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Chapter 2161: Scared Now?

The first round of the Battle of Buddha's Fruit has ended, and Fang Bai, Great Sage Sun, and Qingzhu Fairy, representing Jade Cloud Mountain, have successfully advanced to the second round, making them the biggest winners among all Immortal Sects, and earning them the title of a true "dark horse."

Many Immortals regard Fang Bai, Great Sage Sun, and Qingzhu Fairy with high caution, believing that they must have powerful trump cards that they'll reveal once the defensive array on the War Immortal Platform is activated.

In the first round of the Battle of Buddha's Fruit, three hundred Immortals remained, only half are left.

After a short rest, a disciple of Sumeru Temple loudly announced the start of the second round of the Battle of Buddha's Fruit.

The second round of the Battle of Buddha's Fruit follows the same process as the first round, but the duration of each confrontation has been lengthened significantly.

After all, the Immortals who defeated their opponents to advance to the second round each possess extraordinary combat power and mysterious trump cards.

The collision between strong warriors will not yield a victor so easily.

For the second round, Fang Bai still maintains a calm mindset, representing his confidence in victory.

Great Sage Sun, however, is always filled with battle lust, brimming with fighting spirit, seemingly able to sweep across any opponent, without knowing a hint of fear.

Bingyun and Qingzhu Fairy, although a bit nervous and apprehensive, lost any trace of fear for the second round confrontation after experiencing victory in the first.

For them, as long as they exert all their efforts, fight well in each battle, victory or defeat is up to fate.

In this round, Qingzhu Fairy is the first to step onto the stage, facing a female Immortal of the third-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm.

The female Immortal's stature is taller and more sturdy than many male Immortals, her facial features also appearing extremely fierce.

In the first round confrontation, this female Immortal's ability to defeat her opponent and advance clearly shows her battle power far exceeds the third-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm, with surely powerful Immortal Artifact assistance in battle.

"You little Immortal are no match for me, quickly kneel and beg for mercy, and I'll spare you with difficulty! Otherwise... I'll twist your neck!"

The fierce-looking female Immortal started threatening Qingzhu Fairy, who is much smaller than her, once the protective array on the War Immortal Platform activated.

As she spoke, she glared angrily and hurled insulting words, attempting to psychologically oppress Qingzhu Fairy and crush her opponent in terms of momentum.

"If you want to fight, then fight, who wins who loses, depending on skill!"

Qingzhu Fairy said calmly.

The fierce female Immortal, seeing she couldn't intimidate Qingzhu Fairy, felt a bit embarrassed and with a slight thought, an Immortal Beast appeared by her side.

The Immortal Beast came from the small Qiankun Bag at her waist.

The Qiankun Bag can store living objects, a rare storage Immortal Artifact in the Immortal Realm, but compared to Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring, it cannot be compared in terms of space area or functionality.

"A Fire Cloud Leopard of the first-grade Immortal Venerable Realm?"

Seeing the Immortal Beast next to the fierce female Immortal, Qingzhu Fairy was momentarily stunned, then her expression became indescribably odd.

"What? Scared now?"

The fierce female Immortal saw Qingzhu Fairy's strange look and thought she was frightened, said smugly: "In the first-round confrontation, my Immortal Beast almost bit my opponent half to death! If you don't yield, your fate will be the same!"

The fierce female Immortal seized the opportunity to threaten again.

For her, if she can subdue Qingzhu Fairy without fighting, making her withdraw voluntarily, it will save her trouble, which would be most beneficial.

Qingzhu Fairy looked at the self-satisfied fierce female Immortal, thinking of the Immortal Beast in her Qiankun Bag that Fang Bai helped tame, couldn't help but laugh.

"What are you laughing at?"

The fierce female Immortal asked angrily, sensing disdain and contempt in Qingzhu Fairy's laughter.

"My cultivation level is not weaker than hers, and with a Immortal Venerable Realm Immortal Beast assisting, how can she behave like this? Unreasonable!"

The fierce female Immortal thought more and got angrier, clenching her fists until they creaked.

Beside her, the Fire Cloud Leopard, sensing the owner's anger, slightly crouched its front body, stared sharply at Qingzhu Fairy, and let out a low growl, ready to pounce at her command.

Qingzhu Fairy said, "I'm laughing at you!"

Pointing at the Fire Cloud Leopard beside her, holding back a smile, she said, "Your Fire Cloud Leopard is a bit weak, should not have been released!"

The fierce female Immortal glared and said, "Weak? A Immortal Venerable Realm Immortal Beast, yet you call it weak? Fine, I'll show you its attack power!"

With a slight thought, she issued an attack command to the Fire Cloud Leopard beside her.

"Roar!"

The Fire Cloud Leopard let out a fierce roar, its figure soared into the air, like a blazing flame, pouncing toward Qingzhu Fairy.

Rolling heat waves, like raging waves, enveloped Qingzhu Fairy, about to swallow her in the next moment.

Qingzhu Fairy stood gracefully on the War Immortal Platform, her eyes cold, not moving an inch. A Qiankun Bag hung at her waist, at which she lightly patted, and an imposing Fire Cloud Leopard appeared in front of her.

The Fire Cloud Leopard in front of her was a full size larger than the one tamed by the fierce female Immortal, with an aura far superior, emitting a tenfold wilder energy.

Comparing the two Fire Cloud Leopards was like seeing a small witch next to a big witch, completely incomparable.

The Fire Cloud Leopard gifted to Qingzhu Fairy by Fang Bai was of the fifth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm. Seeing its sudden appearance, the first-grade Immortal Venerable Realm Fire Cloud Leopard pouncing in midair seemed electrified, falling to the ground, its body cowering, like a mouse seeing a cat, trembling all over.

"You... you also have a Fire Cloud Leopard?"

Looking at the proud Fire Cloud Leopard in front of Qingzhu Fairy, then at her own Fire Cloud Leopard lying obediently on the ground, the fierce female Immortal's gaze became dull, her face ashen.

Even if she's stupid, she can see Qingzhu Fairy's Fire Cloud Leopard is much more powerful than hers.

Her Fire Cloud Leopard was her biggest reliance for the Battle of Buddha's Fruit, now completely suppressed by Qingzhu Fairy's Fire Cloud Leopard, not daring to resist, how could she be a match for Qingzhu Fairy?

Thinking of the words she just said to Qingzhu Fairy, the fierce female Immortal felt deeply embarrassed, her face burning, as if Qingzhu Fairy had slapped her severely.

"You're allowed to have one, but I'm not?"

Qingzhu Fairy chuckled, looking at the fierce female Immortal's hopeless face, said, "Admit defeat! I won't hurt you!"

The fierce female Immortal, though filled with resentment, couldn't see a chance against Qingzhu Fairy, sighed, and retrieved her Fire Cloud Leopard back into the Qiankun Bag, extinguishing her battle spirit and aura, bowing her head, said, "I admit defeat..."

On the War Immortal Platform, once one side's battle spirit or fighting will suddenly weakens significantly, the defensive array will sense it, autonomously determining one side has lost, and then deactivate the defensive array, revealing the combatants on the War Immortal Platform.

Chapter 2162: Heshan Venerable

"What's going on?"

When the defensive array on the War Immortal Platform dissipated and the two female immortals on the platform showed no sign of action, the surrounding immortals watching were puzzled.

But soon, some observant immortals noticed Qingzhu Fairy smiling, while the fierce-looking female immortal was dejected, and they suddenly understood.

"That fierce-looking female immortal must have automatically surrendered. I wonder what powerful means that young lady in green has to intimidate her!"

An immortal viewed Qingzhu Fairy, standing gracefully on the War Immortal Platform, and exclaimed in admiration.

The two female immortals on the War Immortal Platform had both withdrawn their Immortal Beasts, Fire Cloud Leopards, so the observing immortals didn't know exactly what had happened that led the fierce female immortal to surrender.

At this moment, even some first-rank Immortal Venerable Realm experts began to harbor a sense of apprehension towards Qingzhu Fairy, a beautiful female immortal with only third-rank Heavenly Immortal Realm cultivation level.

"Well done, Qingzhu Junior Sister!"

With Qingzhu Fairy's victory, the happiest were undoubtedly the immortals from Jade Bamboo Mountain, as several female disciples loudly cheered and swarmed below the War Immortal Platform to welcome Qingzhu Fairy as she stepped down calmly.

Conversely, disciples from the immortal sect of the fierce female immortal showed disappointment and regret.

They couldn't fathom why their senior sister, who clearly possessed the first-rank Immortal Venerable Realm Fire Cloud Leopard assistance, powerful enough to contend with first-rank Immortal Venerable Realm experts, would automatically surrender before facing Qingzhu Fairy without even fighting?

Could it be that Qingzhu Fairy had means or cards up her sleeve that were far superior to their senior sister's?

