

Divine King 991

Chapter 991: The Disadvantages of Energy Metals

Xu Nian ultimately chose the Blue Gold Army.

First of all, without considering anything else, if he didn't choose to join, whether Zhao Yunshen would let him go was another matter.

Besides, joining the Blue Gold Army didn't seem to have any disadvantages for him.

"Alright, from today on, you are a member of the Blue Gold Army of the Denor Empire. I hope that when the Denor Empire needs you, no matter where you are, you must return. Additionally, the Martial God Temple of the Denor Empire will also be open to you. It contains numerous secret techniques and moves left by many predecessors of the Blue Gold Army, which you can explore when you have time," Zhao Yunshen said to Xu Nian with great expectations.

Actually, when it comes to recruiting for the Blue Gold Army, he didn't need to personally take action.

However, Xu Nian's performance on Slaughter Star surprised him a lot, which is why he chose to come personally.

At this moment, handing over the army emblem of the Blue Gold Army to Xu Nian, his heart was also filled with expectation.

The young man in front of him was so young; when he first saw Xu Nian, he was surprised.

Because Xu Nian was much younger than he had imagined.

Moreover, Xu Nian's calmness made him very optimistic about him.

There are many geniuses, but those who are proud of their talents can easily get extinguished in their growth.

However, Xu Nian's calmness made him very satisfied.

"By the way, senior, is there a transmission array to the Tianhen Star Domain in the empire?" Xu Nian suddenly thought of something and asked.

Tianlan Star is located in the Tianhen Star Domain. Xu Nian must rely on the interstellar teleportation array to reach Tianlan Star.

If he relied on flying himself, it would probably take thousands of years, and he might never reach it.

Moreover, in the vast Star Sea, it is easy to lose direction.

Even if Zhao Yunshen didn't come, he would go to the empire to find the interstellar teleportation array.

"Tianhen Star Domain? What do you want to do there?" Zhao Yunshen frowned slightly, turning to look at Xu Nian and asked.

Ordinary cultivators usually choose to operate within their star domain, rarely engaging in long-distance teleportation to other star domains.

The entire cultivation world has currently discovered only nine star domains.

Among them, the Four Great Sects occupy four star domains.

The Denor Star System is ruled by the Denor Empire.

The remaining four star domains, Tianhen Star Domain, Taiheng Star Domain, Fairy Star Domain, and Sky Wind Star Domain are gathering places for loose cultivators.

Among them, Sky Wind Star Domain gathers more Demon Beasts, and humans rarely set foot there.

However, Xu Nian plans to visit Sky Wind Star Domain sooner or later.

Because he promised the Dragon God to go to Tianhan Star and rescue her daughter.

Of course, with his current strength, Xu Nian cannot save the Beast God's daughter yet.

Moreover, her daughter still has ten years of lifespan, and Xu Nian has at most spent four years in the cultivation world.

So he has a long period, not in a hurry to go there for now.

Right now, the most important thing is to return to the Tianhen Star Domain and rescue Xuan Hong.

"To report to you, senior, I am originally from the Tianhen Star Domain. My friend was once captured, and I must return to save him," Xu Nian replied truthfully.

Upon hearing this, Zhao Yunshen nodded suddenly with understanding.

So this guy is from the Tianhen Star Domain.

Tianhen Star Domain can be said to be the weakest among the Nine Great Star Regions.

The cultivators there are generally very backward, and even a few planets would produce one Earth Immortal level expert.

However, lately, the Tianhen Star Domain has become quite lively.

"The empire has a transmission array leading to the Tianhen Star Domain. Since you want to go there, I have a task I can assign to you. Of course, you can choose not to accept it, but if you complete this task, the empire will generously reward you," Zhao Yunshen said to Xu Nian.

"Oh? What task?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"No rush, since you plan to go to the empire, I will tell you slowly on the way," Zhao Yunshen said with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded.

Then he called the members of the Heavenly Court Gang, gave a few instructions, and left.

Of course, when leaving, Xu Nian also took a large batch of Red Gold Energy Metal with him.

Currently, he had only absorbed half of his Red Gold Energy Metal and was far from saturation.

Once his absorption reaches saturation, his body's toughness would even exceed that of a top-grade spiritual artifact, and the Dragon Scale Armor would be comparable to a top-grade spiritual artifact.

At that time, others would find it difficult to break through his defense.

So Xu Nian wanted to absorb the Red Gold Energy Metal to saturation while on the road.

Soon, Xu Nian boarded Zhao Yunshen's ship.

Xu Nian found that Zhao Yunshen's ship was entirely made of top-grade spiritual artifact materials.

However, it was not a large ship, but a small ship capable of accommodating only a dozen people.

This kind of ship could withstand attacks from Earth Immortal level experts without any issue.

At this moment, within the ship, Xu Nian and Zhao Yunshen stood facing each other.

The ship, driven by formation, turned into a stream of light and left Sirius, heading towards the depths of the Denor Star System.

"Are you absorbing ability metals?" After both sat down, Zhao Yunshen asked with a smile.

Xu Nian was not surprised. When he collected the Red Gold Energy Metal earlier, he didn't avoid Zhao Yunshen.

After all, he believed that the imposing leader of the empire's Blue Gold Army would not covet his small amount of Red Gold Energy Metal.

"Yes, senior, is there a problem?" Xu Nian asked curiously.

"There is no problem with absorbing energy metals to strengthen the body because most people in the Denor Empire do so. Moreover, since you are a Body Cultivation expert, absorbing energy metals greatly aids in refining your body," Zhao Yunshen said with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded, acknowledging that he too felt the benefit.

A powerful physical defense can play a crucial role in battle.

Although the Divine Demon Refining Body is powerful, it primarily increases blood vitality and Gang Qi, whereas energy metals offer a more straightforward and faster enhancement to the body.

"However, let me remind you that absorbing too much energy metal isn't necessarily a good thing. Not to mention anything else, once the energy of this metal exceeds your body's limit, it might cause physical breakdown. Generally, people stop at Red Gold Energy Metal, and very few choose to absorb

Blue Gold Energy Metal. As for Black Gold Energy Metal, no one in the history of the Denor Star System has ever absorbed it," Zhao Yunshen said, sipping his tea.

Xu Nian nodded, not worried about these issues for now.

He has the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique, and his body's endurance far surpasses ordinary people.

Moreover, he possesses the Nine Dragons Supreme Body, so absorbing Blue Gold Ability Metal should not pose any problems.

As for Black Gold Ability Metal, he might try it in the future if the opportunity arises.

However, the fact that no one has absorbed Black Gold Energy Metal up to now surprised Xu Nian.

Could it be that over the years, no one's body has reached the level capable of withstanding Black Gold Energy?

Seemingly noticing Xu Nian's confusion, Zhao Yunshen smiled slightly and said, "Yes, in the Denor Star System there are individuals whose bodies can withstand Black Gold, but no one chooses to do so because it equates to cutting off their path to immortality."

"Why?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

Could it be that the stronger the body, the less likely one becomes immortal?

Zhao Yunshen smiled and said, "Have you forgotten what the Middle Stage Earth Immortal does?"

Xu Nian paused, then seemed to recall something and quickly asked, "Do you mean that the higher the level of energy metal absorbed, the harder it becomes to refine the Immortal Body?"

Zhao Yunshen shook his head and said, "It's not that it's completely impossible, but achieving success becomes extremely difficult."

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Xu Nian furrowed his brow, realizing that energy metal had such drawbacks.

If Zhao Yunshen hadn't told him, he really wouldn't have known.

"You may not understand, but the cultivation of an Earth Immortal involves converting one's True Essence into Immortal Essence at the Early Stage. This process requires continuous compression of one's True Essence to gradually accumulate Immortal Essence. Gradually transforming one's Zifu, completing its metamorphosis, is a prerequisite for entering the Middle Stage of Tribulation Crossing," Zhao Yunshen explained to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian listened very intently.

He only had a preliminary understanding of these things.

Although he had a super-strong Wentian Demon Sovereign by his side,

this guy usually sleeps to cultivate his Divine Soul, rarely appearing.

So, Xu Nian knew too little about Earth Immortal experts.

As for Emperor Ye Tian, her Divine Soul is still dormant within the Original Core of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

She cannot awaken for the time being.

"When one reaches the Middle Stage of Tribulation Crossing, one uses their Immortal Essence to transform their own body. The first step is to transform the heart, then the five internal organs, followed by the entire skeletal, meridian network, and skin. Once the body has been thoroughly refined, one

reaches the Late Stage Earth Immortal, and at the Earth Immortal Peak, one reshapes their Mud Ball Palace, perfecting their Soul Origin to achieve the Immortal Soul," Zhao Yunshen explained.

Xu Nian nodded.

No wonder reaching the Earth Immortal Realm requires a long cultivation process; accumulating Immortal Essence alone takes a long time.

Moreover, refining an Immortal Body also consumes a lot of Immortal Essence.

