many people came?" Xuanyuan Qingling asked hurriedly.

"Many, they've come with three medium-sized warships and a hundred small ones," the guard quickly replied.

Everyone around heard this, and their pupils shrank.

A medium-sized warship could hold up to three thousand people; three medium warships meant nearly ten thousand.

A hundred small ships, each accommodating nearly a hundred people, was also ten thousand.

Altogether, a full twenty thousand people.

"With so many coming, it seems the Giant Crocodile Gang is determined to swallow our Heavenly Court Gang completely!" Wu Gang said with a gloomy face.

Everyone in the hall looked serious.

This was not good news for them.

If they came with fewer people, they could still use a manpower strategy to drive them away.

But now, with so many coming.

Their numerical advantage was not so obvious.

"No matter how many came, damn it, if you want to destroy my Heavenly Court Gang, first ask me, Tie Chui," Tie Chui roared furiously.

Everyone around looked at Xuanyuan Qingling.

"Go, gather all the brothers, prepare to face the enemy. Even if our entire Heavenly Court Gang dies in battle, we will never surrender." Xuanyuan Qingling's eyes were fierce, her fists clenched.

"Yes!"

The guard immediately took the order and walked out of the hall.

Everyone else was full of fighting spirit.

To swallow the Heavenly Court Gang wasn't going to be as easy.

"Let's go!" A flash of pain crossed Xuanyuan Qingling's pale face, and then she walked out of the hall.

Wu Gang and others immediately followed, with the conviction of facing death.

They all knew that after this battle, they might very well turn into dry bones.

But even so, they did not regret.

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At this moment above Silver Wolf Star.

Three massive metal structures were suspended.

And around them were a hundred small metal objects, encircling the entire Heavenly Court Gang's grand hall.

On these metal objects was a fierce crocodile insignia.

Yes, these were indeed the Giant Crocodile Gang's warships.

And at this moment, on the central warship, stood three men.

Two of them were wearing fluttering clothes and had an extraordinary aura.

At a glance, one could tell they were Tribulation Crossing Peak level masters.

At the moment, their expressions as they looked at the grand hall below were full of disdain.

As for the leading man, he had an enormous physique, a hulking muscular frame, and a ferocious face.

He looked particularly menacing.

But his presence was the strongest among the group.

He was the Giant Crocodile Gang Leader — Lin E!

He was also the only Earth Immortal Realm expert in the Giant Crocodile Gang.

Chapter 983: War Breaks Out

Lin E swept his ruthless gaze below, with a trace of mockery in his eyes.

Three days ago, he wanted to take down this Heavenly Court Gang.

Unexpectedly, he was severely injured by a woman from the Heavenly Court Gang.

But that woman was quite charming, today besides taking down this Heavenly Court Gang, he wants to show her that besides being powerful, his skills in bed are top-notch.

"Boss, is it necessary to deploy so many people? It's just a small Heavenly Court Gang, I could wipe them out." a Peak Powerhouse under Tribulation Crossing behind Lin E said, with a hint of disdain in his eyes.

He couldn't understand at all, is it necessary to send so many people to deal with such an intermediate gang?

Lin E heard this and turned to glare at the guy.

"If you really think the Heavenly Court Gang is so easy to swallow, then go in alone and kill them," Lin E responded mockingly.

The Peak Powerhouse instantly froze, then awkwardly smiled and said, "Boss, I didn't mean that, I'm just curious why you value this Heavenly Court Gang so much."

Having said that, he wiped the cold sweat off his forehead.

Damn it, letting him deal with the entire Heavenly Court Gang alone, isn't that asking for death?

Even if the Heavenly Court Gang doesn't have any experts, there are a hundred thousand gang members.

If each spits once, he'd drown.

Seeing this guy afraid, Lin E coldly sneered, "This Heavenly Court Gang is very unusual, supposedly a few months ago, there was no Heavenly Court Gang in the Denor Star System. A little over a month ago, it was a small gang with only a few thousand members, and now in a short month, it's developed to this extent, do you think that's simple?"

"In just over a month, expanding from a few thousand to a hundred thousand?" the Peak Powerhouse said, shocked.

Such rapid expansion speed, he was truly hearing this for the first time.

"That's because their gang leader is very strong, after all, she also injured you, Boss," the Peak Powerhouse said.

However, Lin E shook his head and said, "No, the woman who injured me is just the Vice Gang Leader, the real boss of the Heavenly Court Gang hasn't shown themselves."

"Vice Gang Leader? That woman's the Vice Gang Leader? Then isn't the real Gang Leader really powerful?" the Peak Powerhouse said, surprised.

Another Peak Powerhouse standing on the side also showed a curious expression.

Looks like there's more to this small Heavenly Court Gang than meets the eye.

"No, you've got it wrong, the Heavenly Court Gang's leader is just at the level of the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm, but his strength is very unusual. At Early Stage of Heavenly Phenomenon Realm, he can kill an Early-stage Tribulation Crossing expert. It's said when he first appeared, he was still at Cave Void Realm. Also, this Vice Gang Leader, she just entered Early-stage Tribulation Crossing a month ago, and now she's already at Middle Stage Tribulation Crossing, don't you find that strange?" Lin E said again.

Upon hearing these words, both Peak Powerhouses were stunned.

Heavenly Phenomenon killing Tribulation Crossing?

They're both at the early stage, did they hear wrong?

And this Vice Gang Leader, just stepped into Early-stage Tribulation Crossing a month ago, now she's promoted to Middle Stage Tribulation Crossing?

What cultivation speed is this?

They should know, upon entering Transcendence Tribulation Stage, without accumulating for decades or even hundreds of years, it's impossible to breakthrough.

A month?

What kind of concept is that?

"Boss, you mean the Heavenly Court Gang contains a great secret, and you want to seize this secret?" One Peak Powerhouse instantly understood Lin E's thoughts.

"That's right, able to break through in such a short time, it must be due to a tremendous opportunity. If I get this opportunity, my strength would greatly increase, then I'd see if those gangs dare to trouble me. Besides, this woman is very charming, her fierce energy suits my tastes. I can smell her virgin aura, absolutely top-notch," Lin E said lasciviously.

The two Peak Powerhouses heard this and also showed lascivious smiles.

To them, who lick blood off their knives daily, women are the best comfort.

But a woman who can make their boss interested, she must be the cream of the crop.

"They've come out." A Peak Powerhouse pointed towards the entrance of the large hall below.

Upon hearing this, Lin E looked towards the entrance of the large hall.

When he saw that graceful, cold figure leading, he curled his lips into a cold smile.

Severely injured and not recovered?

Very good, today you'll be mine.

At the entrance of the large hall, Xuanyuan Qingling walked at the front.

The cold eyes looked at the enormous warships hovering over the Heavenly Dome.

Medium warships, their Heavenly Court Gang doesn't own any.

This Giant Crocodile Gang could take out three at once, truly wealthy.

But soon, she shifted her gaze to Lin E standing atop the central warship.

A hint of killing intent emerged in her gaze.

"Xuanyuan Gang Leader, we meet again," Lin E said with a smile.

Xuanyuan Qingling, with a cold and aloof demeanor, didn't respond to Lin E's words.

Seeing this, Lin E slightly smiled, not angry.

Truly a woman with character, such women are more charming in bed.

"Since Xuanyuan Gang Leader doesn't like small talk, I'll get straight to the point. Simply put, the Heavenly Court Gang submits to my Giant Crocodile Gang, you Xuanyuan Qingling become my woman, then everyone can live. I promise not to harm a single soldier," Lin E sneered.

"What if we refuse?" Xuanyuan Qingling finally spoke, but her voice was even colder than her gaze.