Cheers and focus always belonged to the victors, and nearly all the immortals present had their eyes on Qingzhu Fairy, while none paid attention to the fierce female immortal who quietly stepped down from the War Immortal Platform.

"What's the matter?"

The fierce female immortal returned to her sect, where her master asked impatiently, frowning deeply.

She preferred to see her disciple heavily injured, lying on the War Immortal Platform, rather than voluntarily surrendering.

Because it not only lost her pride as a master but also damaged the sect's reputation.

The fierce female immortal sensed the anger brewing in her master's chest and spoke aggrievedly, "Master, that female immortal also had Immortal Beast assistance... a fifth-rank Immortal Venerable Realm Fire Cloud Leopard..."

"Hiss..."

The fierce female immortal's master's pupils shrunk, sucking in a chilly breath, looking at the far-off Qingzhu Fairy surrounded by Jade Bamboo Mountain's immortals, with a highly complex expression.

As a master, her own cultivation level was also only fifth-rank Immortal Venerable Realm. If the other truly had fifth-rank Immortal Venerable Realm Fire Cloud Leopard aiding in battle, even if she personally took the stage, victory was not assured.

Her disciple's defeat wasn't unjust; it seemed she wrongly accused her earlier.

"Just our bad luck..."

The fierce female immortal's master sighed with a somewhat gloomy expression.

"Qingzhu has set a good precedent for us! Hopefully, we can also showcase our spirit in the forthcoming battles!"

Fang Bai watched Qingzhu Fairy surrounded by several Jade Bamboo Mountain immortals and smiled.

"Master, no matter who the opponent is, your disciple can suppress them! That Buddha Fruit, your disciple has secured one for sure!"

Great Sage Sun pounded his chest with his giant palm, speaking in a voice like rumbling thunder.

"The junior will certainly do her best and not let you down!"

Though Bingyun didn't boast like Great Sage Sun, her words were also filled with confidence.

She was convinced Fang Bai was undoubtedly her master's ancestor, yet since Fang Bai hadn't admitted it, she refrained from acknowledging and temporarily addressed him as 'senior.'

Fang Bai nodded towards Bingyun, then pointed at Great Sage Sun, gently reprimanding, "No matter how strong you are, there's always someone stronger; a mountain is always taller than a mountain. Though your cultivation is strong, don't be too arrogant! If you happen upon a formidable foe, losing the War Immortal Platform would be a disgrace!"

Though he was scolding Great Sage Sun, his face showed no sign of anger; in fact, a slightly concealed smile crept into his brow and eyes.

As the Invincible War Emperor who once swept through the Immortal Realm's nine great regions in past lives, Fang Bai naturally had his pride, thinking his disciples should possess Great Sage Sun's exuberant fighting spirit and intense battle intent when facing the upcoming war. Even if they were defeated, the loss would still be honorable.

Soon it was Bingyun's turn to take the stage.

The battle saw Bingyun emerging victorious without any suspense, though the time to defeat her opponent was much longer than in the first round.

However, this was to be expected; after all, with the escalation of battles, each immortal faced increasingly stronger opponents, and the difficulty of defeating them naturally increased.

Great Sage Sun was an impatient person, growing anxious as he waited for his turn to take the stage, bouncing around near Fang Bai uneasily.

"Master, I'm taking the stage!"

Finally, Great Sage Sun's number was called, and with excitement, he flipped in place before his figure shifted, landing on the War Immortal Platform.

Fang Bai shook his head, smiling as he glanced at Great Sage Sun's opponent, knowing he wasn't a match for Great Sage Sun, which eased his mind completely.

Fang Bai initially intended to observe how long Great Sage Sun's match would take, but unexpectedly, as Great Sage Sun took the stage for mere moments, another battle on a separate War Immortal Platform ended, and a Sumeru Temple disciple called his number.

Fang Bai regretfully shook his head lightly, then leisurely ascended the War Immortal Platform.

This time, Fang Bai's opponent was a chubby immortal holding a dragon staff, with a cultivation level also at first-rank Immortal Venerable Realm.

The chubby immortal had kindly eyes and a perpetual smile on his face. The first glance at him, Fang Bai could hardly feel any hostility.

"I am Heshan Venerable. I dislike the fighting, but for the Buddha Fruit, I must contend."

Once the War Immortal Platform's defensive array was triggered, the chubby immortal didn't rush to battle Fang Bai but sighed, "Friend, we have no enmity between us; let battle be battle whether victory or defeat, let's keep it civil and not harm each other?"

Fang Bai smiled, "How coincidental, I feel the same!"

Esteemed as Heshan Venerable, the chubby immortal disliked inflicting heavy injuries on the War Immortal Platform, which embarrassed the loser and harmed their cultivation. Seeing Fang Bai being agreeable, he was delighted, "You're straightforward! Whether victory or defeat in this duel, I've made a friend!"

Fang Bai responded, "Of course!"

"Then, I won't hold back!"

Heshan Venerable put away his smile, becoming solemn and his aura surged, his battle intent soared until the first-rank Immortal Venerable Realm displayed the prowess of a second-rank Immortal Venerable Realm expert.

Immortals possessing Innate Spiritual Roots equate to having cross-tier challenge capabilities, which is commonplace in the Immortal Realm, so Fang Bai was not surprised.

But Fang Bai's prowess is far more than mere cross-tier challenging; facing Heshan Venerable's rising battle intent and aura, he remained unstirred, leisurely composed, his smile unchanged.

Such an attitude seemed condescending to many immortals, yet to the battle-hardened Heshan Venerable, it signified strong confidence.

Chapter 2163: Fiery Emperor

On the War Immortal Platform, dragon shadows filled the sky.

Thousands of Immortal Dragons, transformed from Heshan Venerable's dragon staff, spiraled around Fang Bai, baring their fangs and brandishing their claws.

Each Immortal Dragon spewed a blaze, intertwining into a fiery net that enveloped Fang Bai.

The temperature in the space around Fang Bai had risen to a scorching, terrifying level.

The Fire Dragon spewed Immortal Fire, capable of destroying heaven and earth, incinerating all things, with astonishing destructive power.

The dragon staff in Heshan Venerable's hand was a mighty Immortal Artifact, considered a supreme treasure of the Immortal Realm. He wielded this Immortal Artifact to seize the Buddha Fruit, determined to win, intending to utilize the miraculous effects of the Buddha Fruit to elevate his cultivation level.

Seeing Fang Bai consumed by the fiery net, Heshan Venerable worried he might not withstand it and get injured, so he loudly said, "If you surrender, Immortal friend, I shall withdraw the Immortal Artifact. How about it?"

As soon as his words fell, he saw Fang Bai stepping out of the fiery net, and the flames surrounding him were rapidly pouring into his body, as if being devoured by him.

"This..."

After acquiring this Immortal Artifact, Heshan Venerable had fought hundreds of battles of various sizes, but this was the first time encountering such a situation, leaving him dumbfounded.

This Immortal Artifact was his greatest asset for the Buddha Fruit convention, yet it was ineffective against Fang Bai, chilling his heart.

Seeing Fang Bai absorb flames faster and faster, Heshan Venerable knew either Fang Bai's physique was special and fearless of Immortal Fire, or he possessed a supreme treasure that could suppress his Immortal Artifact. He thought if this continued, he might lose his Immortal Artifact, so he extended his right hand to retrieve it.

Suddenly, the dragon shadow vanished, the fiery net disappeared, and the temperature on the War Immortal Platform returned to normal.

Fang Bai remained calm and composed, as if nothing had happened at all.

"This battle can't go on!"

Heshan Venerable sighed with a dejected expression.

With remarkable vision and rich experience, he knew in that brief contact that he was no match for Fang Bai.

"Really not going to fight?"

Fang Bai asked with a smile.

Heshan Venerable waved his hand with a bitter face, saying, "Knowing I can't win, I won't ask for trouble! But Immortal friend, what Immortal object do you possess that isn't afraid of my Immortal Artifact? Let me lose comprehensively, alright?"

Fang Bai smiled silently, and with a slight thought, three clusters of Immortal Fire appeared before him.

"You... you actually subdued three clusters of Immortal Fire? No wonder... no wonder..."

Looking at the three thumb-sized flames in front of him and feeling the terrifying power of fire contained within them, Heshan Venerable was shocked, murmuring to himself.

The three clusters of Immortal Fire Fang Bai released seemed more powerful than the flames spewed by his Immortal Artifact, and having these three clusters coexist in his body without harm demonstrated his extraordinary physique, unimaginable.

With three powerful clusters of Immortal Fire within him, Fang Bai himself feared none of the Immortal Fire threats in the Immortal Realm.

"Your special physique fears no Immortal Fire, rare in the Immortal Realm. Also, what fire system Immortal Law were you circulating when absorbing Immortal Fire earlier? It was impressive!"

Although Heshan Venerable knew asking was somewhat abrupt, as such matters involved Immortal privacy and Fang Bai might not disclose, he couldn't help but ask.