"Now you should understand the importance of refining the Immortal Body on the path to immortality. The more energy metal you absorb, the harder your body becomes, making it more difficult to refine. Others might not have enough Immortal Essence to refine even one heart, let alone the whole body. Can you imagine how difficult it will be for you to become an Immortal?" Zhao Yunshen explained.

This time, Xu Nian fully understood.

In other words, the more energy metal he absorbs, the stronger his body becomes, and the more Immortal Essence is required to transform into an Immortal Body in the future.

He might even consume tenfold, hundredfold, or even a thousandfold the Immortal Essence others would need.

Of course, once the refinement succeeds, his Immortal Body will also become much stronger.

Normally, people do not absorb too much Black Gold Energy Metal.

Because for them, the required Immortal Essence is simply too vast.

It might take tens of thousands of years to complete the transformation of their Immortal Body.

It's simply not worth sacrificing so much for a strong body.

"How does Body Cultivation break into the Gang Immortal Realm?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

He understood the Spirit Cultivation approach.

But how does Body Cultivation cultivate?

When he heard Xu Nian's question, Zhao Yunshen thought for a moment and said, "Actually, Body Cultivation and Spirit Cultivation are different paths to the same goal. Although there are still distinctions between spiritual and physical bodies in the Immortal Realm, many Body Cultivation experts convert to Spirit Cultivation at the Earth Immortal Realm. After all, the path of Body Cultivation ends at the Gang Immortal Realm. It is said that in ancient times, there was a Divine Demon Refining Body Technique, an independent cultivation system existed even in the Immortal and Divine Worlds, but this cultivation system has long been lost."

Xu Nian nodded,

He knew this.

At the Earth Immortal Realm, many Body Cultivators start switching to Spirit Cultivation.

Because they reach a dead end at the Gang Immortal Realm.

But Xu Nian isn't the same; he cultivates the ancient Divine Demon Refining Body Technique.

This was something he hadn't mentioned, a significant secret of his.

"At the Early Stage of the Gang Immortal Realm, they also convert into Immortal Essence, but they compress and compress their internal Gang Energy to form Immortal Essence. During this process, they attempt to use their Immortal Essence to reshape their Zifu. Once complete, it is no different from Spirit

Cultivation. Therefore, your Spirit Body Dual Cultivation is entirely a waste of time. In the future, you should focus solely on Spirit Cultivation," Zhao Yunshen advised Xu Nian with a glance.

Xu Nian smiled but did not comment.

His Divine Demon Refining Body Technique could certainly continue cultivation.

Moreover, the Gang Energy transformation described in the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique wasn't into Immortal Essence but into Hong Power.

As to what this Hong Power really was, Xu Nian did not know yet.

He would have to wait until he broke through to the Gang Immortal Realm to find out.

"By the way, senior, you mentioned earlier there is a mission to the Tianhen Star Domain; what exactly is that mission?" After thinking about it, Xu Nian decided to change the subject.

Having talked so much with Zhao Yunshen today, he had benefited greatly.

He had gained a clearer understanding of the current Cultivation System.

As for whether or not to absorb the Black Gold Power later on, that would depend on future circumstances.

If there was an opportunity, he wouldn't mind trying it.

"Ah, this matter, I almost forgot you mentioned it. Currently, the Tianhen Star Domain is quite lively. Apart from loose cultivators heading there from various star domains, the Four Great Sects have sent their disciples, and our empire has also sent some members of the Blue Gold Army there. When you get there, you can make contact with them," Zhao Yunshen said.

"So many experts have gone? Has some great treasure appeared in the Tianhen Star Domain?" Xu Nian said in surprise.

The Tianhen Star Domain is the weakest of the Nine Great Star Regions. What could attract the other eight star domains there?

Even the Four Great Sects have sent talents and experts.

To say something attractive, the Tianlan Star does have an Immortal Treasure Land.

But it is still far from the time when the Immortal Treasure Land opens.

"Nothing like a great treasure, just a sky-high bounty, reportedly, remnants of the Divine Demon Sect have appeared in the Tianhen Star Domain," Zhao Yunshen said.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's pupils suddenly dilated.

Remnants of the Divine Demon Sect?

Could it be his master Bai Tianhan?

For some time, besides cultivating, Xu Nian's other goal was to look for news about Bai Tianhan.

But he had learned nothing of significance.

Now, hearing Zhao Yunshen say this, naturally, he was very surprised.

"Senior, what is this sky-high bounty about? And who are the remnants of the Divine Demon Sect?" Xu Nian hurriedly asked.

Zhao Yunshen glanced at Xu Nian, having no qualms, and explained, "Back in the day, the Four Great Sects joined forces to annihilate a super sect called the Divine Demon Sect, and that was a millennium ago. However, they reportedly did not completely wipe out the Divine Demon Sect, and some remnants survived. The Four Great Sects placed a bounty to eliminate them once and for all: kill a Divine Demon Sect remnant and receive ten Immortal Pills and an Immortal Artifact."

"Ten Immortal Pills and an Immortal Artifact?" Xu Nian echoed in shock, but a surge of anger also welled up inside him.

He, too, considered himself a descendant of the Divine Demon Sect. The Four Great Sects targeting the Divine Demon Sect in this way was too much.

"That battle back then shook the entire Cultivation World. Reportedly, the Four Great Sects were searching for something that even experts from the Immortal Realm coveted. Yet after the battle, that thing disappeared, and the Four Great Sects have never stopped looking. Recently, rumors surfaced about sightings of people from the Divine Demon Sect, so the Four Great Sects dispatched experts. Our Denor Empire is joining in out of interest, and if you're keen, consider taking on this task. The goal isn't to kill the remnants of the Divine Demon Sect, but to capture them and bring them back to the Denor Empire," Zhao Yunshen explained.

Xu Nian's pupils shrank sharply when he heard this.

The remnants of the Divine Demon Sect?

Could it be his master, Bai Tianhan?

During this time, Xu Nian's aim, besides his cultivation, was to find news about Bai Tianhan.

Yet he had learned nothing so far.

"Senior, what exactly is this sky-high bounty? And who exactly are the remnants of the Divine Demon Sect?" Xu Nian asked hurriedly.

Zhao Yunshen gave Xu Nian a look but was not suspicious and explained, "Years ago, the Four Great Sects united to destroy a super sect called the Divine Demon Sect. This was a millennium ago, but reports suggest the Divine Demon Sect was not entirely eliminated, and remnants still exist. The bounty is ten Immortal Pills and an Immortal Artifact for anyone who kills a remnant of the Divine Demon Sect."

"Ten Immortal Pills and an Immortal Artifact?" Xu Nian repeated in shock, but inside he was filled with anger.

It's reasonable since he's also a descendant of the Divine Demon Sect, and the way the Four Great Sects specifically target the Divine Demon Sect seemed simply outrageous.

"That battle back then rocked the whole Cultivation World, allegedly because the Four Great Sects were after some object that even the Immortal Realm covets. But after that battle, this object disappeared, and they never stopped searching for it. It's said that there's information about someone from the Divine Demon Sect, so they have sent their experts, and even the Denor Empire is joining the fray. If you are interested, you could take on this mission; the goal isn't to kill the Divine Demon Sect remnant but to protect them and bring them back to the Denor Empire." Zhao Yunshen explained.

"Alright, I'll take on this mission," Xu Nian said resolutely.

Zhao Yunshen didn't think much of this matter, nodding slightly.

After all, whatever the Four Great Sects have been searching for over a millennium cannot be that easily found.

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Chapter 993 Denor Star

Soon, Xu Nian followed Zhao Yunshen to the headquarters of the Denor Empire, Denor Star.

When Xu Nian stepped off the ship and stood in the void looking at Denor Star, he was deeply shocked by the scene before him.

It was truly enormous!

The size of Denor Star was hundreds of times that of their own Sirius.

If Sirius were placed in front of it, it would probably be nothing more than a trivial little ball.

Surrounding the Denor Star System was a ring-like belt of asteroids floating in space.

The floating asteroids formed a magnificent halo.

"Don't think they are just ordinary asteroid belts. In fact, these belts are densely packed with numerous formations. Anyone attempting to enter Denor Star, or attack it, will be met with attacks," Zhao Yunshen said with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded.

It would indeed be strange if the headquarters of a star system-controlling empire didn't have strong defenses.

He just hadn't expected Denor Star to be this massive.

"Shall we, how about I take you on a tour of the Blue Gold Army on Denor Star?" Zhao Yunshen inquired.

"Forget it, senior, I think I'll go straight to the transmission array. I can always explore Denor Star some other time," Xu Nian replied with a smile.

Zhao Yunshen nodded and did not seem displeased.

He directly led Xu Nian towards the interstellar teleportation array on Denor Star.

Under Zhao Yunshen's guidance, Xu Nian quickly reached the interior of Denor Star.

Upon entering Denor Star, Xu Nian immediately felt an incredibly dense aura of spiritual energy.

The density of this spiritual energy far exceeded that of typical planets.