Lin E snorted in disdain, then his eyes became instantly sharp with killing intent, "If you refuse, then the entire Heavenly Court Gang must die, and as for you Xuanyuan Qingling, even dying would be difficult. I'll seal your cultivation, then you'll not only serve me but the entire Giant Crocodile Gang."

"Haha!"

Laughter erupted all around.

The members of the Giant Crocodile Gang all showed lascivious intentions.

The two Peak Powerhouses behind Lin E were also filled with lewdness.

On the Heavenly Court Gang's side, each was outraged.

In this month, Xuanyuan Qingling's thunderous methods had already won their respect.

For this top-notch beauty-level Vice Gang Leader, they genuinely revered her.

Now, this Giant Crocodile Gang dares to humiliate her like this, how can they not be furious?

"Gang Leader, no more nonsense, we'll fight them," Tie Chui shouted.

"Yes, let's fight them." One by one, the Heavenly Court Gang members shouted, eyes red.

The shouts resounded all around.

Lin E and others were taken aback by the strong cohesion of the Heavenly Court Gang.

Xuanyuan Qingling stepped slightly forward, a Soft Sword appeared directly in her hand.

The sword's glow chilled ten miles, alarming hearts.

With one step forward, her aura surged.

At this moment, the aura Xuanyuan Qingling burst forth wasn't Middle Stage Tribulation Crossing anymore, but Late Stage Tribulation Crossing.

"How can this be? Breaking through despite injuries? Is she mad?" Lin E on the warship froze for a moment, he didn't expect Xuanyuan Qingling would choose to break through while injured, which could damage her foundation and worsen her injuries.

However, Xuanyuan Qingling now had a determined look, merely coldly spat out one word: "Kill!"

Then she charged towards Lin E first.

As she leapt up, a hundred thousand gang members below all flew up.

Charging towards the Giant Crocodile Gang members.

The battle erupted.

Chapter 984: Are You Okay?

"Puchi!"

The fierce battle continued relentlessly.

A large number of cultivators were slain and fell from the sky.

Tie Chui and Zhao An, their eyes bloodshot, fought desperately, each lost in the frenzy of combat.

Xuanyuan Qingling wielded her sword with impeccable mastery, creating illusions like the sweep of a thousand arcs of light.

Each time an arc swept by, more than a dozen lives were claimed.

In just a moment, over half of the Giant Crocodile Gang had suffered casualties.

Of course, the Heavenly Court Gang had also incurred significant losses.

The battle was extraordinarily ferocious.

Lin E stood calmly atop the ship.

He was utterly indifferent to the life and death of his subordinates.

In his eyes, the strength of a faction lay in its strongest member, not in its numbers.

No matter how many there were, without a leader with overwhelming power, what use was it?

And if these people died, he could simply recruit another batch of members.

After all, in the Denor Star System, there were plenty of such ants.

Of course, they couldn't lose too disastrously, as that would be a blow to their reputation.

So he instructed a Peak of Tribulation Crossing powerhouse beside him, "Zhang Han, go, capture her for me, remember not to harm her life, I haven't had my fun yet."

"Yes, boss, rest assured, she's badly injured, defeating her is easy," said Zhang Han, the middle-aged man who then smirked coldly and turned into a blur, rushing towards Xuanyuan Qingling.

Xuanyuan Qingling transformed one sword strike into a thousand arcs of light, directly slaying twenty members of the Giant Crocodile Gang.

But as soon as she completed the strike, she sensed a strong killing intent surging from behind.

Her eyes instantly focused, and she turned to strike back with her sword.

"Clang!"

One sword swing split into countless arcs.

This was the swordsmanship she had comprehended from the Wind Vibration, containing the profound argumentation of wind vibration at the Great Success level.

A single sword with a thousand arcs, its power was immense.

Though Xuanyuan Qingling usually wielded a zither as her weapon,

her soft sword was equally formidable.

"Hmph, such petty tricks."

Seeing the myriad arcs and sword shadows slashing towards him, Zhang Han was not afraid, but rather disdainful.

After speaking, he brandished a long spear and thrust it forward.

Like a dragon emerging from the sea, it instantly shattered the surrounding sword shadows.

Simultaneously, he swung the long spear again, as if in a heaven and earth creation, forcefully striking at Xuanyuan Qingling.

The long spear radiated golden light, dazzling and brilliant.

Gold Attribute Profound Argumentation, Invincible Golden Body.

Yet this guy had operated the Invincible Golden Body to the Peak of Great Success, not only applying gold attribute's unparalleled force to his defense,

but also merging this tyrannical power into his attacks.

Therefore, this thrust carried an endless dominion.

Xuanyuan Qingling's brow furrowed, a hint of gravity in her eyes.

She knew she had encountered a formidable opponent.

His understanding of Gold Attribute Profound Argumentation was by no means weaker than her own understanding of Wind Attribute Profound Argumentation.

Furthermore, his cultivation was a whole realm higher than hers, and she was already injured.

At this moment, she could only be suppressed.

Xuanyuan Qingling continuously evaded.

As a cultivator of the soft sword, she could not directly confront this guy's overwhelming force.

Though flexibility could prevail over strength, when strength reached an extreme, it could easily crush her flexibility.

"Buzz buzz!"

Zhang Han relentlessly thrust his spear, leaving a trail of spear shadows.

The surrounding space was torn with rifts.

Yet Xuanyuan Qingling could only keep avoiding.

"Haha, I see you should surrender. You're no match for me, and our boss said if you submit to him, you can be the gang leader's wife of our Giant Crocodile Gang." Zhang Han continued to thrust his spear while speaking.

Xuanyuan Qingling kept dodging, occasionally unleashing a rain of myriad swords.

But before those sword arcs could reach Zhang Han, they were shattered.

Even if they made contact, it was as if striking indestructible metal.

Sparks flew.

Xuanyuan Qingling's face turned even paler.

At this moment, her aura was growing more unstable.

She ignored Zhang Han's words.

"You're really stubborn. No wonder our boss took an interest in you, but resisting is useless. Your injuries have worsened, defeating you is a breeze, and though I can't kill you, I can still hurt you," Zhang Han said, with anger rising in him.

This woman's stubborn resistance also infuriated him a bit.

"Die!" Xuanyuan Qingling whispered a word, and the soft sword in her hand suddenly turned sharper.

With a flick of her hand, the soft sword became perfectly straight.

The once ethereal and ever-changing soft sword turned fierce and aggressive.

She slashed directly at Zhang Han.

The sword shadow struck Zhang Han, breaking through his Invincible Golden Body, leaving a bloody, hideous wound.

"Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation, I didn't expect you to comprehend two forms of argumentation," Zhang Han exclaimed.

Xuanyuan Qingling suddenly changed her combat style, transforming her sword from its previous unpredictability and speed to unmatched fierceness and aggression.

It was a completely fierce fighting style.

She didn't even dodge his attacks anymore, attacking with reckless abandon.

Catching him completely off guard.

"Buzz!"

Xuanyuan Qingling struck out hundreds of times, each strike exceptionally fierce.

Cutting through gold, breaking stone.

Zhang Han swung his long spear to defend, yet despite this, he still sustained nearly a hundred cuts on his body.

His entire attire was stained red.

Leaving Zhang Han feeling incredibly aggrieved.

"That's enough, you've forced my hand, Golden Light Sky-shattering."

Zhang Han roared, and the golden light on his body blazed forth, an immense aura suddenly emanating from him.

Xuanyuan Qingling was momentarily startled by the aura, and her assault hesitated.

Her already suppressed injuries flared up at this moment, causing blood to seep from the corner of her mouth.