"Nine Revolutions True Fire Art."

Fang Bai replied indifferently.

Nine Revolutions True Fire Art was one of Fang Bai's self-created fire system Immortal Laws in his past life, never demonstrated before the Eight Immortal Emperors, so he wasn't afraid of it being spread through Heshan Venerable's mouth to them.

In his past life, only the high ranks of the Emperor's Palace, Fang Bai's trusted disciples, and close confidantes knew Nine Revolutions True Fire Art originated from him.

"What did you say?"

To Fang Bai's surprise, upon hearing "Nine Revolutions True Fire Art," Heshan Venerable reacted as if struck by lightning, eyes showing extreme shock, trembling as he spoke, "You used Nine Revolutions True Fire Art?"

Heshan Venerable's reaction was exaggerated, Fang Bai furrowed his brows, suspecting he might know the origin of this Immortal Law.

"There's no familiar aura on him, indicating he's not connected to the Emperor's Palace. But why such a violent reaction upon hearing Nine Revolutions True Fire Art?"

Fang Bai stared intently at the agitated Heshan Venerable, puzzled and becoming more vigilant.

Their fighting spirit and drive hadn't receded, so the surrounding Defense Array on the War Immortal Platform still recognized their combat state, not shutting down the array, isolating their conversation from the watching Immortals outside.

"How do you know Nine Revolutions True Fire Art?"

Fang Bai calmly rebuffed.

His question effectively acknowledged his use of Nine Revolutions True Fire Art.

"Phew..."

Heshan Venerable took a deep breath several times, working to calm his excitement, looking Fang Bai up and down, suddenly sending a message, "Immortal friend, what connection have you to the former Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace?"

Seeing Fang Bai silent, only staring coldly, knowing the importance of the matter, he wouldn't easily comment, quickly transmitted, "Over a hundred years ago, I was fortunate to meet an Elder of the Emperor's Palace, at the time pursued by the Eight Immortal Emperors' forces, on the brink of demise. Before he perished, entrusted me with a matter..."

Upon hearing the words "an Elder of the Emperor's Palace," Fang Bai's pupils contracted slightly, asking, "What was the Elder's Immortal name?"

"Fiery Emperor!"

When mentioning this Immortal name, Heshan Venerable's expression was full of respect.

"Fiery Emperor..."

Fang Bai closed his eyes, reopening them a moment later, the intense beams projecting from his eyes made Heshan Venerable's heart tremble.

"I thought his three clusters of Immortal Fire were his greatest asset, but his combat prowess is unexpectedly strong!"

Heshan Venerable stared dumbly at Fang Bai, realizing that even without summoning the three clusters of Immortal Fire, he could easily suppress him with sheer combat strength.

"Continue."

Fang Bai's gaze was piercing, falling upon Heshan Venerable as if seeing through him.

Heshan Venerable felt dazed, facing Fang Bai as if confronting the Immortal Emperor he met a century ago, that commanding Immortal Might spontaneously engendered a feeling of submission.

"Yes."

Heshan Venerable knew Fang Bai must have an extraordinary background, recalling slightly, then respectfully, "Before Fiery Emperor fell, he spoke of Nine Revolutions True Fire Art, asking me to help find an Immortal adept at this art in the Immortal Realm and inform them of his death site. Also mentioned that finding such an Immortal would yield abundant rewards..."

As he spoke, he looked at Fang Bai, excitedly saying, "I have always respected the former Emperor's Palace, not daring to expect any reward, only hoping to fulfill Fiery Emperor's wish. When you said you used Nine Revolutions True Fire Art, it indeed resembled what Fiery Emperor mentioned, hence my inquiry..."

Fiery Emperor was one of the Emperor's Palace Elders in the past, possessing Immortal Emperor Realm strength, devotedly loyal to the Palace. Hearing he couldn't escape the Eight Immortal Emperors' pursuit and perished, Fang Bai felt his eyes heat, nose sour with sadness.

Chapter 2164: Advancing to the Final Battle

A few dozen breaths later, the Defensive Array on the War Immortal Platform where Fang Bai and Heshan Venerable were located closed, revealing their figures.

Heshan Venerable's battle intent had disappeared, his fighting spirit entirely gone, and there were no visible injuries on him—it was clear he had conceded voluntarily.

However, what puzzled the immortals was that Heshan Venerable, who had lost the duel, showed no signs of dejection or disappointment; instead, he looked excited and thrilled.

"Has that guy gone mad from the blow of losing the duel?"

The immortals saw Heshan Venerable's unusual demeanor and wondered silently in their hearts.

Heshan Venerable followed behind Fang Bai, came down from the War Immortal Platform, and joined the Jade Bamboo Mountain's camp.

"Allow me to introduce, this is Heshan Venerable... these are the Immortal friends from Jade Bamboo Mountain..."

Fang Bai introduced Heshan Venerable and the other immortals from Jade Bamboo Mountain, then smiled and said, "Heshan Venerable and I have some history. This time, it could be said that we came to know each other through a fight."

Heshan Venerable smiled and nodded repeatedly, feeling emotional as he said, "Indeed! I have always revered Senior Fang. When I realized his identity on the War Immortal Platform, I conceded honestly!"

Hearing these words, Haoyue Fairy and Bingyun both understood that Heshan Venerable must have learned Fang Bai's true identity. They wondered, since he had a history with Fang Bai, could he also be an Emperor's Palace Descendant or a Disciple deeply connected with the Emperor's Palace?

"Stay here for now. When there's time later, we can talk again. Rest assured, though you missed the chance to compete for the Buddha Fruit, if we manage to obtain it, you'll certainly have a share!"

Fang Bai said solemnly to Heshan Venerable.

Heshan Venerable knew that with Fang Bai's stature, he would honor his promise, and given Fang Bai's combat abilities, winning the Buddha Fruit was highly hopeful. He said excitedly, "Thank you, Senior Fang! Thank you, Senior Fang!"

He had participated in the Buddha Fruit ceremony multiple times before, but to no avail. This time, by a stroke of luck, he acquired a Supreme Immortal Artifact and thought he had a chance at the Buddha Fruit. He didn't expect to be blocked by Fang Bai, yet Fang Bai's promise amidst his disappointment made him feel like he found life in a dead end, and naturally, he was overjoyed.

While the battle between Fang Bai and Heshan Venerable concluded, the fierce fight on Great Sage Sun's side was still ongoing. A hundred breaths later, the Defensive Array on the War Immortal Platform finally disappeared.

Once their figures appeared, they saw Great Sage Sun leaning on his iron staff, slightly panting, with two-foot long scars on his body—he had indeed been injured.

Clearly, compared to the first round, Great Sage Sun's opponent this time was much stronger.

However, the scars on Great Sage Sun were so minor that they hardly counted as minor injuries and did not affect him at all. He looked around proudly before putting away his iron staff and walked off the War Immortal Platform firmly.

As for Great Sage Sun's opponent, their body curled up on the War Immortal Platform, unconscious due to severe injuries.

"This opponent was much tougher than the last. I was too lazy to keep tangling with him, so I took a blow and heavily injured him."

Great Sage Sun came to Fang Bai's side and, seeing him frown at his wound, scratched his head and laughed, "Hehe."

Fang Bai shook his head and said, "That was not the right way! Your future opponents will only grow stronger. If you keep using this method and slip up, the consequences would be dire! I hope you'll keep

winning, but only if you don't get hurt. Otherwise, I would rather not want that Buddha Fruit of yours! Understand?"

"Master, I understand!"

Though Great Sage Sun had a short-tempered nature, he was a very perceptive Immortal Beast and knew his master was concerned for him. He nodded honestly, not daring to disobey.

After the second round of the Battle for Buddha Fruit, Fang Bai, Great Sage Sun, and Qingzhu Fairy from Jade Bamboo Mountain still had a flawless victory record and entered the third round.

Within the same Immortal Sect, having three Immortals advance to the third round and win the first two battles effortlessly was unprecedented in the Buddha Fruit ceremony.

Thus, Fang Bai and the three immortals attracted even more attention; even the Buddhas of Sumeru Temple watched them with astonishment.

Other Immortal Sects and Immortal Clans that advanced to the third round of the Buddha Fruit battle were secretly discussing strategies on how to deal with the trio from Jade Bamboo Mountain if encountered.

For a moment, Fang Bai and the three immortals became one of the primary targets for various Immortal Sects and Clans to counter.

In the following rounds of the Buddha Fruit battle, Fang Bai, Great Sage Sun, Qingzhu Fairy, and Bingyun continued their winning streak. Even when faced with Immortals stronger by a minor realm, they managed to win without undue danger.

Especially the bout on the War Immortal Platform before the final battle was exceptionally fierce. Every Immortal gave their all, striving for an entry ticket to the final battle.

In this battle, all four sustained significant injuries and narrowly claimed victory.