Additionally, the gravity on Denor Star was also a thousand times that of ordinary planets.

However, this thousandfold discrepancy was negligible for Xu Nian and the others.

As they proceeded, an enormous structure appeared in their view.

This structure was about a thousand meters tall, reaching directly into the clouds.

The building was constructed from three massive stone pillars, with a large circular area in the middle.

The circular area on the ground was densely packed with an abundance of array patterns.

Within the array patterns, powerful energy was flowing.

"What a massive interstellar teleportation array. It could probably transport tens of thousands of people at once!" Xu Nian couldn't help but exclaim.

This was the largest teleportation array Xu Nian had ever seen.

He simply couldn't imagine how many top-grade array masters it would take to construct a teleportation array of this size.

Xu Nian was also an array master, but he had only achieved the top grade level, barely able to construct an interstellar teleportation array.

Moreover, his array could only accommodate two or three people at most per transmission.

For a gigantic array like this, without dozens of top-grade array masters working together, it would be impossible to complete.

"Impressive, isn't it? The empire has stood in this star system for millions of years. The accumulation over millions of years is beyond our imagination," Zhao Yunshen said with a smile.

Xu Nian couldn't help but take a deep breath.

Millions of years? How long was that?

For someone like him, who had lived less than a hundred years, that time span was beyond comprehension.

"Senior, I've been curious about something on the way here and want to ask you. I wonder if it would be offensive?" Xu Nian hesitated a bit before speaking.

"You want to ask about my cultivation level, right?" Zhao Yunshen replied with a smile.

Xu Nian nodded.

He could sense Zhao Yunshen's immense strength. This powerful aura was something that even many at the Earth Immortal Peak could not project.

"I would say it's at the Earth Immortal Peak," Zhao Yunshen thought for a moment and replied.

Xu Nian frowned, feeling puzzled.

What did he mean by "would say"?

Seeing Xu Nian's confusion, Zhao Yunshen smiled and said, "There are some things you may not understand now, but once you reach the Earth Immortal Realm, you'll naturally comprehend. You need to know, the depths of the Earth Immortal Realm are beyond what you imagine."

Xu Nian seemed to partially understand, but he did not inquire further.

"You should head to the Tianhen Star Domain. Here is the information about your senior brothers. If you encounter them, just show them your Military Glory, and they will naturally know you are a comrade. You can also seek their help if necessary." Zhao Yunshen tossed Xu Nian a jade scroll.

Xu Nian accepted the jade scroll and nodded gratefully.

As for the task he had mentioned earlier, Xu Nian naturally couldn't accomplish it.

Even if he caught remnants of the Divine Demon Sect and learned the whereabouts of the treasure, he would pretend not to know.

After all, he was somewhat of a remnant of the Divine Demon Sect himself.

As he walked into the teleportation array, the person in charge on the side began to activate the array.

Soon, the three massive pillars began to glow.

Then Xu Nian felt a huge surge of energy pour into the array patterns beneath his feet, and in the next moment, he felt the energy soar skyward.

The void was directly torn open at a gap.

Under the wrap of this energy, he was directly engulfed into the gap, disappearing from the skies above Denor Star the next moment.

Zhao Yunshen watched the spot where Xu Nian left, standing silently, looking thoughtful.

It was unclear whether he didn't notice someone approaching from behind or if he knew and chose to ignore it.

Zhao Yunshen did not turn around.

"It's unusual for you to pay so much attention to a newcomer. This isn't like you, Spear God Zhao Yunshen," the person said as they walked over to Zhao Yunshen with a light chuckle.

He was dressed in a golden robe, with a golden dragon embroidered on it.

Just standing there, he exuded an aura of dominance.

The person in charge of the teleportation array showed a look of respect and fear upon seeing this middle-aged man arrive.

"I find this kid unusual. I have checked the Slaughter Star where this guy caused a very strong Heavenly Tribulation ripple. He broke through to the Transcendence Tribulation Stage, causing an Eighth Level Heavenly Tribulation. This has never happened before in the cultivation world," Zhao Yunshen replied.

"Indeed unprecedented. I also checked earlier. This kid's actual strength is one major realm higher than his apparent level. It doesn't make sense. But no matter how much of a genius, it shouldn't warrant such attention from you, which suggests there must be another reason." The golden-robed man smiled.

Hearing this, Zhao Yunshen looked at the golden-robed man.

The latter continued smiling as he looked back.

Indeed, this was the ruler of billions of beings in the Denor Empire, the Emperor of the Denor Empire.

"He has the exact same aura as Bai Tianhan. If I'm not mistaken, his cultivation in body cultivation should be the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique, and during the journey here, I tested him by suggesting he give up body cultivation. He seemed indifferent, even more so, interested in the matter of the remnants of the Divine Demon Sect," Zhao Yunshen said with a smile.

The golden-robed man listened, pondered for a moment, and nodded.

In those golden eyes, no thoughts could be discerned.

"Bai Tianhan's strength is formidable. Unexpectedly, the item should be with Bai Tianhan. That little guy just now, if he practiced the Divine Demon Refining Body Technique, is probably Bai Tianhan's disciple. The extermination of the Divine Demon Sect is a matter I didn't participate in back then, and still, I wish to avoid this messy affair. That item is too hot for our empire to handle easily," the golden-robed man sighed.

"But we absolutely must not let the Four Great Sects obtain it," Zhao Yunshen stated firmly.

Chapter 994: Mysterious Black Mountain

Just as Xu Nian's original self entered the Transmission Array, returning to Tianhen Star.

Xu Nian's Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar also arrived at the entrance of the forbidden zone within Black Wind City at that moment.

"Are you really going to enter the forbidden zone?" Huo Xian looked at Xu Nian and asked.

"I have to go in, because I have a reason I must leave." Xu Nian said firmly.

With Black Dragon City destroyed, Black Wind City had regained its usual peace once more.

After the battle, Xu Nian had made adjustments, and now his cultivation had reached the Middle Stage Tribulation Crossing.

Most importantly, his Gravity Space Domain had reached Domain Second Level.

Once he reached Domain Third Level, he could use a secret technique to reverse the direction of gravity, propelling him out of this Dark Abyss.

At this moment, Lan Xi quietly stood behind him, silently watching.

During this period of cultivation, Lan Xi was reaching the Peak of Tribulation Crossing's limit.

It seemed that the Heavenly Tribulation was not far off.

"This forbidden zone is incredibly eerie, life will be silently devoured, but since you're determined, I won't stop you. I hope you come out unscathed." Huo Xian said to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian nodded.

Then he led Lan Xi into the forbidden zone.

As Xu Nian stepped into the forbidden zone, he felt himself locked by an invisible force.

The next moment, he vanished from the sight of those around him.

Upon entering the forbidden zone, Xu Nian beheld a dense and ancient forest.

However, the forest was extremely silent, so much so that even Xu Nian's own breathing could be heard clearly.

"Lan Xi, leave ten Insect Clan Warriors to explore the path, then enter the Chaos Divine Palace," Xu Nian said to Lan Xi.

"Master, let me stay," Lan Xi hesitated and said.

She also sensed the weirdness of this forbidden zone. If Xu Nian were to die, she wouldn't survive either.

So she was still a bit worried.

"It's fine, if there's any real danger, I can promptly enter the Chaos Divine Palace. You staying here would easily distract me," Xu Nian said with a smile.

Hearing this, Lan Xi nodded.

After leaving twenty Insect Clan Warriors, she entered the Chaos Divine Palace.

Her Insect Hatchery had always remained in the Chaos Divine Palace.

As long as the Hatchery wasn't destroyed, she could regenerate.

This was the advantage of the Void Insect Clan.

After the twenty Insect Clan Warriors appeared, they began to spread out in all directions.

They started assisting Xu Nian by scouting the path.

All of what they saw and heard was transmitted to Xu Nian by the Insect Queen Lan Xi.

Like this, Xu Nian traveled more than ten kilometers without encountering any danger.

"Could the forbidden zone not be as dangerous as I imagined?" Xu Nian wondered to himself in surprise.

Just as Xu Nian's thoughts fell, Lan Xi's urgent voice came into his mind.

"Master, this is bad. All twenty of the warriors I've sent out have had their lifeforce completely drained. Right now, a wave is moving towards you," Lan Xi communicated.

Hearing this, Xu Nian's pupils contracted.

All twenty Insect Clan Warriors were dead?

So quickly?

And what is this wave?

Just when Xu Nian began to feel like retreating, a ripple of energy brushed over him like a wind.

In that instant, Xu Nian suddenly aged.

"What is this? How can it devour my lifespan?" Xu Nian exclaimed, looking at his now white hair and withered face.

Had it been an ordinary person, they would have perished under that wave, their lifeforce entirely consumed.

Even if it were his original self here, death would have been certain.

Fortunately, his current body belonged to the Undying Devouring Sky Beast.

The lifespan of an Undying Devouring Sky Beast is infinite, eternal.

Therefore, the devouring wave did not take Xu Nian's life.