At this moment, Zhang Han seemed to transform into a golden Buddha, his spear swinging fiercely, directly striking Xuanyuan Qingling in the abdomen.

"Puff!"

Xuanyuan Qingling spat a mouthful of blood, her body turning into a stream of light and flying backward.

Xuanyuan Qingling's figure fell from the sky, rapidly flying backward.

Creating a sizable crater on the ground and leaving a long trench.

Only after retreating a thousand feet did Xuanyuan Qingling finally neutralize the force on her body.

Blood once again oozed from the corner of her mouth, staining her white garments.

However, her gaze remained resolute.

"Hmph!"

Zhang Han shouted, thrusting his spear once more.

The spear's radiance was overwhelming, seemingly piercing through everything.

Xuanyuan Qingling immediately summoned an ancient zither, plucking four strings in succession.

"Clang!"

Suddenly, a resounding melody erupted, like a phoenix's cry resonating through the heavens.

An invisible wave directly blasted forth.

Blocking that long spear.

"Buzz!"

Both Zhang Han and his spear were stopped by an immense force, unable to advance an inch.

Xuanyuan Qingling's eyes were icy as she prepared to pluck the fifth string.

However, at this moment, a sharp sword descended from the sky.

As if it had flown from beyond the heavens.

Piercing through over a hundred members of the Giant Crocodile Gang, it flew rapidly towards Zhang Han's head.

Zhang Han was shocked and dismayed.

He hurriedly withdrew his spear to block the sudden sword.

"Pssh!"

Yet as his spear met the unexpected sword, he was forced to retreat, blood spurting from his mouth.

Simultaneously, from the sky, a person stepped through the air.

Their aura dominated the eight directions.

The onlookers from the Giant Crocodile Gang were astounded, wondering who this person was.

Lin E also furrowed his brows slightly.

Amidst the astonished gazes of everyone, that person took only three steps through the air, reaching Zhang Han and delivering a blow that sent him flying. His immense power was undeniable.

Chapter 985: This Guy is So Weak

Xuanyuan Qingling looked at the young man who suddenly appeared in front of her, her expression somewhat dazed.

This guy always shows up at key moments.

Could he have planned it out?

"It seems you're quite injured. Take this pill, then just watch obediently. Leave the rest to me." Xu Nian said to Xuanyuan Qingling with a smile.

Indeed, it was none other than Xu Nian who rushed over from the Slaughter Star.

After speaking, he handed a pill to Xuanyuan Qingling.

Xuanyuan Qingling didn't hesitate and swallowed the pill.

Seeing Xuanyuan Qingling take the pill, Xu Nian turned his head with satisfaction. The moment he turned, his eyes instantly became cold.

The battle in the sky continued.

Corpses kept falling from the sky.

Both sides suffered heavy casualties.

Tie Chui and others were still fighting fiercely.

"Stop it!"

Xu Nian shouted loudly.

The shout reverberated in all directions.

Suddenly, everyone stopped fighting.

Both sides distanced themselves, looking towards Xu Nian.

Lin E on the ship also looked at Xu Nian, a hint of surprise in his eyes.

"Gang Leader, the Gang Leader is back."

"Great, the Gang Leader has not abandoned us after all."

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Members of the Heavenly Court Gang around showed excited expressions.

"Gang Leader!"

"Boss!"

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Tie Chui and others hurriedly flew over, faces full of excitement.

"Thank you for your hard work." Xu Nian said sincerely, looking at the blood-covered crowd.

"Gang Leader, don't say that. Defending the Heavenly Court Gang is our duty, but the Giant Crocodile Gang's strength is too strong, and their leader is an Earth Immortal-level expert, we..." Zhao An sighed deeply.

Upon hearing Zhao An's words, everyone's previously excited mood dropped.

What use is Xu Nian's return?

The leader of the Giant Crocodile Gang is an Earth Immortal-level powerhouse.

Xu Nian only broke through to the Early Stage of Heavenly Phenomenon Realm more than a month ago, possessing a strength of early-stage Tribulation Crossing.

Even if he took an immortal pill, he couldn't possibly be a match for someone at the Earth Immortal Realm!

Seeing everyone's disappointment, Xu Nian immediately understood their thoughts.

He smiled slightly and said, "Rest assured, with me here, no one can harm our Heavenly Court Gang."

"Gang Leader, don't worry. We'll fight alongside you, even if it means dying in battle. We will not surrender even a single soldier of the Heavenly Court Gang." Tie Chui and others quickly said.

"Yes, we'll defend the Heavenly Court Gang to the death." Others shouted along.

Xu Nian smiled helplessly.

He knew these people misunderstood his words, thinking they were just for boosting morale.

In fact, they did not believe Xu Nian could resolve the current crisis.

So be it!

Words are meaningless; strength proves everything.

With that, he glanced at Zhang Han, who had been knocked back by his sword earlier.

The latter also wielded a spear, looking at him with a solemn expression.

But Xu Nian chose to ignore him and looked up at the burly man standing on the ship.

"Are you the leader of the Giant Crocodile Gang, Lin E?" Xu Nian said with a cold smile, looking at Lin E.

Lin E glanced at Xu Nian and said, "That's right, it's me. You're the turtle-like leader of the Heavenly Court Gang, Xu Nian, aren't you?"

He even thought Xu Nian had run away, but didn't expect him to dare to stand out.

Earlier, when he saw that sword knocking back Zhang Han, he was a bit apprehensive.

But now he looked at Xu Nian with extreme contempt.

Early-stage Tribulation Crossing!

Even if he exceeded his strength, at most he was at the peak of Tribulation Crossing.

There's a huge gap between the Tribulation Crossing stage and the Earth Immortal Realm.

Xu Nian did not answer Lin E's words, his eyes becoming icy cold.

If he had been a moment late just now, Xuanyuan Qingling's foundation would have been completely destroyed.

The fifth string of the zither is not something that can be plucked casually.

If Xuanyuan Qingling were at her peak, it would have been fine, but she was severely injured, and forcefully plucking the fifth string was tantamount to staking her life.

Looking around at the ground full of severed limbs, his heart was filled with even greater killing intent.

"Today, none of you from the Giant Crocodile Gang will leave alive. I, Xu Nian, will let you know that those who mess with me face only one outcome—death. Especially you, I'll use your head to honor my fallen brothers." Xu Nian's eyes flared with murderous intent as he pointed at Lin E.

Upon hearing this, Lin E's eyes also filled with coldness.

What an arrogant guy.

"Hmph, bold words! How dare you disrespect our leader, courting death!" Zhang Han shouted loudly from a distance when he saw Lin E angry, bursting forth with brilliant golden light as he charged at Xu Nian with a spear.

The spear tip erupted with dazzling golden light, carrying an indomitable force.

From the previous sword, he already knew the strength of the guy in front of him wasn't to be underestimated.

So he attacked with a killing move right from the start.

At this moment, even the void was shattered by the spear thrust.

The members of the Heavenly Court Gang all shrank back, knowing the power of this spear was no ordinary threat.

Could the Gang Leader handle it?

Everyone's worry couldn't help but rise.

Even Xuanyuan Qingling frowned slightly; Zhang Han's spear was more fierce than the attack he had launched at her before.

If Xu Nian couldn't block it, he might lose his life.

However, just when everyone was worrying about Xu Nian...

Xu Nian just chuckled lightly, looking at the incoming spear with an incredibly calm gaze.

"Buzz!"

Suddenly, Xu Nian moved like lightning, reaching out and grabbing towards the tip of Zhang Han's spear.

"Courting death!"

Seeing Xu Nian grab at the spear tip barehanded, Zhang Han's eyes showed contempt.