"Although their performance could be considered spectacular, with injuries so severe, it's unlikely they'll fully recover by tomorrow, and their combat strength will surely be affected. It's going to be difficult for them to stand out in tomorrow's final battle."

Many Immortals thought disdainfully.

Some Immortals who were secretly observing Fang Bai and his cohort noticed that that night, Great Sage Sun, Qingzhu Fairy, and Bingyun almost simultaneously entered Fang Bai's Immortal Cave, where they stayed for an entire night.

The next day, before the final showdown for the Buddha Fruit began, when Fang Bai, Great Sage Sun, Qingzhu Fairy, and Bingyun appeared together, the other Immortals entering the final battle with them realized in despair that the four had somehow returned to peak condition.

"How is that possible!"

The Immortals sighed with regret, unable to fathom what Immortal Pills or miraculous medicine Fang Bai and his cohort had taken to recover so quickly.

"These four may not have high cultivation levels, but they win every time. They must have treasures aiding them! After the Buddha Fruit ceremony ends, you know what to do... Hmph, Ancestor was too generous back then. Picking the Buddha Fruit is no small feat, yet half was given to those Immortals. But from this session onward, no Immortal should dream of taking the Buddha Fruit back!"

The short and thin Buddha with peak Immortal King Realm cultivation from Sumeru Temple let his sharp gaze linger on Fang Bai and his cohort, a gleam of ferocity and killing intent passing through his eyes.

"Hmm?"

Although his killing intent was fleeting, Fang Bai keenly sensed it.

"As a Buddha, isn't he supposed to be indifferent to everything? Why did he suddenly harbor killing intent?"

Fang Bai mused, throwing a quick glance at the short and thin Buddha before swiftly retracting his gaze, becoming more vigilant in his heart.

Then, with a smile, he looked at the eagerly battle-ready Great Sage Sun, the solemn Qingzhu Fairy, and Bingyun, and said softly, "Whether we can obtain the Buddha Fruit depends on today's final battle! Let's give it our best!"

Great Sage Sun swung his fist into the air and said enthusiastically, "I've set my sights on one Buddha Fruit! Whoever dares to fight me for it, I'll knock them down!"

His voice was loud, reaching the ears of the Immortals about to ascend the War Immortal Platform, and they all hoped they wouldn't encounter this crazy beast as they weren't confident they could beat him.

Qingzhu Fairy and Bingyun nodded silently. Though they didn't make any grand statements, their gaze revealed the same determination.

After rounds of battles on the War Immortal Platform, this final showdown now had only twelve Immortals contesting for six Buddha Fruits.

In the history of the Buddha Fruit ceremony, it was rare for multiple disciples from the same Immortal Sect or Immortal Clan to reach the final showdown, but it has happened before, and Sumeru Temple had its own way of resolving this.

Chapter 2165: The Remarkable Great Sage Sun

To avoid disciples of the same Immortal Sect encountering each other in the duel, the twelve immortals entering the final battle first have Fang Bai, Great Sage Sun, and Qingzhu Fairy from Jade Bamboo Mountain draw lots.

Afterwards, according to the drawing order, each of them selects an immortal from the remaining nine as their opponent.

Likewise, the other six immortals also determine their opponents through drawing lots.

In fact, having priority in choosing does not offer much advantage.

Because among the twelve immortals entering the final battle, except for Fang Bai, Great Sage Sun, Qingzhu Fairy, and Bingyun, the remaining eight immortals all possess fourth or fifth grade Immortal Venerable Realm cultivation levels.

And those with the priority to choose, Fang Bai, Great Sage Sun, Qingzhu Fairy, the highest cultivation and strongest, Great Sage Sun, is only at the second grade of Immortal Venerable Realm. Even if he picks the weakest opponent, it would be a fourth grade Immortal Venerable Realm expert; defeating them is not easy for anyone, not even the less cultivated Fang Bai and Qingzhu Fairy.

Therefore, despite Fang Bai, Great Sage Sun, and Qingzhu Fairy frequently achieving unexpected victories before, in this final battle, they face opponents at least two small realms superior to them, and not many immortals have high expectations for them.

As all immortals anticipated, Fang Bai and the three immortals each chose a fourth grade Immortal Venerable Realm expert as their opponent.

Bingyun was fortunate too; the lot-drawn opponent is also a fourth grade Immortal Venerable Realm expert.

If they can defeat their respective opponents, they would successfully obtain a Buddha Fruit.

Twelve immortals engage in six duels.

The first battle unfolds between Great Sage Sun and a burly immortal dressed in beast skin.

Regarding Great Sage Sun's fighting power, Fang Bai is full of confidence, although aware this battle won't be easy for him, but is certain he will be the ultimate victor.

Fang Bai also knows the outcome of Great Sage Sun's battle would affect Qingzhu Fairy and Bingyun.

If Great Sage Sun wins, it will grant them stronger confidence and morale.

If he loses, they inevitably face increased pressure, and their confidence and morale cannot reach their peak, affecting their combat performance.

Therefore, Great Sage Sun's opening battle is crucial and significant.

Before Great Sage Sun stepped onto the platform, Fang Bai lightly patted his shoulder, secretly transmitting a wisp of Chaos Immortal Qi into his body, while using the Voice Transmission Technique to advise him on the tactics needed for a higher chance of victory.

The wisp of Chaos Immortal Qi transmitted by Fang Bai enables Great Sage Sun's immortal power to remain at peak condition throughout the day.

Thus, as long as Great Sage Sun can withstand the opponent's attack during the battle, then adopt a delaying tactic and counterattack when the opponent's immortal power is overly depleted, the chance of victory would greatly increase.

What Fang Bai transmitted and pointed out was exactly this delaying tactic.

Watching the Defensive Array of the War Immortal Platform activate, Great Sage Sun's and his opponent's figures disappeared, Fang Bai sat down cross-legged, waiting patiently for results.

Qingzhu Fairy and Bingyun were somewhat restless, eyes fixed on the War Immortal Platform, not blinking for a moment, hearts suspended, silently praying.

Two hours passed, and the Defensive Array of the War Immortal Platform showed no fluctuation.

Another two hours passed, and the platform remained unchanged.

The immortals surrounding knew this final battle was of great significance, both sides would definitely exert full effort, a range of tactics would emerge, and it was common for battles to last for several hours.

Some immortals even met evenly matched opponents, requiring days of battle to determine a victor; thus no one was anxious.

"There's a result..."

Four hours later, the Defensive Array of the War Immortal Platform suddenly fluctuated, the immortals knew that this indicated that the two immortals had determined victory and defeat, and the Defensive Array would vanish the next moment, so everyone focused their gaze on the War Immortal Platform.

A silhouette walked off the platform in large strides after the Defensive Array vanished.

He bore several deep, bloody scars, looking somewhat terrifying; the evil qi he exuded emitted a strong bloody stench, and immortals closer in proximity were briefly affected by the qi, seeing temporary illusions.

The figure's breath was steady, apparently having not expended much immortal power in this battle, and despite the shocking appearance of his scars, they weren't that severe; his eyes remained bright with the joy of victory.

The burly immortal dressed in beast skin lay on the platform behind him.

At this moment, that immortal's skin was torn, bones exposed, leaving not a single part unharmed, severely injured; he will require a long time to fully recover.

This clearly shows how fierce the battle between Great Sage Sun and the immortal was. Unfortunately, their affair was isolated by the Defensive Array, unable to be witnessed directly, leaving a great regret.

"It's him! It's that Immortal Ape!"

"Just a second-grade Immortal Venerable Realm Immortal Beast, yet defeated a fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm immortal, amazing!"

"Such a formidable battle power, after this fight, a Buddha Fruit is secured, a worthwhile endeavor!"

"Jade Bamboo Mountain's three immortals, already one has obtained a Buddha Fruit, wonder if the remaining two will continue to perform miracles!"

"Impossible now! The remaining two immortals, one has a first-grade Immortal Venerable Realm cultivation, and the other is merely a third-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm; their opponents are all fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm experts!"

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The immortals watched as the Immortal Ape walked among Jade Bamboo Mountain immortals, expressions complex, discussing in low voices, with most believing the path to competing for Buddha Fruit for Jade Bamboo Mountain immortals would end at Great Sage Sun.

"Master, disciple is fortunate not to disappoint!"

Great Sage Sun returned victorious, securing a Buddha Fruit, smiling with some pride on his face.

The eleven Buddha Fruits are currently under Sumeru Temple's control, and after the Buddha Fruit ceremony concludes, six of the fruits will be distributed to the victors of the final battle.

Immortals of all sects know that Sumeru Temple doesn't dare to covet these Buddha Fruits, as it would not only destroy Sumeru Temple's reputation and credibility but may also incite collective condemnation from the Immortal Realm's immortals.

Though Sumeru Temple is strong, it is not strong enough to contend with all Immortals of the Immortal Realm.