However, regaining a youthful appearance would take some time for Xu Nian.

After all, restoring the body's vital energy and blood takes a certain amount of time.

Looking around, Xu Nian found that no further strange waves emanated from around him.

So he continued moving forward.

Since this bizarre life-devouring energy wouldn't take his life, at most making him look older, Xu Nian had nothing to fear.

Thus, Xu Nian swiftly moved towards the depths of the forbidden zone.

Originally moving cautiously to avoid danger, his speed gradually increased.

About six hours later, a second eerie wave approached.

Xu Nian's partially recovered hair turned stark white once more in an instant.

Even his skin became severely shriveled, like dead wood.

Gone was the handsome visage he had before entering the forbidden zone, resembling instead an old man at death's door.

However, Xu Nian showed no cowardice, continuing deeper into the forbidden zone.

This time, his speed was even faster than before.

About six hours later, a third wave came again.

Xu Nian appeared even older, though the transformation was not as vast.

Other strong individuals would have perished three times by now. Even someone who had completed Immortal Body cultivation in the Earth Immortal Realm could likely withstand only two assaults by this uncanny wave.

Someone like Xu Nian experiencing it three times should practically be pronounced dead.

"I want to see what's truly inside this forbidden zone and where the Dao Trace Tree is," Xu Nian thought to himself in curiosity.

So he hastened his pace, continuing onwards.

Although much of his lifespan had been devoured, it hadn't slowed Xu Nian down.

After proceeding for about two hours, Xu Nian finally saw the deepest part of the forbidden zone.

There stood a massive mountain.

This mountain was pitch black like ink, densely forested.

Like a giant black dragon.

At the peak of this black mountain, there grew a fruit tree about three meters high.

At that moment, the tree emitted a strange, radiant light.

"Dao Trace Fruit!"

Xu Nian's eyes lit up instantly.

He was certain that the fruit emitting a strange glow was the Dao Trace Fruit he was looking for.

However, Xu Nian's brows quickly furrowed.

He sensed something strange about this Black Mountain.

The Black Mountain was enveloped in an unusual fluctuation identical to that bizarre wave.

Moreover, within this Black Mountain was a dangerous aura.

This dangerous aura was not just the lifespan-devouring wave.

There was also a strong murderous intent.

Xu Nian didn't know where this murderous intent came from.

"Whatever, let's get closer to that Black Mountain," Xu Nian thought to himself.

So he continued to approach the Black Mountain.

Soon, he reached the foot of the mountain.

When he arrived at the foot of the mountain, he was stunned.

At the foot of the mountain were piles and piles of white, withered bones.

Some of these bones were very old, severely weathered.

Xu Nian was filled with shock.

Chapter 995: Immortal Emperor or Demon Emperor

Xu Nian looked at these piles of bones, feeling a shiver down his spine.

Clearly, these bones have endured for so long, they must have been powerful warriors in life.

Yet they ultimately could not resist the eerie power of this forbidden zone and died here, turning into dust.

Xu Nian felt a bit melancholic, thinking of Elder Wang who entered the forbidden zone and never returned.

It's likely that Elder Wang has also become one of the bones here.

Although Elder Wang did not have a deep relationship with him, in any case, Elder Wang helped him when introducing him to this world.

If it weren't for Elder Wang's help, he wouldn't have progressed so quickly.

Thinking of this, Xu Nian couldn't help but look up at the Black Mountain ahead.

Previously, from afar, he felt a strong killing intent.

Now, standing at the foot of the mountain, the killing intent not only hasn't diminished but has grown even stronger.

Xu Nian even felt as if needles were pricking his back.

"What danger does this Black Mountain hold? Senior Dao Tian Rat, have you noticed anything?" Xu Nian directly transmitted his voice to ask Dao Tian Rat.

Although Dao Tian Rat has always been hiding in the Chaos Divine Palace, Xu Nian knows he has been paying attention to the outside world.

Surely, he has already sensed the strangeness of this forbidden zone.

"Kid, this place isn't somewhere you should be. This Black Mountain is stained with blood." Dao Tian Rat's voice rang in Xu Nian's mind.

"Stained with blood? Whose blood?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"If I'm not mistaken, an Immortal Emperor once fell here. Otherwise, how do you think the Dao Trace Fruit could arise here?" Dao Tian Rat said.

Xu Nian's brow furrowed slightly.

An Immortal Emperor fell?

How could an Immortal Emperor appear here?

Who has the ability to slay an Immortal Emperor level expert here?

"But even if this Black Mountain is stained with the blood of an Immortal Emperor, so what?" Xu Nian puzzledly asked.

"So what? Kid, you probably don't know how powerful a drop of blood from an Immortal Emperor level expert can be. A single drop is enough to annihilate the strongest Earth Immortal experts in your Cultivation World." Dao Tian Rat's proud voice resounded in Xu Nian's mind.

"So exaggerated?" Xu Nian looked shocked.

A single drop of blood is enough to kill the strongest Earth Immortal?

How powerful must an Immortal Emperor expert truly be?

"It's not an exaggeration; it's a fact. This mountain before you, infected by the Immortal Emperor's blood, naturally contains a strong killing intent and energy. If I'm not mistaken, that Immortal Emperor may not have completely died, possibly gathering a new body. The fluctuation of vitality being consumed may be due to him." Dao Tian Rat's voice came again.

Xu Nian's pupils contracted suddenly.

If this is true, then it's a big problem.

An Immortal Emperor expert, if truly not dead, could potentially make him perish here.

"You don't need to worry too much; if he is alive, he's likely severely injured, perhaps only retaining a residual soul. Even if he gathers a body, due to the limitations of Heaven and Earth Rules, his power recovery is very limited, as this is the Cultivation World and not the Immortal Realm." Dao Tian Rat comforted.

Xu Nian's heart found no solace.

A skinny camel is still bigger than a horse.

If this Immortal Emperor truly resurrects, it's possible he could kill him with a single slap.

"Senior Dao Tian, have you detected any signs of that Immortal Emperor?" Xu Nian hurriedly asked.

"Not yet, this guy should have merged with this mountain range. My soul has become an Artifact Spirit and cannot explore far, thus unable to find him. Perhaps if the Divine Emperor within your Original Core awakens, he should effortlessly locate him." Dao Tian Rat said.

Hearing this, Xu Nian calmed his expression.

He came here precisely for Yetian God Emperor.

If not for Yetian God Emperor's guidance and help, he definitely couldn't have reached this point.

Might have already lost his name.

So regardless of the danger, for Yetian God Emperor, he has to take the plunge.

"Go, climb the mountain!"

Xu Nian's gaze sharpened, and he stepped forward onto the black stone, heading toward the mountain top.

Despite the strong gravity here, Xu Nian's current cultivation allows him to easily leap between the mountain.

Soon, he had leaped over hundreds of feet of rocky cliff, reaching the summit.

"There seems to be no danger, yet the killing intent hasn't disappeared." Xu Nian reached the summit, feeling slightly relieved.

But he did not lower his guard.

While climbing, he had prepared to respond to any crisis.

Yet no crisis appeared from beginning to end.

The strange peace, instead, made him more uneasy.

"Uh!"

Suddenly, Xu Nian's pupils shrank.

His gaze fixated on the Dao Trace Tree on the cliff ahead.

No, to be precise, it was under the Dao Trace Tree.

The Dao Trace Tree wasn't tall, only three meters or so.

Above it, the glow surged, radiant and brilliant.

In its dense leaves, three crimson fruits surprisingly grew.

These fruits emitted a peculiar fluctuation of energy.

Xu Nian, if he sensed it correctly, it should be the Profound Argumentation Wave.

However, these weren't what truly shocked Xu Nian. What truly shocked him was, under the tree, there was a crimson heart suspended.

At the moment, this heart was still alive, beating.

The sound was like drumming.

Xu Nian's heart raced along.

He had guessed, the heart before him is likely the heart that the resurrected Immortal Emperor has condensed.

"Such rich Immortal Essence Waves, seems like this heart has been refined, this Immortal Emperor wants to gather an Immortal Body, break open the void, and return to the Immortal Realm." Xu Nian murmured to himself.

Generally, when Earth Immortal Realm Middle Stage experts refine their hearts, it counts as completing half of their Immortal Body.

After all, the heart is the root of the entire body, as long as the heart is refined.

The remaining becomes much faster.

Likewise, this Immortal Emperor has already gathered a heart.

Gathering the rest of the body will become relatively easier.

"I wonder how long it took him to condense such a heart." Xu Nian murmured to himself.

The crisis he felt earlier was emanating from this heart.

Confronting the heart now, the sense of danger grew stronger.

"Buzz!"

Suddenly, a blood-colored fluctuation emerged from the heart.

Then, an illusory figure condensed from the heart.

It's a man, dressed in a blood-colored robe.

Though a shadow, his eyes are extraordinarily sharp, just a glance sent shivers down Xu Nian's spine.

At the moment when their eyes met, Xu Nian's vision even projected endless mountains of corpses and seas of blood.