The spear tip contained extremely fierce and overbearing power, even mid-grade spiritual artifacts could be shattered, let alone mere flesh and blood.

He could almost see the scene of Xu Nian's arm being shredded into minced meat.

Tie Chui and others were also greatly alarmed.

However, just as everyone thought Xu Nian was dooming himself, a strange scene unfolded.

Xu Nian's hand grasped the spear tip, not only without shattering but remained intact.

The gold attribute true essence on Zhang Han's spear tip was crushed under Xu Nian's palm at this moment.

The originally piercing spear was instantly bent into a terrible arc, and the spear tip couldn't move at all.

"What? How is this possible?" Zhang Han's pupils contracted sharply, a look of disbelief on his face.

Someone actually could catch his spear attack barehanded?

Everyone around was equally shocked.

"Too weak." Xu Nian snorted with a sneer.

Then his eyes suddenly became sharp.

"Bad!"

Zhang Han immediately felt a chill on his back, and the next moment he tried to abandon the spear and retreat.

But it was too late; Xu Nian was already beside him, punching him in the chest.

"Boom!"

Then everyone saw Zhang Han's whole body fly away like a piece of paper, forming strange ripples in the air.

The next moment, he crashed to the ground, turning into a puddle of flesh.

"This..."

Everyone around was dumbfounded.

Zhang Han had the Invincible Golden Body protecting him, so how did he get turned into meat paste with one punch?

What kind of power could cause this with just one punch?

"No way, wasn't this guy at the peak of Tribulation Crossing? How could he be so weak?"

"It's not that this guy is weak, but that the boss is too strong."

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Tie Chui, Zhao An, and others stared at the meat paste in shock for a long time.

Xuanyuan Qingling was equally shocked.

As for Lin E on the ship, his face turned completely dark at this point.

Chapter 986: Battle Against Lin E

Xu Nian thrust the long spear in his hand into the ground.

The spear shaft trembled incessantly on the ground.

The surroundings were silent.

"Gang Leader Wudi!"

"Gang Leader Wudi!"

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Someone took the lead and shouted, and the entire Heavenly Court Gang members started to cheer.

Each member of the Heavenly Court Gang was visibly excited, their necks flushed.

Every time Xu Nian acted, he would always surprise them.

It seemed that no matter how strong an enemy came, Xu Nian could easily defeat them.

Now their admiration for Xu Nian had reached an extremely high level.

The morale of the Heavenly Court Gang members, which had been somewhat low, suddenly reached a climax.

Their eyes were full of fighting spirit, looking at the members of the Giant Crocodile Gang without any fear.

Xu Nian is the soul of the Heavenly Court Gang.

As long as Xu Nian is strong enough, the cohesion of the Heavenly Court Gang will also be stronger.

At this moment, Lin E furrowed his brows to the extreme, looking at Xu Nian below, pondered for a moment.

He directly ordered another peak of Tribulation Crossing behind him: "You go!"

"Boss, isn't this inappropriate!" The peak Tribulation Crossing expert said with some fear.

Xu Nian had punched his companion to death, and that strength surely surpassed the peak of Tribulation Crossing.

If he went up, wouldn't he just be looking for death?

"What, you even dare not to follow my orders?" Lin E instantly glared at that peak Tribulation Crossing.

The peak Tribulation Crossing expert suddenly felt a chill in his heart and quickly replied, "I'll go right away!"

After speaking, he wiped the cold sweat from his forehead.

He knew Lin E's methods, anyone who disobeyed his orders would feel a fate worse than death.

With no choice, he directly summoned a long sword and rushed towards Xu Nian.

With one slash, flames filled the sky.

A terrifying flame sword light fiercely slashed towards Xu Nian.

"Red Lotus Karma Fire?" Xu Nian chuckled lightly.

This guy actually comprehended the Red Lotus Karma Fire Profound Argumentation.

Looking at the incoming sword light, Xu Nian beckoned, and the King Jing Sword appeared in his hand.

Then Xu Nian casually slashed with a sword.

The flame sword light was shattered by his sword.

Xu Nian's Profound Argumentation had already stepped into the domain realm, crushing these Great Success level swordsmanship Profound Argumentations absolutely.

Unless someone's strength far exceeds his, relying on Great Success level Profound Argumentation swordsmanship could not harm a hair of him.

The peak Tribulation Crossing expert, seeing his sword easily broken, immediately showed a look of shock.

With a bad premonition in his heart, he quickly retreated.

"It's only polite to reciprocate, so take my sword too." After saying that, Xu Nian slashed again.

This slash seemed casual as well.

After slashing out, there wasn't any earth-shaking aura.

Just a sword radiance about three feet long.

To those at their level, a sword radiance three feet long was already very small.

But at this moment, that Tribulation Crossing stage expert's face changed dramatically, as if he had seen a ghost.

"No!"

Then everyone heard a scream, and the next moment that expert was cut into two halves by the sword radiance.

The cut was incredibly neat, smooth as a mirror.

Everyone around was amazed.

Such a powerful sword!

The sharpness contained in that sword just now was simply terrifying to the extreme.

They really couldn't imagine what it would be like if that sword fell on them.

"It's your turn!" Xu Nian turned his head to look at Lin E on the ship and said.

Lin E's brows furrowed tight, his eyes dark.

In those narrowed eyes, bursts of killing intent were revealed.

Xu Nian smiled lightly, his eyes playful.

Then he swung the King Jing Sword in his hand again.

This sword was different from the previous one, this sword's slash actually formed a sword radiance a hundred feet long.

The sword radiance flew out, heading towards the ship where Lin E was.

The sharpness contained in the sword radiance was unrivaled.

Lin E was also shocked, his figure dodging to one side.

"Boom!"

With Lin E's dodge, a medium-sized ship five hundred feet long was instantly split into two under Xu Nian's sword.

"Hiss!"

Everyone around gasped.

This was a medium-sized ship, its hardness comparable to a Top-Grade Spiritual Artifact.

It was actually split into two with a single sword?

Now they finally understood why that peak Tribulation Crossing expert died so miserably.

If even such a large Mid-grade Spiritual Artifact could be split, killing a person was simply child's play.

Lin E on the side also looked astonished.

He himself could destroy a medium-sized ship, but could never do it as casually as Xu Nian.

Now he understood that Xu Nian's strength might not be beneath his own.

Xu Nian looked at Lin E standing in mid-air and smiled lightly.

"Although countless Earth Immortals have died at my hands, you will be the first Earth Immortal I kill personally," Xu Nian said to Lin E.

"Kid, don't get arrogant too early, don't think that just because your combat power isn't weak you can defeat me, I'll make you understand the gap between Earth Immortal and Transcendence Tribulation," Lin E was also angered by Xu Nian's words and glared at Xu Nian malevolently.

"Is that so? Then I really want to see what an Earth Immortal is," Xu Nian sneered disdainfully, not taking Lin E seriously at all.

"You're courting death!" Lin E roared in anger, stepping forward abruptly, his aura suddenly burst forth.

With his step forward, the void underfoot instantly shattered.

The powerful pressure released shocked everyone present.

The weaker ones even had the urge to kneel down.

Xu Nian, though still as steady as a mountain, also felt a suppression.

This suppression came from the soul.

"The reason why Earth Immortal has the word 'Immortal' is because they have transcended the mortal body; both body and soul undergo comprehensive evolution. Although my flesh and soul have only evolved by a ten-thousandth, it's more than enough to kill you," Lin E said proudly.

After saying this, he turned into a shadow, instantly appearing in front of Xu Nian.

Then he punched towards Xu Nian.

This punch actually carried a hint of the Immortal's might.

The fluctuations contained in his fist were also heart-stopping.

The surrounding void shattered, crushing everything.