Fang Bai smiled and nodded, saying, "Great Sage Sun, you've worked hard! Sit down and tend to your wounds!"

He then glanced at Qingzhu Fairy and Bingyun, seeing their spirits elevated, eager to try, aware that Great Sage Sun's victory significantly boosted their confidence and morale.

In the second round, Bingyun took to the platform, facing a fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm expert from a certain Immortal Sect.

Before ascending the platform, Fang Bai also transmitted a wisp of Chaos Immortal Qi to her, using Voice Transmission Technique to offer a few pieces of advice, and gave her a Heart Stabilizing Pill.

A Jade Pendant hung around Bingyun's neck, a gift from Fang Bai last night, said by Fang Bai to emit attacks comparable to a fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm expert. With the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade assisting, Bingyun felt she had a good chance to win this battle.

"Bingyun can win this battle! But it will surely be much tougher than Great Sage Sun's victory! Qingzhu, you need to be prepared as well!"

Fang Bai remarked softly while watching Bingyun walk onto the War Immortal Platform.

Chapter 2166: Just Do Your Best

Just as Fang Bai anticipated, Bingyun ultimately won this battle, but it was an exceptionally arduous victory.

After five whole hours had passed, when the defensive array on the War Immortal Platform disappeared, under the watchful eyes of the crowd, Bingyun, supported by the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade Fang Bai temporarily lent her, staggered her way down from the platform.

She wore a yellow dress before the battle, but now she wore new clothes. Although the new garment covered her entire body, judging from the visible bloodstains, her injuries must have been extremely severe.

Moreover, by her shaky steps, she would have collapsed on the War Immortal Platform if not for the support of the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade.

No one among the immortals could have imagined that had she not been supported, she might have fallen first, allowing Bingyun to remain standing.

Bingyun's opponent was in even worse shape. His entire body was almost entirely mutilated, with his right arm severed at the root. He lay on his back on the platform, his face ghastly pale, gazing blankly at the sky, muttering something under his breath as if soulless.

The Four Immortals of Ice Valley, seeing this, hurried forward, letting their victory celebration slip their minds. Another female immortal supported Bingyun Fairy, showing concern as she said, "Bingyun, quickly swallow the Immortal Pill and sit down to heal!"

"I'm fine..."

Bingyun smiled faintly and gestured for that female immortal to help her. Accompanied by the Four Immortals of Ice Valley, she walked to Fang Bai, bowed deeply, and said, "I did not let you down, Senior, I won this battle!"

Thinking that this young immortal before her was possibly her master's master, the Four Immortals of Ice Valley, apart from Bingyun, felt their legs weaken in awe and dared not look Fang Bai in the eye.

"Well done! You've worked hard!"

Fang Bai smiled and nodded, thinking that with both Great Sage Sun and Bingyun victorious, their side had secured two Buddha Fruits, and now it was up to him and Qingzhu Fairy.

Fang Bai naturally had no concerns about himself. The key now lay in Qingzhu Fairy's ability to perform beyond her usual level and overcome formidable opponents.

"Take this Immortal Pill!"

As Fang Bai spoke, he flicked his finger, making an Immortal Pill appear before Bingyun.

"King Grade Healing Elixir..."

Bingyun received the pill, feeling the pure and rich water and wood Immortal Qi contained within. Her eyes lit up, and she gratefully glanced at Fang Bai before swiftly swallowing it.

The King Grade Healing Elixir is crafted with a variety of Immortal Elixirs cultivated over tens of thousands of years, possessing exceptional healing properties. It is most suitable for Immortal King Realm experts, making it incredibly rare and valuable for someone like Bingyun, an Immortal Venerable Realm expert.

Now that Fang Bai had produced such an expensive pill for her, it demonstrated his generosity and the importance he placed on Bingyun, earning her heartfelt gratitude.

"It is said that a thousand years ago, when the Emperor's Palace was still around, our master's alchemy technique was unrivaled in the Immortal Realm. This young immortal before us, despite being only of the first-grade Immortal Venerable Realm cultivation level, can casually take out a King Grade Healing Elixir — it's a feat only a prodigious talent like our master could achieve!"

The Four Immortals of Ice Valley, while a little skeptical about Fang Bai's identity, became increasingly excited with such thoughts in their minds.

After swallowing the Healing Elixir gifted by Fang Bai, Bingyun sat cross-legged. The Four Immortals of Ice Valley and the immortals from Jade Bamboo Mountain gathered around her, protecting her.

"It's my turn!"

Upon hearing the Sumeru Temple disciple call out "Qingzhu Fairy of Jade Bamboo Mountain," Qingzhu's heart suddenly tightened, and her small fists clenched within her sleeves.

"Go, Qingzhu! Don't be nervous; just relax! Do your best!"

Haoyue Fairy lightly patted Qingzhu Fairy's back twice, whispering encouragement.

"Okay."

Qingzhu Fairy nodded, glanced back at her master Haoyue Fairy, then at Fang Bai, and under their encouraging gazes, she gracefully ascended the War Immortal Platform.

"It's that female immortal from Jade Bamboo Mountain again!"

"She managed to fight her way to the final battle with a third-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm cultivation! Incredible!"

"If she wins again, she'll secure a Buddha Fruit, which would be quite a miracle at the Buddha Fruit Festival!"

"I doubt it! After all, her most formidable opponent before was only a first-grade Immortal Venerable Realm expert, whereas now she faces a fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm expert!"

"Yet, look at her expression — she seems very confident, as if everything's well within her grasp!"

"We can't conclude anything before the results are out! Let's just wait and see!"

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The many immortals watched Qingzhu Fairy step by step onto the War Immortal Platform, their discussions unending and expressions complex.

At the same time, Qingzhu Fairy's opponent, a cold-proud female immortal of the fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm, also ascended the platform.

That cold-proud female immortal's gaze was icy, emitting an extremely cold aura from her body, making it hard to approach. It was evident she'd honed her sect's Water System Immortal Technique Secret to its utmost limits.

"Senior Fang, what are Qingzhu's chances against that female immortal?"

Haoyue Fairy, feeling the overwhelming chill from the cold-proud female immortal, felt as though she'd been plunged into an icy cave, worrying for Qingzhu Fairy.

Fang Bai glanced at the cold-proud female immortal, then said, "At least sixty percent!"

Haoyue Fairy, knowing Fang Bai's true identity, naturally did not doubt his judgment and felt instantly relieved.

"However, although Qingzhu has an Immortal Beast to assist her in battle, her own cultivation level is ultimately too weak. This will be the toughest battle of her life! Even if she wins, it will be a bitter victory! Yes, she may end up more injured than Bingyun!"

Fang Bai continued.

Haoyue Fairy no longer worried, thinking that injuries were normal in duels between immortals. As long as crucial areas like the Divine Sense and Qi Sea weren't damaged, everything could be quickly nursed back to health.

As the light flickered, the defensive array of the War Immortal Platform activated, officially commencing the duel between Qingzhu Fairy and the cold-proud female immortal.

Simultaneously, Fang Bai readied himself, for the next duel, the final one of the Buddha Fruit Festival, would unfold between him and another fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm expert.

Fang Bai closed his eyes briefly to adjust his breathing, then suddenly sensed two provocative gazes aimed in his direction.

He slowly opened his eyes, raising his head to meet the two challenging gazes, recognizing that they belonged to the immortal he was to face.

It was a man in a golden robe, strikingly handsome, his gaze holding not only provocation but disdain and contempt as well.

Seeing Fang Bai looking over, the man in the golden robe smirked, his lips moving as he telepathically conveyed, "You're not my match. Surrender our duel now! Otherwise, you'll suffer a humiliating defeat!"

Facing the contempt and threat from the golden-robed immortal, Fang Bai merely replied with a "Heh heh," then ignored him.

The golden-robed immortal's expression instantly darkened, his eyes narrowing at Fang Bai as he gritted his teeth, "You foolish little immortal! On the War Immortal Platform, I'll make you taste a fate worse than death!"

Chapter 2167: Self-Detonation to Protect the Master

In Fang Bai's estimation, since Qingzhu Fairy and that Fairy Leng'ao are not evenly matched opponents, their cultivation levels differ significantly, this battle between them should conclude in a fierce yet brief manner.

The outcome of this battle will either be Fairy Leng'ao using her full strength to win with a single strike, or Qingzhu Fairy unexpectedly summoning the fifth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm Fire Cloud Leopard to claim victory.

Of course, Fang Bai is more inclined towards the latter.

From Fang Bai's perspective, even though Fairy Leng'ao possesses the ability to challenge across levels, her combat strength is only comparable to the fifth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm Fire Cloud Leopard;

Moreover, Qingzhu Fairy's Pure Heart Pacifying Soul Melody played on the bamboo flute can weaken the fighting spirit of Immortals, causing them to lose their combat will; coupled with the Soul Loss Bell Fang Bai gifted to Qingzhu Fairy, which can confuse the mind of Immortals...