Such powerful blood aura.

Is this an Immortal Emperor or a Demon Emperor?

Xu Nian was certain, for someone to possess such a strong blood aura, this man must have slain countless beings in life.

As Xu Nian inspected this blood-colored apparition, the apparition was also scrutinizing Xu Nian.

Its eyes seemed to pierce through everything.

Chapter 996: You Can Play Like This Too

Xu Nian furrowed his brow, facing the piercing gaze of the blood-red illusory figure, he felt as if he had suddenly become naked and exposed.

Indeed, just as Xu Nian felt a sense of foreboding in his heart.

The corners of the illusory figure's mouth curled into a smug smile.

"A million years have passed, and you are the ninth person to walk alive before me. The first eight were already out of fuel when they stood before me. Only you have abundant blood Qi. I was curious before,

wondering who could withstand my Devouring Life Law. Seeing you now, I immediately understood that only the Undying Devouring Sky Beast could possess such inexhaustible longevity in this world," the illusory figure said with a light laugh.

The tone carried a hint of excitement and fervor.

Xu Nian furrowed his brow tighter, surprised that this guy saw through his real body at a glance.

However, considering the other party's identity, he immediately felt at ease.

The vision of someone at the Immortal Emperor level was far beyond anything he could imagine.

"I see your soul is somewhat incomplete, not whole; it seems to be just an avatar. I never expected the Undying Devouring Sky Beast would also have a time of being seized by a human," the illusory figure spoke again.

Xu Nian's expression darkened once more; this guy seemed to see a little too much.

He even noticed that his soul had been torn before.

From this point, Xu Nian could be certain.

The other party's soul power was far above his own.

"Senior, I mean no offense. I just need the Tao Trace Fruit behind you. I wonder if Senior could do me a favor?" Xu Nian asked.

He didn't want to deal with such a neither human nor ghost being who had lived for millions of years.

Whether he could condense an immortal body or break through the void had nothing to do with him.

He just needed to get the Tao Trace Fruit.

"Tao Trace Fruit? I can give it to you, but you also need to bring something out for an exchange," the illusory figure said to Xu Nian with a smile.

"What does Senior need?" Xu Nian felt a bad premonition.

What could he have that this illusory figure coveted?

If it could interest such a being, it was probably not simple.

"Very simple, hand over this body of yours, and I can spare your avatar soul a way to survive. After all, it's just an avatar for you; you wouldn't mind, right?" the illusory figure sneered again.

This time, the smile carried a hint of threat.

Xu Nian's brow instantly furrowed.

Hand over the Undying Devouring Sky Beast body?

How could that be possible?

Not to mention that his avatar soul had already fused with this body; handing over the body would mean getting devoured by the other party in the next moment.

"Senior, can we change the condition?" Xu Nian hurriedly asked.

The illusory figure looked at Xu Nian with disdain and said, "You have no right to bargain with me. Let me tell you the truth. I am determined to take your body. Boy, you probably don't know how valuable

the Undying Devouring Sky Beast's body is. That's a true undying body. If I possessed such a body, I could unify the Immortal Realm, no, the Three Realms."

As he spoke, the illusory figure's eyes burst with brilliant light, and his expression was extraordinarily excited.

Xu Nian's expression, however, turned extremely grim.

It seemed the other party was dead set on obtaining his Undying Devouring Sky Beast body.

"Senior Dao Tian Rat, what should I do? What if he tries to seize me?" Xu Nian hastily asked.

His soul was protected by a soul-type immortal artifact, resisting the attack of the Destroying Immortal Needle.

But that didn't mean he could resist the seizing by an Immortal Emperor level expert.

Although this Immortal Emperor's immortal soul was most probably incomplete.

"Oh, there's another soul aura on your body, actually a divine soul, though it seems very weak," the illusory figure suddenly said with a face of surprise.

Xu Nian's expression changed abruptly, knowing that this guy had discovered Emperor Ye Tian within his original core.

"Haha, heaven is truly helping me. If I devour this divine soul origin, my immortal soul will immediately return to its peak state. Haha, I never expected, really never expected, to encounter a divine soul in this mortal world," the illusory figure laughed heartily, eyes full of intense excitement.

An Undying Devouring Sky Beast body, an incomplete divine soul origin.

These two things were simply treasures among treasures for him.

He never dreamed that one day, the two treasures he needed most would appear before him together.

He had to get them.

The illusory figure resolutely murmured to himself.

"What should I do? Senior Dao Tian, do you think I can resist his soul attack with the Soul Slaying Blade?" Xu Nian anxiously asked again.

The time left for him was running short.

If the illusory figure didn't think he couldn't escape, he would've acted long ago.

"Impossible to resist. His soul already belongs to the immortal soul realm; though incomplete, it has already recovered somewhat after a hundred thousand years of nourishing. To kill your newly earth immortal realm soul can be said to be easy," Senior Dao Tian Rat said.

"Then what should I do?" Xu Nian urgently asked.

Now his soul was not his true soul.

If it were his true soul, he could at least count on protection from the Wordless Heavenly Scripture.

But the Undying Devouring Sky Beast avatar had no protection from the Wordless Heavenly Scripture.

"Why so anxious? Have you forgotten that the original core of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast can be detached from the body?" Dao Tian Rat suddenly said.

"It can be detached, but what does that matter?" Xu Nian asked, puzzled.

The original core of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast is actually a small world.

And the core of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast is this original core; once it shatters, he dies.

The soul origin is hidden within this original core, just like the demon crystal of a Demon Beast.

However, the original core of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast has a unique feature compared to the demon crystal of a Demon Beast, which is that it can leave the flesh and exist independently in the void.

Even when detached from the flesh, the original core can still control the body's actions.

"How dense, if the original core can be detached, why not place it in the Chaos Divine Palace like the Insect Queen does with her hive?" Dao Tian Rat said.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's eyes immediately gleamed with light.

Right!

The Insect Queen placed her hive in the Chaos Divine Palace, allowing for rebirth even if the body is lost.

If he places his original core in the Chaos Divine Palace, with its defense, it would never be breached.

In this way, wouldn't he be truly undying immortal?

Thinking of this, Xu Nian didn't hesitate and directly stored the original core from his brow into the Chaos Divine Palace.

As the original core entered the Chaos Divine Palace, Xu Nian could still control his Undying Devouring Sky Beast body without any hindrance.

"Haha, it really works! I never thought you could play it like this," said the Undying Devouring Sky Beast avatar in excitement.

While Xu Nian was excited, the expression of the illusory figure nearby changed dramatically.

Because he found that the original core of the young man before him suddenly vanished.

No matter how he probed, he couldn't detect any trace of the original core.

"Where did you hide the original core? Hand it over," the illusory figure said furiously.

Xu Nian, however, chuckled and said, "What's the use of your strong soul? My soul is already placed in an absolutely safe place. Your soul no longer poses any threat to me."

The illusory figure heard his words and a vast killing intent welled up in his eyes.

He knew that the young man before him was right.

Soul attacks only work on souls. Now, the youth before him was just a soulless body of flesh and blood.

Even if his soul was powerful, it was useless.

"You brought this on yourself, don't blame me. Immortal slaves, come out," the illusory figure angrily shouted.

Immediately, Xu Nian saw eight figures flying in from all directions, finally landing around him.

And the eyes of these eight people were all empty, devoid of any life.

But what surprised Xu Nian the most was Elder Wang was among them.

Chapter 997: Red Rock Immortal Emperor

Xu Nian looked at the eight powerhouses around him.

Among these powerhouses, there were males and females, some appeared youthful, others were elderly.

But without exception, they all were in a state of living dead, their eyes hollow, and their bodies devoid of any vitality.

"Puppets? You turned them into puppets?" Xu Nian stared at these powerhouses surrounding him, especially when he saw Elder Wang's familiar face, a strong anger surged within him.

Elder Wang had been a benefactor to him; if he had died in this forbidden area, it would have been acceptable.

But now, even his corpse wasn't allowed rest, being forged into a puppet.

It's known that the fate of a puppet is exceedingly tragic; at the very least, their soul cannot enter hell or reincarnate.

Even if their soul dies, it will forever be trapped within this body.

"What's wrong, do you recognize any of them?" The shadow of the Immortal Emperor saw Xu Nian's furious face and sneered disdainfully.

Xu Nian did not speak, but his fist clenched tightly.

He had already decided to kill.

Previously, he only thought of survival, but now he wanted to personally kill this so-called Immortal Emperor.

"Kid, looks like I was right; what a pity they're all dead. If you could tell me who they are, I might spare them—they mean nothing to me, just ants. Once I obtain the Undying Devouring Sky Beast's body, refine it anew, shatter the void, everything in this world will bow before me, the Red Rock Immortal Emperor," the shadow scoffed.

"You will never get that body," Xu Nian said with determined eyes.

Red Rock's gaze instantly turned cold, murderous intent surging.