"So strong!"

Xu Nian's eyes flashed with a hint of surprise.

So this is the Earth Immortal Realm.

Once one crosses the Heavenly Tribulation, both the body and soul will be sublimated, achieving the Earth Immortal body and soul.

And to become a true Immortal, one must fully convert their Earth Immortal body and soul.

Therefore, the early and middle stages of Earth Immortal are the conversion of the Immortal body, while the late stage and peak are the conversion of the Immortal soul.

This process is extremely slow.

And this Lin E had clearly just stepped into the early stage of Earth Immortal.

The Immortal body had converted less than a ten-thousandth, and the Immortal soul hadn't converted at all.

Yet even so, his Earth Immortal body and soul were not something ordinary people in the Tribulation stage could compare to.

This is why the Earth Immortal Realm is so powerful.

"Hmph, even if you have an Earth Immortal body, I'll still smash it," Xu Nian snorted coldly.

Then his arm conjured seven complete earthen yellow halos.

He punched out.

Directly colliding with Lin E's fist.

"Boom!"

A thunderous explosion.

The ground sank, the sky crumbled.

Everyone around was blown away by this powerful fluctuation.

Everyone was shocked, stunned.

Is this the battle of Earth Immortal level?

Chapter 987: Lin E's Strength

Xu Nian was also sent flying by this punch.

He flew backward for a full three hundred feet before shedding this terrifying force.

Rubbing his numb arm, a sense of astonishment welled up in his heart.

Is this the Body of an Earth Immortal?

Indeed extraordinary, it directly matches his Divine Demon Refining Body combined with metallic energy refined body.

The most crucial point is, he discovered that the True Essence of the opponent surprisingly carries a hint of Immortal Essence fluctuation.

Although it's an extremely subtle trace, it is several times stronger than normal True Essence.

As a result, the advantage of Xu Nian's Green Lotus True Essence ceased to exist.

The sharp transformation of an Earth Immortal Realm powerhouse begins with True Essence.

The process of the Early Stage Earth Immortal is to transform the True Essence within oneself into Immortal Essence.

Even though this Immortal Essence is slightly weaker than that of a true Immortal, it is tenfold, possibly even hundredfold stronger than the True Essence of a Peak Tribulation Crossing powerhouse.

Lay the foundation at the Early Stage Earth Immortal, and then refine the body using Immortal Essence at the Middle Stage Earth Immortal.

Thus forging one's Earth Immortal Body into a True Immortal Body.

When it comes to the Late Stage Earth Immortal Realm, it is time to reshape one's Mud Ball Palace.

Reshaping the Mud Ball Palace to become an Immortal Palace.

When the Immortal Palace reshaping is complete, one reaches the Peak of the Earth Immortal Realm.

At this point, one must forge their Soul origin, allowing one's soul to become an Immortal Soul.

Once the Immortal Soul is perfected, one can shatter the void and transcend into immortality.

However, achieving this step is extremely challenging.

Not to mention anything else, just the first step of converting True Essence requires hundreds, even thousands of years.

Refining the Immortal Body is an even longer process.

The latter two steps not only take a long time but also carry significant danger.

So even if some powerhouses have survived the Heavenly Tribulation, they might not be able to transcend into immortality.

Currently, Lin E has just stepped into the first step yet possesses such formidable combat power.

The strength of an Earth Immortal Realm powerhouse is evident.

"It seems I still underestimated Earth Immortal Realm powerhouses," Xu Nian muttered to himself.

Originally, he thought both his Spirit Cultivation and Body Cultivation had broken through the Early-stage Tribulation Crossing, matching the power of an Early Stage Earth Immortal powerhouse.

But now, it appears that even within the Early Stage Earth Immortal Realm, there are significant differences between powerhouses.

For example, those just beginning to transform Immortal Essence in the Early Stage Earth Immortal Realm and those who have transformed nine layers of Immortal Essence in the Early Stage Earth Immortal Realm have a massive difference in strength.

Without using his domain, Xu Nian can barely match Lin E, who has just stepped into the Earth Immortal Realm.

Lin E was also somewhat surprised at this moment.

Although he had just started transforming Immortal Essence, he nevertheless was an Earth Immortal Realm powerhouse.

This fellow could actually take a strike from him without falling into defeat?

Lin E's gaze instantly turned grave.

This one must die!

This guy is already so formidable at the Early-stage Tribulation Crossing; wouldn't that mean he'd be unbeatable at the Middle Stage?

Moreover, he heard that this guy had only entered the Heavenly Phenomenon Realm a month ago.

Thinking of this, Lin E's killing intent grew even stronger.

"I admit you are a genius, maybe in the near future, I won't be your match, but now you're still a bit lacking," Lin E stood mid-air, looking at Xu Nian, his tone laced with judgment.

His sturdy body trembled slightly, and his robes suddenly tore apart.

Revealing copper-colored skin, with muscles like iron.

On his chest, there was a crocodile-shaped tattoo.

The color was extremely red, appearing particularly menacing.

"Eh? Such a ferocious aura!" Xu Nian was startled, sensing the fierce and bloodthirsty energy emanating from Lin E's tattoo.

It seemed to contain tremendous power within.

"Is the boss gonna use that technique?"

"No way, pushed to this point?"

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The remaining members of the Giant Crocodile Gang watched this scene, each showing an expression of alarm and speaking in a fearful manner.

Lin E also sneered sinisterly at Xu Nian, at that moment his pupils transformed into vertical slits, now red.

"I once had the fortune of slaughtering a descendant of an Ancient Giant Crocodile, I carved this tattoo using its heart's blood on my body, and sealed its Crocodile Soul within it. I didn't intend to use its power, but today you must die," Lin E shouted loudly.

Next, the giant crocodile tattoo on his chest began glowing blood-red, and in an instant, Lin E's body was enveloped by a steel-like scale armor.

Scale armor menacingly covering his entire body.

Even a long tail grew out from Lin E's back.

With a swipe of the tail, a fissure split open in the void behind him.

Lin E's gaze also turned fierce and bloodthirsty.

"Such strong fluctuations, such violent aura." All the members of the Heavenly Court Gang changed expressions.

They didn't expect the Gang Leader of the Giant Crocodile Gang had such a hidden trump card.

Above all, this fellow directly unleashed a killer move, determined to kill Xu Nian!

Xu Nian also felt a bit surprised at the moment.

He didn't expect Lin E to have this move.

But soon, a light smile appeared on Xu Nian's lips.

Ancient Giant Crocodile Soul?

Giant Crocodile's essence blood?

No matter how strong the Ancient Giant Crocodile was, can it compare to his Nine Dragons Supreme Body?

"Hmph!"

Xu Nian snorted coldly.

His body was suddenly enveloped by crimson dragon scales, eyes turned green.

Gray Dragon Eye, Blood Dragon Armor, while his vitality surged within.

His True Essence fluctuations instantly intensified.

This effect was due to the Nether Dragon energy merging into the True Essence.

With the support of three dragon energies, the aura emanating from Xu Nian wasn't weaker than Lin E's a bit.

"Dragon energy?" Lin E was somewhat surprised, but soon his gaze turned greedy.

He could feel that if he devoured Xu Nian, his Taigu Crocodile Soul would evolve, then his strength would certainly skyrocket.

"Kill!"

Lin E roared, his shout shook the heavens.

He then charged at Xu Nian with an overwhelming domineering aura.

Such was the speed that he seemed like an afterimage.

As he reached Xu Nian, he directly punched toward Xu Nian's head.

Xu Nian's eyes flashed with green light, directly grasping Lin E's movement.

His body flickered, dodging Lin E's punch.