Thus, if Fairy Leng'ao is even slightly careless, she might be defeated by Qingzhu Fairy's attack.

Unless she has a strong trump card to counter Qingzhu Fairy's advantages, winning will not be easy.

But within just a few dozen breaths, the War Immortal Platform where Qingzhu Fairy was, trembled intensely, leaving the Immortals looking at each other, unsure of what happened.

"An Immortal or Immortal Beast has self-detonated!"

A Buddha of the Immortal King Realm from the Sumeru Temple said with a slight change in expression.

Self-detonation in such occasions, although not unheard of in previous Buddha Fruit Festivals, is extremely rare, reserved only for deadly grudges between the contenders.

Usually, in a self-detonation duel, the best result is mutual injury, while the worst is both falling.

"Hopefully it isn't Qingzhu..."

Haoyue Fairy's heart was hanging high, staring wide-eyed at the War Immortal Platform.

The Immortals from Jade Bamboo Mountain, Ice Valley's five Immortals, and Great Sage Sun, Tu Mo, all stared at the War Immortal Platform, anxiously waiting for the result.

Many Immortals present thought that since Qingzhu Fairy's cultivation was far weaker than Fairy Leng'ao, the self-detonating Immortal might very likely be her.

"It's not Qingzhu!"

Fang Bai looked at the War Immortal Platform intently, though his face was somewhat solemn, it didn't show the anxiousness like that of Haoyue Fairy and the others.

The defensive array set around the War Immortal Platform, in Fang Bai's eyes, was a joke, easily crackable, thus allowing his Divine Sense to penetrate into each battle on the two War Immortal Platforms to investigate the situation.

It's just that his cultivation level was ultimately a bit weak, greatly limiting the capabilities of his Divine Sense, allowing only a brief penetration into the formations for investigation.

Still, Fang Bai utilized this brief duration to probe the current situation on the War Immortal Platform using his Divine Sense.

Upon discovering that the self-detonator was not Qingzhu Fairy, Fang Bai breathed a sigh of relief.

"It was that Fire Cloud Leopard...It turns out Fairy Leng'ao has some strong trump card; otherwise, it wouldn't have provoked the Fire Cloud Leopard to self-detonate."

Fang Bai understood the general situation upon observing the blood mist on the War Immortal Platform through his Divine Sense.

Originally, the Fire Cloud Leopard that Fang Bai had tamed for Qingzhu Fairy, while assisting Qingzhu Fairy in battling Fairy Leng'ao, faced an unexpectedly powerful Immortal Artifact attack from Fairy Leng'ao, whose power overwhelmed the Fire Cloud Leopard.

Qingzhu Fairy needed to rely on the Fire Cloud Leopard to defeat Fairy Leng'ao, but after it was suppressed, she quickly fell into peril, soon suffering heavy losses under Fairy Leng'ao's attacks.

Immortal Beasts, once tamed, display unwavering loyalty to their masters.

The Fire Cloud Leopard, seeing Qingzhu Fairy injured, became extremely enraged, attacking Fairy Leng'ao madly, and upon failure, decidedly chose to self-detonate, intending to perish alongside Fairy Leng'ao to protect its master Qingzhu Fairy.

With the Fire Cloud Leopard's self-detonation, Fairy Leng'ao would certainly be the primary "victim", while Qingzhu Fairy would also be affected but suffer lighter injuries due to the Fire Cloud Leopard's deliberate control before its self-detonation.

Within the dozens of feet in this War Immortal Platform, with the Fire Cloud Leopard's self-detonation, both Qingzhu Fairy and Fairy Leng'ao had no escape and had to directly face the terrifying shockwave from the Fire Cloud Leopard's self-detonation.

Upon the Fire Cloud Leopard's self-detonation, both Qingzhu Fairy and Fairy Leng'ao simultaneously used their Immortal Artifacts for defense, but facing the immense power from the self-detonation of a fifth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm Immortal Beast, both their Immortal Artifacts were blown away, and they fell into heavy injuries and unconsciousness.

Fortunately, Fang Bai's Soul Loss Bell gifted to Qingzhu Fairy, a treasure among Immortal Artifacts, shielded Qingzhu Fairy from much of the shock force, otherwise, the consequences would have been unimaginable.

When Fang Bai's Divine Sense was probing, both Qingzhu Fairy and Fairy Leng'ao were lying unconscious on the War Immortal Platform, completely motionless, only faint breaths indicating they were still alive.

According to Buddha Fruit Festival rules, if the two Immortals in a duel are simultaneously critically injured, whoever stands up first is the winner.

Upon recalling the strand of Chaos Immortal Qi he had imbued into Qingzhu Fairy earlier, Fang Bai smiled, withdrawing his Divine Sense, no longer worried.

Ten breaths later, the defensive array on the War Immortal Platform disappeared, and the surrounding Immortals watching the platform saw the scenario of the two critically injured and unconscious Immortals, initially dumbfounded before various discussions broke out.

"The air is filled with blood mist, indeed a self-detonation occurred just now!"

"The self-detonator must be formidable to make the platform tremble!"

"Both Immortals in the duel are still present, so what could have self-detonated?"

"I think perhaps it's an auxiliary Immortal Beast for battle!"

"Hmm, with the severity of both Immortals' injuries, the self-detonating Immortal Beast's cultivation level must be at least fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm!"

"Which of them had that Immortal Beast?"

"I think Qingzhu Fairy from Jade Bamboo Mountain is more likely!"

"I agree as well. Qingzhu Fairy's cultivation isn't high, so prior victories in turning the tide must have been relying on her Immortal Beast!"

"Immortal Beast protects its master, self-detonating likely to severely injure Fairy Leng'ao!"

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Watching the two unconscious female Immortals on the War Immortal Platform, the disciples from their respective Immortal Sects stood stupefied for a moment, before loudly shouting their sect disciples' names or honorifics, hoping they would wake up and stand up first.

Fang Bai sat steadily in place, unhurried and silent, simply watching the two female Immortals on the War Immortal Platform.

The strand of Chaos Immortal Qi Fang Bai had imbued into Qingzhu Fairy's body was rapidly healing her from the injuries inflicted by the shockwave at a speed visible to the naked eye.

"Her breath is growing more vigorous, it's a sign of awakening! What physique does she possess to recover so rapidly!"

An Immortal quickly perceived that Qingzhu Fairy's originally faint breath was rapidly strengthening, and couldn't help marveling.

In contrast, Fairy Leng'ao's injuries were also healing, but compared to Qingzhu Fairy, it was as slow as a snail.

After several dozen breaths, Qingzhu Fairy's body began moving, gradually sitting up, and then standing.

Immediately, the Immortals from Jade Bamboo Mountain including Haoyue Fairy, became overly excited, loudly cheering.

Chapter 2168: Thunder Palace - Leiyun Immortal Venerable

Qingzhu Fairy stood firm, feeling a strand of Immortal Qi rapidly flow within her body, repairing the severe injuries caused by the Fire Cloud Leopard's self-detonation.

She knew that strand of Immortal Qi was precisely what Fang Bai had previously transferred into her body.

It was a very magical strand of Immortal Qi. During her previous rounds of battles with opponents, it was the presence of that Immortal Qi within her that kept her combat strength at its peak.

In the recent battle, she was heavily wounded due to the Fire Cloud Leopard's self-detonation, and in her dazed state, she believed she had been defeated. Yet, unexpectedly, within a moment, her injuries healed somewhat, enabling her to stand up.

She glanced at Fairy Leng'ao and, upon discovering that this formidable opponent was still unconscious, she almost cried tears of joy, thinking, "I won! I won!"

With a cultivation level of third-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm, she reversed adversity all the way to the end, securing a Buddha Fruit... This was unprecedented in the history of the Buddha Fruit Festival.

Qingzhu Fairy knew that, after this battle, she would become the biggest dark horse of the current Buddha Fruit Festival, receiving widespread attention.

She also understood that all of this was thanks to Fang Bai. Without Fang Bai's assistance, she could never have come this far.

She glanced down to the War Immortal Platform, meeting Fang Bai's smiling gaze.

That gaze was filled with joy, praise, and encouragement.

"This battle was thanks to the Fire Cloud Leopard..."

Thinking of the self-detonating Fire Cloud Leopard, Qingzhu Fairy couldn't help but feel a bit sad.

That Fire Cloud Leopard was gifted to her by Fang Bai after being tamed. She had hoped to take this Immortal Beast with her on adventures, but it unexpectedly fell at this Buddha Fruit Festival's War Immortal Platform.

However, it was precisely the Fire Cloud Leopard's decisive self-detonation that allowed Qingzhu Fairy to win this battle.

This was also Fang Bai's original intention when he tamed the Fire Cloud Leopard and gifted it to Qingzhu Fairy.