"Whether you hand it over is not up to you. Once I entirely capture you, I have ways to force you to hand over the Original Core," Red Rock Emperor taunted.

Like looking at a struggling ant.

Then with a thought, the eight Immortal Slaves surrounding launched towards Xu Nian.

These eight were once Earth Immortal Peak Level powerhouses, even though right now they had no True Essence within them.

Yet their bodies had transformed into true Immortal Bodies.

In terms of combat power, they're definitely not below the Peak of Tribulation Crossing.

And not just one Immortal Slave, but eight, probably even a Middle Stage Earth Immortal powerhouse might not withstand them.

As for Red Rock Immortal Emperor, his body now merely had a heart, naturally devoid of combat power.

Soul attacks were ineffective against Xu Nian.

Thus, Xu Nian's true foes right now were these eight Immortal Slaves.

"Gravity Space Domain, rise!" Xu Nian didn't hesitate at all, directly deploying the Gravity Space Domain.

At this moment, the gravitational direction within the Gravity Space Domain altered.

The eight Immortal Slaves charging forward were immediately affected by the gravity, their bodies losing balance.

"One Breath to Ten Thousand Swords!"

Xu Nian seized this opportunity and instantly invoked Black Slaughter.

The Dimension Cutting Domain activated instantly.

His figure turned into a shadow.

With Black Slaughter in hand, he swiped out a blade, and instantly, in the void, it seemed as if ten thousand sword lights emerged.

"Buzz!"

One of the middle-aged Immortal Slaves was directly sliced into pieces by this single blade from Xu Nian.

This process was executed by Xu Nian fluidly.

Without a moment's pause.

At the side, Red Rock Immortal Emperor's face showed surprise: "Two attribute domains, and still the gravitational direction reversal of the Gravity Space, and reached the level of Second Level Domain; Dimension Cutting also has considerable achievements, this kid has strong comprehension abilities?"

He had lived for a million years, seen countless talents.

He had even seen children born with accompanying rules, their cries triggering celestial thunder.

But in the Mortal World, such an impoverished place, this is the first time seeing someone at this age comprehend two major Profound Argumentations.

"This boy is extraordinary; if he reaches the Immortal Realm someday, he might soar into the sky," Red Rock Immortal Emperor thought to himself.

Then he looked at Xu Nian and said, "Kid, I see you have remarkable talent. How about this, if you hand over the Undying Devouring Sky Beast's body, I will take you as my disciple. You must realize, I was once an Immortal Emperor. With my guidance, your achievements will definitely surpass Immortal Emperorship."

Red Rock spoke extremely arrogantly; in his view, the youth before him would definitely be tempted.

After all, even the Peak of Earth Immortal Realm powerhouses couldn't resist the allure of an Immortal Emperor.

"Take me as a disciple, help me become an Immortal Emperor?" Xu Nian chuckled, looking at Red Rock.

"Exactly, I have many secret techniques created by past Immortal Emperor powerhouses, and I have insights into rules. A casual guidance from me might just propel your Profound Argumentation tremendously," Red Rock Immortal Emperor said arrogantly.

Meanwhile, a sense of pride filled him.

He knew the young man before him would be tempted.

Yet, the next moment, his eyes twitched.

"Sorry, you're not qualified to take me as a disciple. Didn't you feel the powerful Divine Soul within me before? Truth is, that's a Divine Emperor; I've already pledged my allegiance as her disciple. Immortal Emperor? I'm really not impressed," Xu Nian said with a faint smile.

Yet his smile was naked mockery in Red Rock Immortal Emperor's eyes.

He knew Xu Nian wasn't wrong.

Earlier, the Divine Soul Origin he felt was faint but of an extremely high level, undoubtedly at a Divine Emperor's basic tier.

He had no doubts that if that Divine Soul were conscious now, it could instantly devour him.

Thinking of this, Red Rock couldn't remain calm.

This guy can make a Divine Emperor take him as a disciple?

Becoming a follower of a Divine is what Immortal Emperors dream of!

This youth indeed has an incredible stroke of luck, not only seizing the Undying Devouring Sky Beast but also becoming a disciple of a Divine Emperor?

"No, he must die, all this belongs to me," Red Rock thought jealously with incomparable intensity.

He'd never imagined he'd be envious of someone he viewed as mere ant-like.

"Kill him, kill him until he can't move," Red Rock directly ordered the remaining Seven Immortal Slaves.

Not only that, he applied a strange fluctuation to these seven Immortal Slaves.

At first, Xu Nian couldn't understand what this strange fluctuation was, but when he summoned the Gravity Space Domain, he understood.

This fluctuation Red Rock Immortal Emperor applied was precisely the Earth Attribute Profound Argumentation.

Xu Nian's reversal of the Gravity Space Direction now was of no effect.

"Buzz!"

The seven powerhouses simultaneously shattered the void, venturing towards Xu Nian.

Punches came forth.

Shaking the entire space with intense turmoil.

Seeing this, Xu Nian was instantly shocked, hurriedly turned into a shadow, and retreated.

"Boom!"

Black Mountain's massive body was instantly smashed into a huge pit, cracks appeared on the ground.

This was the exceptionally solid Black Corner Domain.

Yet, now it had been ruptured together by the combined force of the Seven Immortal Slaves.

Xu Nian's brow furrowed tightly, his eyes extremely serious.

But he hadn't given up, his gaze tightened instantly.

The Black Slaughter in his hand once again transformed into a shadow, fiercely slashing towards another Immortal Slave.

One Breath Turns into Ten Thousand Blades.

Sword Qi rampaged and wantonly.

"Clang clang clang!"

But when Xu Nian's sword light slashed onto the Immortal Slave's body, a series of striking sounds were emitted.

Upon seeing, the Immortal Slave's body exuded a layer of red rock.

Xu Nian's sword Qi clashing against the rock could only barely leave a blade shadow.

"Such a hard defense!" Xu Nian exclaimed in shock.

On the side, Red Rock Immortal Emperor laughed: "Haha, don't forget, I am an Immortal Emperor, my understanding of Profound Argumentations is far above yours. Were it not for the limits of Heaven and Earth Rules, I could kill you ten thousand times in an instant."

Chapter 998: Immortal Emperor Is Ultimately Immortal Emperor

Xu Nian frowned, his eyes heavy.

The understanding of someone at the Immortal Emperor Level was indeed far ahead of him.

Even if restricted by the Heaven and Earth Rules, unable to wield powerful Power of Laws.

But the comprehension of the Profound Argumentation is also far above his.

Of course, this Profound Argumentation wasn't wielded by the person himself, so its power would be greatly diminished.

But even so, Xu Nian was unable to contend.

"Clang, clang, clang!"

The seven Immortal Slaves attacked Xu Nian simultaneously.

Xu Nian continuously swung his sword to defend, yet he was beaten back step by step.

Not only that, the recoil force from Black Slaughter actually caused his tiger mouth to split, his arm numb.

If this continues, he's afraid he would be forcefully worn down by the seven Immortal Slaves, ultimately dying tragically under a flurry of punches.

"Damn, these seven Immortal Slaves have rock defenses that I can't break through, and their strength is so great; how can I fight?" Xu Nian cursed in his heart.

His strength was barely enough to deal with an Early Stage Earth Immortal, now seven Immortal Slaves were comparable to Early Stage Earth Immortals.

How could Xu Nian withstand them?

He's afraid it won't be long before he is utterly defeated.

"Boy, are you an idiot? What are you doing fighting seven puppets? Don't you know that these seven puppets are controlled by that Red Rock Immortal Emperor? If you solve the Red Rock Immortal Emperor, isn't everything solved?" Dao Tian Rat's voice echoed in Xu Nian's mind.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian was suddenly awakened.

Yes, these seven puppets are controlled by that Immortal Emperor.

If you kill that Immortal Emperor, won't it all be solved?

Moreover, that Immortal Emperor doesn't have any attacking ability.

"But how do I get rid of these seven Immortal Slaves' attacks now?" Xu Nian again fell into a dilemma.

The seven Immortal Slaves attacked in turn, giving him no breathing space.

Even if he wanted to get rid of them, he couldn't shake them off.

"Boy, you're still not convinced? Have the Void Mother Empress release her Insect Clan Warriors and use a human wave tactic to trap the seven Immortal Slaves. Then you'll have a chance to deal with that Red Rock Immortal Emperor. But I must remind you that the Red Rock Immortal Emperor is not entirely powerless; he can mobilize Heaven and Earth Power to attack. When you get close, you might be instantly killed," Dao Tian Rat's voice sounded again.

"Then what should I do?" Xu Nian hurriedly asked.

"Think for yourself!" This time, Dao Tian Rat did not give Xu Nian any hint but directly left a word and fell silent.

Xu Nian was speechless, just leaving him like this?

Couldn't you just help to the end?

Would it hurt to call you Mouse Grandpa?

But no matter how much Xu Nian pleaded, the Dao Tian Rat did not speak.

Xu Nian, helpless, could only give up.

He knew that Dao Tian Rat didn't want him to develop a reliance mindset.