Meanwhile, his right hand formed a dragon claw and smashed toward Lin E's lower right armpit.

Lin E's face altered, his tail whip-like swung at Xu Nian like a steel whip.

Xu Nian immediately punched toward his tail, simultaneously, his dragon tail swung at Lin E.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian's punch struck Lin E's crocodile tail, akin to punching steel.

The immense counterforce numbed Xu Nian's arm.

But the dragon tail achieved something extraordinary, striking Lin E's face.

He was instantly knocked flying.

Lin E flew backward, blood dripping from his mouth.

The scales on his armor shattered, appearing more menacing.

Xu Nian did not relent.

"Strike while the iron is hot," stepping on the ground.

The ground collapsed, his figure shot out like a meteor.

The terrifying impact directly tore the ground beneath him, forming a swiftly traveling stone wave.

"Courting death!"

Seeing Xu Nian actually charge, Lin E's anger surged.

His body suddenly surged with a red thunder.

With the emergence of red thunder, Lin E's figure halted, his aura soared to the extreme.

Then he struck directly at Xu Nian with a punch.

Xu Nian's pupils constricted, hastily punched to resist.

"Boom!"

A loud bang.

The blood-colored dragon scales on Xu Nian's arm exploded, his figure was sent flying.

He slid a full thousand feet before stopping.

But just as he steadied his figure, Xu Nian spat out a mouthful of fresh blood.

The power of this punch was immense!

Chapter 988: One Breath to Ten Thousand Swords

Xu Nian spat out a mouthful of blood, his gaze turning grave.

This Lin E is actually cultivating the Thunder Attribute Thunderclap Sky Explosion Profound Argumentation.

That punch just now clearly contained a very strong Thunderstorm Force, at least the Eighth Level of Hidden Power.

So even Xu Nian suffered quite a bit.

"Boss!"

In the distance, Tie Chui and the others saw Xu Nian spit blood and called out in worry.

"I'm fine!" Xu Nian raised his hand to stop Tie Chui and the others from rushing back.

At this moment, Xuanyuan Qingling also furrowed her brows slightly.

The last time Lin E fought with her, he didn't use Thunderclap Profound Argumentation nor the Taigu Giant Crocodile Soul.

It seems that last time, this guy was holding back against her.

Not sure if Xu Nian can defeat this guy.

After all, there is a gap in their realms.

"Thunderclap Sky Explosion Profound Argumentation is impressive, already close to the Peak of Great Success, probably won't take long to break through to the Domain Realm." Xu Nian wiped the fresh blood, speaking to Lin E in the distance.

"So, feeling desperate?" Lin E smirked coldly.

Xu Nian found it amusing, is this guy starting to boast?

"I'm not desperate, I'm afraid you are. If this is all you have, then today you're dead for sure." Xu Nian said to Lin E, word by word.

He emphasized the last three words heavily.

Lin E's face suddenly turned gloomy, a strong anger rising within him.

"Hmph, anyone can talk big, I don't believe you can defeat me." Lin E scoffed disdainfully.

In his eyes, Xu Nian was only posturing before his subordinates, but when it comes to actual combat, he's definitely not his match.

"Is that so? Then let me show you my newly comprehended Dimension Cutting Domain." Xu Nian smiled slightly.

As he finished, he beckoned and the King Jing Sword appeared in his hand.

At the instant Xu Nian grasped the King Jing Sword, four giant swords descended from the Heavenly Dome above.

Forming a enormous square area, directly enveloping both Xu Nian and Lin E within.

"Domain?"

Everyone around showed surprised expressions.

Is this the legendary domain?

Tie Chui and the others were equally excited, their Boss had actually comprehended a domain.

Domain level experts generally can only comprehend at the Earth Immortal Realm, yet their Boss had understood it now.

Truly an unrivaled genius!

Xuanyuan Qingling was also astonished.

Didn't expect Xu Nian to have improved so much upon returning.

Of course, the most shocked was Lin E. He frowned and looked around.

At this moment, he sensed this space contained a sharp Sword Qi.

This Sword Qi was omnipresent, seemingly able to tear him apart at any moment.

"No, must get out!"

Lin E murmured to himself.

Within a domain, invincible!

This was no falsehood, because once stepping into the domain realm, the power of attacks becomes significantly stronger.

Lin E hurriedly flew towards one side.

Seeing Lin E trying to escape, Xu Nian just smiled slightly, not obstructing.

Just as Lin E reached the boundary of the domain, a terrifying Sword Qi directly surged over.

Lin E's pupils immediately shrank, he punched to resist.

"Boom!"

However, this Sword Qi was too numerous, too sharp.

He barely punched out, his body was immediately slashed with over a hundred scars.

Each scar was shocking.

If he forced his way through, he feared he would be cut into halves.

Thinking this, Lin E had no choice but to retreat back into the domain.

Nevertheless, he still appeared utterly bedraggled.

"Why not continue fleeing? I've filled this area with Sword Qi, if you want to escape the boundary, you must break through my Sword Qi." Xu Nian said with a smile, looking at the beleaguered Lin E.

Lin E's gaze grew serious, staring intently at Xu Nian.

This Sword Qi was so dense and terrifying that he couldn't break through it.

Moreover, his Scale Armor defense was ineffective.

"Xu Nian, don't celebrate too soon, even though you've comprehended the domain realm, wanting to kill me won't be that easy." Lin E shouted.

Behind him, a massive Ancient Giant Crocodile shadow surged forth.

"Roar!"

The Ancient Giant Crocodile let out a mighty roar, instantly stirring a tempest.

Xu Nian stood leaning on his sword, his robe fluttering, yet his figure didn't move an inch.

"Is this your final wager? Display your strongest move, otherwise you won't have the chance later." Xu Nian raised his brows at Lin E.

Lin E immediately became furious, his eyes flushed red.

This guy actually looked down on him so much.

"I'll make you die!"

Lin E shouted, his body surging with tens of thousands of lightning bolts, then his entire being charged at Xu Nian like a thunderbolt.

Lightning layered upon layer covered his fists.

Brimming with a menacing aura.

"This is the Gang Leader's killing move Thunderclap Fury, back then the Gang Leader defeated the previous Gang Leader with this move, claiming the position."

"Indeed, this move is powerful, I can feel a trembling wave from a distance."

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The Giant Crocodile Gang members exclaimed as they witnessed Lin E's move.

The Heavenly Court Gang members also wore serious expressions.

The power of this punch likely wouldn't be small.

Yet Xu Nian merely laughed lightly, watching Lin E charge in, his gaze suddenly sharpened.

In the next instant, his figure transformed into a phantom.

Passing right through Lin E's body.

This scene happened too quickly, almost in an instant.

The surrounding experts didn't even catch Xu Nian's movements.

Even Lin E had no time to react.

"No..."

Lin E's gaze turned extremely unwilling, seemingly wanting to roar.

But in the next moment, everyone saw densely packed sword marks appearing on Lin E's body.

Eventually, these sword marks enlarged, and finally, his entire body fragmented into countless pieces.

Each piece of flesh was no larger than a thumb's nail, sliced with extreme smoothness and precision.

A dead silence fell over the surroundings.

How was this done?

To cut someone to this degree, at least thousands of swords must have been slashed, right?

Did Xu Nian slash out millions of swords in that instant?

Not only was Tie Chui and the others stunned, Xuanyuan Qingling was also shocked on her beautiful face.

In that instant, she couldn't understand how Xu Nian made his move.

Xu Nian glanced at the corpse on the ground, smiling slightly. With a move of his hand, a shadow was captured in his palm.

This shadow was none other than Lin E's soul.

In the Earth Immortal Realm, souls can exist independently in the mortal world.