According to Fang Bai, this Fire Cloud Leopard was given to Qingzhu Fairy to "shield her" when necessary.

In Fang Bai's eyes, Qingzhu Fairy is the descendant of his former beloved, Fairy Linglong. Her life cannot be compared to that of an Immortal Beast.

If an Immortal Beast falls, he can tame another, but if anything happens to Qingzhu Fairy, he would feel guilt toward Fairy Linglong.

Taking one last look at the unconscious Fairy Leng'ao, Qingzhu Fairy composed herself and proudly straightened her posture, walking down the War Immortal Platform amidst the cheers of the Jade Bamboo Mountain immortals.

"Qingzhu, well done!"

Fang Bai gave Qingzhu Fairy a thumbs-up in praise.

"Senior Fang, the Immortal Beast you gave me... it accomplished my victory in this battle through self-detonation!"

Qingzhu Fairy sighed, the fall of the Fire Cloud Leopard making her somewhat gloomy, even though she won the battle, she found it difficult to feel joyful.

Fang Bai said: "No worries. After the Buddha Fruit Festival ends, I will tame an even stronger Immortal Beast for you!"

Seeing Qingzhu Fairy's fatigue, knowing her injuries were far from healed, he added: "From here on, there's nothing more for you to do. Sit and recuperate your body well!"

Qingzhu Fairy shook her head and said: "Next is Senior stepping into the arena. I don't want to miss this final battle!"

Fang Bai smiled and said: "Very well, sit here and watch! This time we're determined to get four Buddha Fruits!"

His words revealed strong confidence in the upcoming battle, full of arrogance.

The surrounding Immortals, who would have sneered at him before, now dared not underestimate them, having witnessed their continuous victories.

Qingzhu Fairy looked at Fang Bai, her eyes showing admiration and fascination.

The immortals of Jade Bamboo Mountain, the Five Immortals of Ice Valley, Tu Mo, and Great Sage Sun were also influenced by Fang Bai's confidence and arrogance, each feeling proud and invigorated.

"The final battle of the Buddha Fruit Festival has begun..."

Moments later, under the gaze of many, Fang Bai and another Immortal simultaneously ascended the War Immortal Platform, facing each other, sparks flying from their clash of gazes.

Fang Bai's opponent was an Immortal from "Thunder Palace," whose true age was under a hundred, yet his cultivation level had reached fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm, a rare talent across the Immortal Realm's nine Heavenly Domains.

Evidently, that Immortal had practiced rejuvenation arts, his apparent age matching Fang Bai's, featuring sword-like eyebrows and starry eyes, vivid red lips and white teeth, exuding graceful demeanor, drawing frequent attention from many female Immortals present.

"Thunder Palace? Leiyun Immortal Venerable?"

Upon learning his opponent hailed from "Thunder Palace," a strong killing intent surged within Fang Bai.

Thunder Palace was created by Thunder Immortal Emperor, who was among the eight Immortal Emperors who assaulted Fang Bai a thousand years ago, now also a target of Fang Bai's vengeance since his return to the Immortal Realm.

This Leiyun Immortal Venerable before him must be a disciple of Thunder Immortal Emperor, how could Fang Bai have any goodwill towards him?

If not for the Buddha Fruit war prohibiting fatal harm to opponents, Fang Bai would certainly slay this Leiyun Immortal Venerable, showing no mercy!

Leiyun Immortal Venerable felt Fang Bai's killing intent and coldness, baffled by why this young Immortal harbored such hostility toward him. Nevertheless, being a top disciple of a powerful Immortal Sect with superior cultivation level over Fang Bai, he naturally feared nothing.

"Jade Cloud Mountain's Fang Bai? Never heard of it! Unbelievable that you, a mere first-grade Immortal Venerable Realm young Immortal, have fought your way into this final battle!"

Leiyun Immortal Venerable coldly eyed Fang Bai, his tone full of disdain.

Despite Fang Bai's previous successive victories, drawing numerous Immortals' attention, Leiyun Immortal Venerable believed his hidden cards far exceeded others, assured of easily defeating Fang Bai to claim victory in the Buddha Fruit Festival's final battle.

Fang Bai laughed lightly and said: "You find it incredible that I made it to the final battle? Alright, in this battle, I will keep surprising you!"

The meaning of his words was clear: If I can beat others, I can beat you too!

Leiyun Immortal Venerable sneered and said: "Such an ignorant young Immortal! You mustn't have ventured out much before, right? If you've heard of Thunder Palace's renown, I guarantee you wouldn't dare utter such big words! I'm telling you, this last Buddha Fruit is mine for the taking, I can't allow it to slip away!"

Thunder Palace was famously established by Thunder Immortal Emperor, its reputation resonating throughout the Immortal Realm's nine Heavenly Domains, and with Thunder Immortal Emperor still alive, how many Immortals dare to blatantly offend Thunder Palace disciples?

Saying this, Leiyun Immortal Venerable was in essence threatening Fang Bai, warning him not to imagine seizing this Buddha Fruit, lest he angers Thunder Palace and bears the repercussions beyond his endurance.

"Enough of the nonsense, prove yourself by defeating me to claim the Buddha Fruit!"

Fang Bai firmly grasped the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, standing proudly, unaffected by the Immortal Might released by Leiyun Immortal Venerable.

The battle at Bingyun just concluded, hence before stepping on the War Immortal Platform, Fang Bai reclaimed the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade.

Chapter 2169: Blood Blade vs. Thunder Hammer

"Great blade!"

As a fourth-grade Immortal Venerable Realm Expert, Leiyun Immortal Venerable had a keen eye. He found himself unable to discern the grade of the Blood Blade in Fang Bai's hand,

knowing it was a supreme treasure, his eyes instantly heated with desire.

When the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade was just in Bingyun's hand, although it didn't kill the opponent, it still absorbed a lot of the opponent's blood, making its evil qi even stronger.

Leiyun Immortal Venerable only glanced at the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, and immediately felt his head spinning, with visions of slaughter and killing appearing before his eyes.

"It can actually confuse my mind, what a powerful Immortal Artifact!"

Leiyun Immortal Venerable was shocked and immediately circulated Immortal Law, forcibly dispelling the illusion and restoring clarity.

Looking at the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade again, while he had some fear in his heart, he also became more eager to obtain this Immortal Artifact.

At this moment, the Defense Array on the War Immortal Platform had already been activated, enveloping the two of them, making it seem as if only the two of them were left in the world.

"Give me the Blood Blade, surrender willingly, and beg for mercy on your knees, and I won't harm you!"

Leiyun Immortal Venerable spoke to Fang Bai condescendingly.

Fang Bai was startled, thinking how confident this guy must be in his strength to speak as if he had already won the duel.

Seeing Fang Bai in a daze, thinking he had intimidated him, Leiyun Immortal Venerable said proudly, "I'll give you ten seconds to think it over, otherwise..."

"Disciples of the Thunder Palace have always been arrogant and reckless, relying on the Thunder Immortal Emperor's prestige. Since when did they become so nagging? Enough talking, if you want to fight, then let's fight!"

Fang Bai raised his hand, pointing the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade at Leiyun Immortal Venerable, his gaze cold and his battle spirit soaring.

"You asked for it!"

Leiyun Immortal Venerable's expression turned ugly, and with a grab in the air, a pair of purple hammers appeared in his hands.

He lightly clashed the hammers together, instantly causing countless lightning snakes to coil around him, accompanied by a faint rumble, and even the aura around him became violently agitated.

"A rare Innate Thunder Spirit Root in the Immortal Realm!"

Fang Bai squinted his eyes, looking at the wild-haired, imposing Leiyun Immortal Venerable. The Blood-Drinking Mad Blade was held across his chest, fully releasing its aura, resisting the crushing Immortal Might that was coming like a collapsing mountain and ocean.

Although he was spirited and fearless, he did not underestimate his opponent, who possessed an Innate Thunder Spirit Root, could challenge above his level, and had a cultivation level three small realms higher than his own.

"If Ruhua had the same cultivation as him, her battle prowess would definitely surpass his!"

At this moment, Fang Bai suddenly thought of Dongfang Ruhua. He didn't know if she and those beloved friends from the lower realm had shattered the void over the years and arrived in the Immortal Realm.

The lightning snakes around Leiyun Immortal Venerable were quickly amassing energy, slowly converging on the pair of purple hammers in his hands. The dazzling purple electric glow illuminated his grim and twisted face, looking somewhat terrifying.

The power of lightning was one of the most destructive forces, surpassing even the might of the Five Elements Attribute attacks.

"Whoosh!"

With a whistle, a flash of blood-red light appeared, immediately staining the space of the War Immortal Platform in crimson, its brightness momentarily overshadowing the purple electric glow.

Fang Bai initiated the attack.

"Overestimating yourself!"