Xu Nian took a deep breath, made up his mind, and said, "Forget it, let's get rid of these Immortal Slaves first."

With that, the Black Slaughter in Xu Nian's hand glowed with a dark light, making a sweeping slash, splitting mountains.

The terrifying Sword Qi, carrying a surge of True Essence, fiercely collided with the seven Immortal Slaves.

In an instant, the seven Immortal Slaves were forced back a step.

Taking advantage of this gap, Xu Nian immediately distanced himself from the seven Immortal Slaves.

At the same time, a massive void appeared behind him.

Countless Ice Blue Insect Clan Warriors flew out from the void, wings flapping, rushing towards the seven Immortal Slaves.

Though many Insect Clan Warriors died last time, Lan Xi had nurtured more in this period.

After all, time flowed ten times slower in the Chaos Divine Palace compared to the outside world.

So, the number of nurtured Insect Clan Warriors was not less than before, but much more.

At this moment, these Insect Clan Warriors swarmed like locusts towards the seven Immortal Slaves.

These seven Immortal Slaves had no independent thoughts, so they appeared particularly clumsy in the face of the swarm.

In an instant, they were surrounded by the Insect Clan Warriors.

"Oh, the Void Insect Clan, you have a Void Mother Empress by your side?" Red Rock Immortal Emperor expressed surprise seeing these emerging Insect Clan Warriors.

Clearly, he didn't expect Xu Nian to summon so many Insect Clan Warriors.

With this, he could be sure that Xu Nian had a Void Mother Empress on his side.

Besides that, there should be a space-type treasure.

And the Original Core of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast and the Void Mother Empress should be hidden in that space-type treasure.

But what kind of treasure could escape his probing?

Two words suddenly flashed in Red Rock Immortal Emperor's mind.

Divine Artifact!

Only something of Divine Artifact Level could evade his Immortal Consciousness probing.

Combined with the God Emperor Level Divine Soul that Xu Nian carried, he was more convinced that the space treasure on this youth was a Divine Artifact.

Envy, intense envy.

A guy with a Space Divine Artifact, with the body of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, and a Void Mother Empress as a slave.

The treasures on this guy would make any Immortal Emperor green with envy.

"Red Rock Immortal Emperor, isn't it time to end this? Initially, I didn't want to oppose you; your restoring the flesh and shattering the Void have nothing to do with me, but you want to seize my body and annihilate my soul, so today I will not let you go no matter what," Xu Nian's eyes were fiercely sharp.

Staring at Red Rock Immortal Emperor, the Black Slaughter in his hand vibrated intensely.

"Boy, you think trapping the seven Immortal Slaves will allow you to kill me? You're too naive," Red Rock Immortal Emperor scoffed coldly.

Clearly aware of Xu Nian's intentions.

"Whether it's naive or not, you'll only know after trying," Xu Nian shouted, immediately performing the Dimension Cutting Profound Argumentation.

In his hand, Black Slaughter turned into ten thousand blades with a single breath.

Bringing countless sword shadows, it slashed towards the Red Rock Immortal Emperor.

Numerous cracks appeared in the surrounding space, all caused by Xu Nian's Sword Light.

"Petty tricks, showing off in front of an expert," Red Rock Immortal Emperor sneered coldly.

With a thought, a red rock materialized out of thin air in the Void.

Directly enveloping his heart tightly.

Xu Nian's Sword Light slashed on the red rock and exploded one after another.

"Hmph!"

Simultaneously, Red Rock Immortal Emperor snorted coldly.

A fist entirely formed from red stone punched directly at Xu Nian's chest.

"Puff!"

Blood gushed out of Xu Nian's mouth as his body flew backward rapidly.

He flew quite a distance before crashing onto a hard rock in the distance, finally stopping.

The rock behind him shattered, leaving a pit.

Xu Nian's face was in pain, glaring at the Red Rock ahead.

At this moment, red rocks continued to surface on Red Rock's body.

Eventually, a rock man entirely condensed from red stone appeared in Xu Nian's sight.

"Huh?" Xu Nian was immediately shocked.

He didn't expect this guy to have such a move.

Indeed, even at the Immortal Emperor Level, it wasn't so easy to kill, even with just a heart remaining.

"Boy, let me make you realize what awareness ants should have today," Red Rock Immortal Emperor disdained, snorted coldly.

Then, a fist entirely composed of stone smashed powerfully into the ground.

"Boom!"

The entire mountain trembled from the shock.

In an instant, a huge crack appeared, rapidly spreading, reaching the foot of the mountain.

Xu Nian was stunned; such terrifying destruction.

This must be much stronger than a Middle Stage Earth Immortal, right!

Chapter 999: Even Ants Get Angry

Xu Nian's mind was racing with a million curses.

How can you even fight this?

The opponent is of Immortal Emperor Level, even without a physical body now, he has used Earth Attribute Profound Argumentation to condense hard rock to replace his body.

His top-grade Spiritual Artifact can't even harm him, and his power surpasses that of the Middle Stage Earth Immortal.

Such a huge gap, Xu Nian is completely at the mercy of being slaughtered.

"Is it despairing? An ant is an ant after all, and even if I am a fallen star, it's not something an ant like you can shake," the Red Rock Immortal Emperor said proudly.

The hand completely formed of rock clenched tightly, making explosive sounds.

Red ghostly light shone through the eye sockets, giving the impression of facing a peerless demon.

Moreover, Xu Nian could feel a flow of Immortal Essence coming from his heart, spreading over the red rock body.

His whole body exuded an invincible majesty.

Xu Nian's eyes were heavy, and his hand gripped Black Slaughter even tighter.

In his heart, he calculated how to deal with this monstrous Immortal Emperor before him.

Without a doubt, that heart is the weakness of the monstrous Immortal Emperor.

But now that heart is encased in incredibly hard red rock, impossible to penetrate.

Thus, the Red Rock Immortal Emperor's only weakness disappeared.

Unless there is a way to penetrate the rock and attack the heart directly.

Xu Nian thought, his gaze becoming especially solemn.

He was not without means to attack internal objects through the rock.

Like Wind Vibration Profound Argumentation, it uses Wind Wave to attack the enemy.

And the Power of Earth, which includes the Earth Shattering technique.

But to inflict lethal damage on an already tempered heart.

With Xu Nian's current power, it was still completely impossible.

"What now? Just wait to die?" Xu Nian muttered to himself.

A strong sense of unwillingness surged in his heart.

"What, you still want to struggle? Kid, I advise you to give up and hand over the Undying Devouring Sky Beast Avatar and that Divine Soul, and I'll spare your immortal soul," Red Rock spoke again.

Xu Nian sneered disdainfully.

If he really handed over his body, this guy would likely devour his soul in an instant.

Then find a way to locate and destroy his true form.

By then, with the Red Rock Immortal Emperor's power, he would be beyond Xu Nian's ability to handle.

Xu Nian's smile made Red Rock's eyes burn with intense killing intent.

This brat is obstinate and repeatedly refused his chances.

He truly does not know his own mortality.

"Fine, since you've chosen death, I'll grant you that. I'll capture you and make you experience the pain of begging for life and death, until then let's see how long you can hide your soul," Red Rock snorted coldly.

He then stomped his rock-forged foot on the ground and shot out with incredible speed.

Fast enough that the air burst with a strong sonic boom.

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

The rock-forged hand reached toward Xu Nian's neck.

Xu Nian's eyes suddenly sharpened, and a layer of black scale armor emerged on his body.

At the same time, the Black Slaughter in his hand, filled with thick True Essence, slashed fiercely against the approaching hand.

"Clang!"

Sword light scattered in thousands.

Sparks flew as it clashed with the rock hand.

The True Essence waves spread out, forming a terrifying shockwave.

Yet Xu Nian's Black Slaughter still couldn't shake Red Rock, only marginally hindering his offensive.

In the next moment, Red Rock swept aside Black Slaughter and was about to grab his neck.

Xu Nian sensed a strong crisis, and massive wings unfolded behind him, flapping instantly to distance himself from Red Rock, barely avoiding his claws.

"Indeed it is the Undying Devouring Sky Beast, it even has wings," Red Rock sneered with a laugh, lunging at Xu Nian again.

"One Breath to Ten Thousand Swords!"

Xu Nian shouted, the wings transforming into sword light, slashing madly at Red Rock.

The body spun in the air, wings turning to blades.

Countless illusions formed.

The wings of the Undying Devouring Sky Beast are extremely sharp.

Now performing One Breath to Ten Thousand Swords with the wings, its power was even more ferocious.

Added with Xu Nian's hand

Countless sword lights rained down on Red Rock like a storm.

Red Rock made no defenses, letting the attacks land on him.

Though he was continuously forced back by Xu Nian's attacks, leaving countless marks on his body.

Xu Nian's attacks were wild, but they failed to inflict substantial damage on Red Rock.

"Haha, are you scratching an itch?"

Red Rock laughed heartily, throwing a direct punch.

"Poof!"