Just now, Lin E attempted an escape with his soul, discovered by Xu Nian.

"I beg you, let me go." Lin E's pleading voice came from the shadow.

His voice was filled with terror.

At this moment, he was only left with his soul, completely powerless to resist.

Xu Nian smiled faintly, looking at Lin E's desperate plea, his gaze unwavering.

"Bang!"

With a clenched hand, Lin E's soul was crushed.

He's not a child, he wouldn't easily let Lin E go.

Mercy for enemies is cruelty to oneself.

With a thought, the giant sword shadows around him began to dissipate.

Actually, the sword move just now was executed by integrating it with the Sword Domain.

It seemed like one sword was slashed, but in reality, it was ten thousand swords.

This is the terrifying aspect of the Domain Realm.

Xu Nian named this move One Breath to Ten Thousand Swords!

Chapter 989 The Expansion of the Heavenly Court Gang

Xu Nian slashed Lin E with one sword.

The members of the Giant Crocodile Gang were all stunned.

Their gang leader was actually killed in an instant?

What are they supposed to do?

Everyone looked at each other, at a loss.

"As long as you abandon the ships and leave Sirius, I will spare your lives," Xu Nian said to the thousands of cultivators in the Heavenly Dome.

As soon as he said this, those cultivators severed their connection with their ships and flew into the cosmic void without looking back.

He could have easily recruited these cultivators, but he chose not to do so.

Because the members of the Heavenly Court Gang and this group from the Giant Crocodile Gang were already red-eyed from killing.

Recruiting them might not fortify the cohesion of the Heavenly Court Gang.

Furthermore, these guys were here mainly due to Lin E's orders.

So expelling them was the best choice.

Clearly, Xuanyuan Qingling and Wu Gang agreed with Xu Nian's approach.

"If it were up to me, I would just kill them directly," Tie Chui and Zhao An discontentedly said.

Xu Nian smiled slightly and said, "If we issue a kill order, our brothers would suffer considerable losses. It's completely unnecessary. Besides, expelling them into the void, they might not survive. The cosmic void is so vast that without ships, they might take a long time to fly. Right now, our priority is to organize forces and head to where the Giant Crocodile Gang is to acquire their resources."

"Let me do it!" Xuanyuan Qingling stepped up and said.

Xu Nian shook his head and said, "You are seriously injured now. You also forced a breakthrough this time, causing some damage to your foundation. It's better to recuperate for a while. I'll personally handle this matter."

Upon hearing this, Xuanyuan Qingling hesitated but said no more.

Indeed, she was seriously injured this time.

"As for you, I will provide you with a large amount of pills. Work hard on your cultivation and strive to break through to the Tribulation Crossing stage as soon as possible," Xu Nian said to Tie Chui and the others.

The Heavenly Court Gang is still too weak.

It's useless if only he is strong.

Once he leaves, the Heavenly Court Gang will have a hard time resisting external risks.

So besides rapidly improving his strength, the main members of the Heavenly Court Gang must also rapidly improve their strength.

Upon hearing that Xu Nian would provide a large number of pills, Tie Chui and the others were overjoyed.

Generally, at their level of cultivation, the side effects of taking Spirit Pills are almost negligible.

However, only the top-grade and exquisite-grade Spirit Pills could truly be effective.

During this period, Xu Nian killed many strong individuals on Slaughter Star.

These strong individuals more or less had some pills on them.

The only pity was that in the final battle at the Heavenly Immortal Pond, Xu Nian was unable to collect all those pills.

But during the previous chaos, he managed to gather quite a few.

Now they were just enough for the development of the Heavenly Court Gang members.

Xu Nian took out the pills and handed them to Wu Gang.

He didn't count them; there were probably about three thousand bottles.

They should sustain the operation of the Heavenly Court Gang for quite a long time.

After last night's events, Xu Nian ordered people to seize the ships in the sky.

These ships were extremely valuable treasures, especially those three mid-grade ships.

Unfortunately, one of them had been chopped in half by Xu Nian's sword and was utterly scrapped.

After handling these matters, Xu Nian took some people to the headquarters of the Giant Crocodile Gang.

He soon occupied all the resources of the Giant Crocodile Gang.

Anyone dissatisfied was directly slain by Xu Nian.

Witnessing Xu Nian's thunderous methods, no one in the Giant Crocodile Gang dared to resist.

Someone wanted to join the Heavenly Court Gang, and this time Xu Nian agreed.

To facilitate this, Xu Nian established transmission arrays in various territories of the Giant Crocodile Gang.

This way, the management and support of the Heavenly Court Gang could quickly reach those areas.

After busying himself for a month, Xu Nian finally sorted out all matters within the gang, and the entire Heavenly Court Gang returned to normal track.

After experiencing this battle, not only did the Heavenly Court Gang not suffer a significant loss, it became even stronger.

Besides Lan Qi, who had already broken through, Tie Chui, Zhao An, Wu Gang, and four other internal members successfully broke through to the early-stage Tribulation Crossing thanks to Xu Nian's pills.

And Lan Qi directly advanced to the middle-stage Tribulation Crossing.

That's right; this is the mighty effect of resources.

With enough resources, cultivation speed improves significantly.

These strong individuals chose to join the gang because, in addition to ensuring their safety, the gang offered more opportunities to acquire resources.

It could be said that under Xu Nian's leadership, the Heavenly Court Gang had risen to the level of a large gang.

After a month of adjustments, Xuanyuan Qingling's injuries had completely healed.

Not only that, but her strength had also improved significantly.

"Huh, you broke through?" Xu Nian looked at Xuanyuan Qingling and said in surprise.

"Didn't the Vice Gang Leader already break through?" Tie Chui and the others beside him asked in confusion.

Xuanyuan Qingling's cultivation had indeed improved, but she had not broken through to the peak of Tribulation Crossing!

Xu Nian didn't pay attention to the curious gazes of Tie Chui and the others; instead, he looked at Xuanyuan Qingling.

Xuanyuan Qingling's cultivation hadn't changed; she was still at the late-stage Tribulation Crossing.

Xu Nian said she broke through, referring to her advancements in understanding.

Xuanyuan Qingling nodded and said, "I was inspired by your sword and gained some insights, so I broke through. Now I have stepped into the realm of domains."

Xu Nian then remembered Xuanyuan Qingling and he practiced the same type of Profound Argumentation, mainly focusing on Dimension Cutting.

The sword Xu Nian unleashed greatly inspired Xuanyuan Qingling.

He was originally stuck at the peak of Great Success and directly crossed into the domain level.

"Domain?" Tie Chui and the others showed shocked expressions.

The fact that their gang leader broke through to the domain level already surprised them, but they never expected their vice gang leader also reached the domain level.

A gang with two domain-level experts was truly extraordinary.

"I wonder what kind of domain you have?" Xu Nian curiously asked.

Everyone's understanding of Profound Argumentation varies. Even with the same Profound Argumentation, the created domain can vary significantly.

There is no inherent strength or weakness; what is suitable is genuinely powerful.

"My domain is based on Zither Sound, forming Cutting Force that is ubiquitous and lethal," Xuanyuan Qingling replied.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian couldn't help but gasp.

This move by Xuanyuan Qingling was also extremely terrifying.

Xu Nian could instantaneously gather nearly ten thousand sword qi.

And Xuanyuan Qingling utilized Zither Sound to form a domain of absolute kill.

Defending against this was said to be extremely challenging.

Facing Xuanyuan Qingling's domain could indeed give Xu Nian quite a headache.