The bones in Xu Nian's chest instantly fractured, and his black scale armor shattered, sending him flying backward.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian crashed into a boulder behind him, creating another deep pit.

Blood spurted from his mouth again.

Though Xu Nian's Original Core hid within the Chaos Divine Palace, ensuring his undying nature, his body still suffered injuries.

At this moment, his chest felt like it was splitting, the pain was unbearable.

"Haha, no rush, I can play with you slowly until you can't take it anymore and hand over the Original Core," Red Rock sneered coldly.

His gaze at Xu Nian was like that of an ant in the palm, full of disdain and pity.

A strong sense of pride surged in Xu Nian's heart.

He refuses to yield to heaven or earth.

How could he bow down to a struggling Immortal Emperor?

"Kill, he must be killed," Xu Nian roared in his heart.

The next moment, a powerful wave surged from Xu Nian's body.

This wave wasn't from himself, but from beneath him.

Relentless power flowed into Xu Nian's body.

Years ago, the blood of the Red Rock Immortal Emperor stained Black Mountain, saturating the rocks with massive power.

Now Xu Nian was absorbing this very power.

The massive energy gathered, turning Xu Nian's body crimson in an instant.

Xu Nian stood slowly, his cold, crimson eyes bursting with intense bloodlight.

The veins on his body bulged as if about to split open.

His aura was incredibly terrifying.

"What is this?" Red Rock was shocked by the change in Xu Nian's aura.

A feeling of uneasiness surged in his heart.

Xu Nian continued to ruthlessly absorb this power.

His eyes exuded a strong killing intent.

"Earth God Devouring Sky Fifth Level!"

Xu Nian shouted in his heart.

He was executing the Earth God Devouring Sky Secret Technique.

Soon, Xu Nian's aura surged to a terrifying degree.

"Hmph, even if you're using a secret technique, in front of this emperor, all are illusions," Red Rock sneered coldly.

"Is that so?" Xu Nian sneered.

He then stabbed the Black Slaughter into the ground, and his figure shot out.

Instantly appearing in front of Red Rock.

Even Red Rock was shocked, Xu Nian's speed was much faster than he expected.

But in the next moment, Xu Nian threw a punch.

"Boom!"

The fist smashed into the red rock, instantly cracking it.

Sending Red Rock's body hurtling backward, slamming heavily into a distant boulder.

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The Red Rock collided with the mountain.

His heart was filled with intense anger.

His body felt no pain and wouldn't be hurt.

But Xu Nian's punch just now contained a powerful gravity wave.

The impact of the gravity wave directly shook his heart.

At that moment, his heart seemed to suffer like it was struck by a heavy hammer.

Fortunately, his heart had been tempered, otherwise it would have shattered under such an intense blow.

Despite this, he still felt a sense of fear.

If Xu Nian's attack power were a bit stronger, perhaps his million years' survival would have ended in failure today.

Thinking of this, the killing intent in his gaze when looking at Xu Nian intensified.

Xu Nian also had strong killing intent in his eyes.

With that punch just now, he indeed used the Profound Argumentation of Gravity Space.

However, this time he did not use Gravity Reversal, but instead condensed the gravity wave into his fist technique.

Therefore, that punch's power came from combining the Nine Levels of Gravitational Waves.

Added to this was the absorption of so much Heaven and Earth Power and the Immortal Emperor Power of the Red Rock.

Now he finally had the qualifications to threaten the Red Rock.

The intense killing intent emanating from Red Rock was proof that Xu Nian had threatened his life.

"What's wrong, feeling threatened by a mere ant, feeling ashamed?" Xu Nian sneered at the Red Rock, a disdainful smile curling at the corner of his mouth.

Upon hearing this, Red Rock became even more furious.

"You're looking for death!"

Red Rock roared in anger, attacking Xu Nian once again.

Xu Nian also moved instantly, his figure turned into a shadow, directly appearing in front of Red Rock.

The Fifth Level of Earth God Devouring Sky absorbed a tremendous amount of energy.

Now Xu Nian's strength absolutely rivaled that of a strong Middle Stage Earth Immortal.

"Boom!"

Xu Nian and Red Rock clashed with a punch.

Both their bodies shook.

Xu Nian spat out blood profusely, and Red Rock wasn't much better off.

His entire heart trembled fiercely, with a sign of bodily disintegration.

Although Xu Nian was in extreme pain at this moment, his eyes were exceptionally bright.

Even though the injuries caused by Red Rock were serious, if he could hurt Red Rock, everything would be worthwhile.

"Buzz!"

Enduring intense pain, Xu Nian charged at Red Rock again.

This time, Xu Nian not only used the Profound Argumentation of Gravity Space but also the Power of Earth.

The powerful gravity wave and the force of Earth Shattering merged to form a new power.

This power carried an incomparably dense aura.

Red Rock felt the power, and his face immediately changed.

Because he sensed a deathly aura from this power.

"No!"

Red Rock shouted, his body emitted dazzling red light.

His comprehension far surpassed Xu Nian, yet he couldn't mobilize it.

At this moment, he had to use the simplest Profound Argumentation, which was why he felt so restrained.

"Die!"

Xu Nian roared, his fist brimming with violent power as he struck Red Rock.

Red Rock instantly condensed hard red rocks on his body, trying to block Xu Nian's attack.

Simultaneously, he punched at Xu Nian's fist.

However, just before their fists collided.

A strange ripple surged on the void before his eyes.

In the next moment, Xu Nian's fist seemed to strike into the void.

Red Rock suddenly realized it was wrong.

But it was too late.

"Bang!"

Xu Nian's fist that struck into the void directly acted on Red Rock's heart with terrifying power.

Red Rock's heart exploded, and his entire body began to disintegrate.

"No...!"

Hoarse cries of anguish echoed from the void.

However, Xu Nian didn't give him a chance.

He directly summoned Black Slaughter, slashing a sword into the void again.

This sword ripped the void, instantly tearing open a spatial crevice.

A strong suction came from the spatial crevice.

In the next moment, the soul of the Red Rock was torn apart by this suction.

"I won't yield..."

Red Rock's last cry echoed in the air.

But soon disappeared into the void.

His Immortal Soul had been shattered by the tearing force of the space.

And his heart was shattered into a bloody rain by Xu Nian's punch.

The surroundings were filled with Immortal Essence, permeating the entire void.

But at this moment Xu Nian had no strength, his whole body was limp on the ground.

At this moment, he didn't even have the strength to move a finger.

After all, the side effects of Earth God Devouring Sky were incredibly strong.

However, physical incapability did not mean spiritual incapability.

With a thought, Xu Nian entered the Chaos Divine Palace.

At this moment, inside the Chaos Palace, Xu Nian lay on the grass.

His body was riddled with holes.

Having forcefully absorbed massive amounts of power, his skin had already burst open.

The intense pain made Xu Nian feel unbearable.

Lan Xi and Dao Tian Rat walked over.

At this moment, Lan Xi's eyes showed a hint of surprise.

She had been watching Xu Nian's battle all along.

However, she hadn't expected that Xu Nian would defeat an Immortal Emperor.

Though this Immortal Emperor had fallen to such a state, it was by no means someone one could ordinarily contend with.

"Kid, not simple, killing an Immortal Emperor, not bad. Considering you've worked so hard, I'll reward you with a Star Pill." Dao Tian Rat said with a smile.

After speaking, a pill as radiant as a star appeared in his hand.

Xu Nian instantly sensed a strong fluctuation.

Lan Xi held the pill on the side and approached Xu Nian, feeding him the pill.

As the pill entered his mouth, a warm current flowed through Xu Nian's whole body.

Greatly alleviating the pain on his body.

In addition, the injuries on Xu Nian's body began to heal visibly at this moment.

"What a miraculous pill, is this an Immortal Pill?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"It's not quite an Immortal Pill, but it's better than those top-grade Spiritual Pills. I made it myself, not considered a reward from your Master." Dao Tian Rat said with a smile.

"You can also perform alchemy?" Xu Nian asked in surprise.

"Of course, I used to be someone who could make Divine Pills. Do you think I can perform alchemy or not?" Dao Tian Rat said, rolling his eyes at Xu Nian.

Xu Nian was immediately overjoyed.

He quickly said, "Then can you help me make a pill?"

"Stop it, I know what pill you want me to make. Kid, you'd be better off asking that top-notch Alchemist. I can't make such low-grade pills, and moreover, I can't help you make a pill now that I'm not in a corporeal form." Dao Tian Rat said.

Upon hearing this, Xu Nian's face showed a hint of regret.

He originally wanted Dao Tian Rat to help make a pill, so he could awaken the Yetian God Emperor ahead of time.

But he hadn't expected that Dao Tian Rat had now become an Artifact Spirit.

He simply couldn't perform alchemy anymore.

That's it, now that he had the Tao Trace Fruit, all that remained was to find a way out.

Earlier, he'd already used the Chaos Palace to uproot the Tao Trace Fruit Tree, transferring it into the Chaos Palace.