"Are you planning to return to Tianlan Star next?" Xuanyuan Qingling suddenly asked.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian glanced at Xuanyuan Qingling, his face showing a hint of surprise, and then he smiled bitterly, "Yes, I've been away for so long; it's time to go back. Moreover, Xuan Hong is still suffering, and I need to rescue her. Besides, my two brothers previously sent me a message saying they arrived in the Cultivation World, but now there's no news. I'm very worried."

"I will go back with you!" Xuanyuan Qingling suddenly said.

Xu Nian shook his head, "The Heavenly Court Gang needs you!"

Upon hearing this, Xuanyuan Qingling seemed to want to say something but stopped.

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"I know what you're thinking, you want revenge. When I reach Tianlan Star, I will find a stronghold to establish, and then you can directly use the Transmission Array to come over," Xu Nian said to Xuanyuan Qingling.

Xuanyuan Qingling nodded upon hearing this.

With this arrangement, she had no complaints.

"Then I'm grateful to you for your hard work during this time," Xu Nian said to Xuanyuan Qingling.

"No need to thank me, the Heavenly Court Gang is not solely yours," Xuanyuan Qingling replied indifferently.

She was somewhat displeased with Xu Nian's gratitude.

Xu Nian smiled awkwardly and said nothing further.

The atmosphere was a bit awkward.

However, at that moment, Wu Gang walked in from outside the hall, looking at Xu Nian with a serious expression.

"Gang Leader, someone has come outside the hall saying they're here to find you, and they seem extremely strong," Wu Gang said.

The person had given him an overwhelmingly strong feeling; just standing before them felt like he was being overshadowed by a giant mountain.

"Did they mention their identity?" Xu Nian frowned as he asked.

Very few people knew he was here.

Could it be an enemy from the Slaughter Star finding trouble?

If so, that could be big trouble.

"They didn't say, but I noticed a Blue Gold Sword Radiance embroidered on their chest," Wu Gang replied.

Upon hearing this, Tie Chui and the others immediately had a shocked expression.

"What is Blue Gold Sword Radiance?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

"Blue Gold Sword Radiance is the emblem of the Denor Empire, so the visitor is likely from the empire," Wu Gang said with a heavy tone.

"Someone from the Denor Empire?" Now it was Xu Nian's turn to be surprised.

What's someone from the Denor Empire doing looking for him?

Regardless, he needed to go out and see.

Seeing everything would reveal the answers.

Xu Nian walked out with large strides.

Soon, he saw a middle-aged man outside the hall.

This middle-aged man was eight feet tall, with a robust and imposing figure.

At the moment, he stood with his back to Xu Nian, hands folded behind.

Just his silhouette exerted immense pressure on Xu Nian.

"An Earth Immortal expert, and not someone like Lin E, clearly at least a Middle Stage or even a Late Stage level," Xu Nian thought to himself.

Though he hadn't used his Spiritual Sense to probe, just sensing the aura gave him a preliminary idea of the other's strength.

"I am Xu Nian. I wonder what brings you to my Heavenly Court Gang?" Xu Nian carefully asked while looking at the man's back.

If the other wanted to kill him, it would likely take just one move.

"So your real name is Xu Nian. Does that mean 'Meteor' is your codename?" The middle-aged man turned around laughing, revealing a firm face.

His voice was magnetic but lacked authority.

Xu Nian's pupils shrank instantly, and he became alert.

"No need to worry, I'm not here to cause you trouble. I have come representing the empire, seeking to recruit talent like you," the middle-aged man said with a smile.

He saw through Xu Nian's thoughts immediately.

Representing the empire?

Not here to cause trouble?

Xu Nian secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

He didn't want to face off against this middle-aged man. He could escape, but if he fled, all his hard work in building the Heavenly Court Gang would be for nothing.

"May I know your esteemed name?" Xu Nian asked respectfully.

"I'm Zhao Yunshen, leader of the Blue Gold Army of the Denor Empire. I've come especially for you," the middle-aged man replied.

"Zhao Yunshen? Is he the Spear Immortal Zhao Yunshen?" Tie Chui and others exclaimed while eavesdropping.

Other people also showed shock.

One by one, they looked at Zhao Yunshen with eyes full of awe.

Xu Nian was a bit surprised by this scene.

It seemed Zhao Yunshen's reputation was quite significant in the Denor Star System!

Even Tie Chui and the others knew of him.

"I dislike small talk, so I'll get straight to the point. Are you willing to join the Blue Gold Army?" Zhao Yunshen directly asked.

"Join the Blue Gold Army?" Tie Chui and the others were shocked again.

Their leader was invited to join the Blue Gold Army, and it was Zhao Yunshen himself who came to extend the invitation.

What did their leader actually do?

'Meteor'?

This name seemed familiar, but Zhao An couldn't recall where he'd heard it.

Meanwhile, Xu Nian frowned.

He didn't want to join any faction because he didn't want to be tied down.

Empire-level factions likely impose stronger restrictions.

"You seem to be unfamiliar with the Blue Gold Army, so let me explain a bit," Zhao Yunshen said, noticing Xu Nian's hesitation.

"Thank you, honored one," Xu Nian said, listening quietly rather than refusing outright.

"The Blue Gold Army is the highest-level regiment in our Denor Star System Empire, consisting of only three thousand soldiers, each a genius," Zhao Yunshen explained.

Xu Nian's pupils widened.

A regiment of three thousand people?

All at the Earth Immortal level?

The thought of it made Xu Nian's skin crawl.

A three-thousand-strong Earth Immortal army—how terrifying would that be?

But then he thought of the thirty thousand Earth Immortal experts on Slaughter Star and felt more at ease.

After all, for a Star Domain with countless life forms, tens of thousands are hardly significant against such a vast pool.

But this also made Xu Nian think of the Four Great Sects claiming the Four Great Star Regions.

Wasn't it said the sects had numerous Earth Immortal experts, even over ten thousand?

And firms like Tianbao Pavilion or the mysterious Mu Residence probably hid immense power behind them.

It seemed his understanding was still too shallow; the Cultivation World was far more complex than he imagined.

"Honored one, you say the Blue Gold Army consists of Earth Immortals, but I'm still only in the Early-stage Tribulation Crossing," Xu Nian questioned.

"You must understand that not everyone who crosses the Heavenly Tribulation and becomes an Earth Immortal can become a true Immortal. Some can never convert their Immortal Essence nor temper their

Immortal Body, not to mention reuniting their Immortal Palace and gathering their Immortal Soul. Such Earth Immortals can never exceed the Earth Immortal Realm and have no right to join our Blue Gold Army, whereas your performance on Slaughter Star has been reviewed. Your two fields of expertise make you comparable to an Earth Immortal, and despite your current realm still being insufficient, you are well-qualified to join the Blue Gold Army," Zhao Yunshen said.

"But..." Xu Nian started to speak but was interrupted again by Zhao Yunshen.

"I know what worries you—freedom. Rest assured, the empire won't impose restrictions. People who can join the Blue Gold Army are all genius-level individuals. Without freedom, they wouldn't even think about joining. The empire won't interfere with your personal affairs nor restrict your freedom. You only need to lend a hand when the empire faces a crisis, in exchange for access to imperial resources. So, what do you say?" Zhao Yunshen asked, gazing at Xu Nian.

"Boss, quickly promise him; this is an enormous opportunity,"

Before Xu Nian could respond, Tie Chui and others began to clamor.

Xu Nian smiled faintly; truly the eunuch was anxious while the emperor was not.

"Is it truly only during times of imperial crisis that we act?" Xu Nian asked again.

"I, Zhao Yunshen, have always honored my word," Zhao Yunshen glared at Xu Nian and said coldly.

Xu Nian replied with an awkward smile, "Alright, I agree with you."

Upon hearing this, Zhao Yunshen finally allowed a trace of a smile to appear.