Seeing Fang Bai gripping the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade with both hands, slashing towards him in mid-air, Leiyun Immortal Venerable sneered.

He raised his pair of purple hammers, pointing them fiercely at the air.

Immediately, thousands of lightning snakes coiling around the pair of purple hammers converged into a waist-thick bolt of lightning, hurling towards Fang Bai in the air.

Wherever the lightning passed through the void, a long black line appeared, a rift torn by the terrifying force of the lightning.

Fang Bai's eyes glared like an angry guardian deity, letting out a roar as he slashed with all his might towards the lightning.

"Boom!"

With a huge explosion, the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade collided with the lightning, erupting in a blinding light. The powerful shockwave produced by the clash of two terrifying forces rapidly spread in all directions.

Fang Bai let out a muffled hum, his figure was thrown back dozens of feet, crashing into the Qi Shield formed by the War Immortal Platform's Defense Array, immediately rebounding back into the air.

His clothes were torn, blood flowing from his seven orifices, and the palm clutching the blade was split, bleeding nonstop.

The impact of this blow had already caused Fang Bai significant injury, clearly taking a heavy loss.

"Haha... How dare a mere candlelight compete with the bright moon? Even if you surrender now, it's already too late! Now, let me teach you what it means to know your place!"

Seeing Fang Bai unable to withstand a single blow, Leiyun Immortal Venerable was exhilarated, laughing loudly, growing more and more triumphant. He soared into the sky, moving parallel with Fang Bai, raising his hammers and smashing them towards Fang Bai from a distance.

"Zzz..."

Amidst the piercing screech of the breaking air, two bolts of lightning, one from the left and one from the right, attacked Fang Bai, their power surpassing the previous strike.

Fang Bai's eyes emitted a cold gleam, his expression steadfast, showing no trace of fear on his face.

He swung the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade fiercely, meeting the two lightning bolts like speeding purple snakes.

The blade and lightning collided again, and Fang Bai's figure was knocked back once more.

This time, Fang Bai suffered even more damage, his wounds more severe, with visible lacerations appearing, blood seeping rapidly from the wounds, making him look like a bloodied man within a few breaths.

The split on his palm holding the blade widened even further.

"Take another blow!"

Leiyun Immortal Venerable shouted like thunder, unleashing the world-destroying force of the purple hammers, hurling them at Fang Bai.

He hoped this strike would severely injure Fang Bai, leaving him with no strength to resist, decisively securing victory.

Fang Bai switched the blade to his left hand, standing firm, still using the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade to counterattack.

In fact, if Fang Bai summoned the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, he could have blocked Leiyun Immortal Venerable's purple hammer attack, avoiding severe injury.

But Fang Bai did not wish to seek the protection of a Divine Artifact before reaching the brink of life and death; he hoped to use this battle to temper his body repeatedly and continue to enhance his physical resilience.

"Boom!"

The third strike landed, knocking Fang Bai and his blade down onto the War Immortal Platform. If the War Immortal Platform weren't strong enough, the ground beneath his feet would have already cracked and collapsed.

At this moment, Fang Bai's body had no intact part, with parts of his white bones exposed, yet he still stood steadfastly, showing not a hint of trembling. He looked up, his gaze filled with disdain and scorn that enraged Leiyun Immortal Venerable.

"Damn it!"

After three consecutive strikes, unable to incapacitate Fang Bai, Leiyun Immortal Venerable was somewhat disappointed.

Soon after, he discovered something astonishing: Fang Bai's wounds were healing at an observable rate.

Although an Immortal's body had the ability to self-repair, Leiyun Immortal Venerable had never seen such rapid self-healing like Fang Bai's before, thinking that even the Immortal King Realm or Immortal Emperor Realm Experts in the Thunder Palace couldn't compare to Fang Bai's self-healing ability.

"Could it be that his constitution is an Extraordinary Holy Body?"

Leiyun Immortal Venerable thought of this possibility, feeling a surge of jealousy.

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The so-called Extraordinary Holy Body refers to an Immortal who possesses two types of Innate Spiritual Roots within one body.

An Immortal with an Extraordinary Holy Body has an extremely formidable physique, able to heal quickly even when injured.

Seeing how swiftly Fang Bai's wounds healed, Leiyun Immortal Venerable suspected this might be the reason, and couldn't help feeling a bit anxious.

He originally intended to bring the battle to a swift end, severely wounding Fang Bai to rob him of his fighting ability and end the duel. However, he didn't expect Fang Bai to withstand his fierce attacks time and again, stubbornly holding his ground.

Each time he launched an attack, a considerable amount of immortal power was consumed. If this continued, the outcome of victory or defeat would be uncertain.

Fang Bai sensed the disorder in Leiyun Immortal Venerable's energy due to his agitation, grinned, and said, "In a duel between Immortals, impatience is a grave taboo! This fight, you've already lost!"

He was severely injured, his entire body from head to toe covered in blood. Yet, with that smile, his white teeth showed, and his eyes, shimmering with a cold glint, sent shivers through Leiyun Immortal Venerable.

"How can this be? A mere low-ranked Immortal Venerable actually makes me feel fear..."

After a moment of shock, Leiyun Immortal Venerable roared towards the sky, trying to dispel the fear in his heart.

Then, a fierce glint flashed in his eyes, and he swallowed an Explosive Essence Pill, causing his aura to swell. With a thought, a pair of purple Immortal hammers expanded a hundredfold in the air.

"Smash it for me!"

Leiyun Immortal Venerable's voice rang out again, and the pair of purple Immortal hammers stacked together like two falling steel mountains, descending upon Fang Bai with the force of lightning and thunder.

The entire space of the War Immortal Platform was shrouded in the suppressive might of the purple Immortal hammers, leaving Fang Bai with no escape, forcing him to endure.

"I'll hold it!"

Fang Bai put away the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, soaring into the sky like a cannonball, raising both arms to support the falling purple Immortal hammers in mid-air.

However, the force pressing down from the purple Immortal hammers was overwhelmingly powerful. Though Fang Bai gritted his teeth and pushed upward with all his immortal power, he only managed to slightly slow their descent, unable to fully stop them.

"Bang!"

A muffled sound resounded as Fang Bai, holding the purple Immortal hammers, landed on the War Immortal Platform. His waist and back bent down, and large beads of sweat rolled off his face and body.

The immense force within the Immortal hammers kept him from straightening, with some of the immortal power transferring through his body to the platform, causing it to tremble several times.

"For the sake of defeating me, Leiyun Immortal Venerable even dared consume an Explosive Essence Pill despite its severe side effects,"

Fang Bai gritted his teeth against the intense pressure weighing on him.

He knew he must stand firm now; if he collapsed, the duel would essentially be over.

Though the Explosive Essence Pill could drastically enhance an Immortal's power temporarily, its side effects were significant.

After this battle, Leiyun Immortal Venerable would be exhausted for several days, a time during which any Immortal could easily defeat him.

Clearly, Leiyun Immortal Venerable was willing to risk everything for a Buddha Fruit.

"Hold on... holding on is victory..."

Fang Bai's eyes widened, teeth clenched, facial features twisted, upholding an unyielding belief in victory.

Under immense pressure, the freshly healed wounds on his body started to rupture again; skin tore open, blood splattered, and bones cracked audibly, seemingly about to snap at any moment.

"Ha-ha... You can't hold on, give up!"

Leiyun Immortal Venerable manipulated the pair of purple Immortal hammers to press down further, laughing uncontrollably at the sight of Fang Bai, bathed in blood, nearly crushed under the weight.

"Dream on!"

Fang Bai spat out a mouthful of bloody water, disdainfully dismissing Leiyun Immortal Venerable's words.

At the same time, the World Tree within Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring continuously released Five Elements Immortal Qi, healing Fang Bai's injuries and replenishing his rapidly depleting immortal power.

If Fang Bai activated the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron now and hid inside, the purple Immortal hammers would struggle to harm him, but he chose not to do so.

He viewed this battle as a rare training opportunity, believing that if he endured this extreme pressure, he would reap unexpected rewards.

Thus, the two remained in a stalemate on the War Immortal Platform—Leiyun Immortal Venerable attempting to crush Fang Bai with the purple Immortal hammers, while Fang Bai, like a towering Immortal, supported the hammers, preventing them from falling further.

Several times, Leiyun Immortal Venerable noticed Fang Bai's body trembling violently, on the verge of collapse, yet amazingly, he held firm each time.

"Impossible..."

Leiyun Immortal Venerable muttered, eyes filled with incredulity as he watched Fang Bai.

"Boom!"

Suddenly, an overwhelming aura inexplicably erupted from Fang Bai, transforming into a shockwave spreading outward. Even Leiyun Immortal Venerable dared not confront it and had to step back immediately.

While retreating, Leiyun Immortal Venerable's gaze remained fixed on Fang Bai.

The next moment, his pupils constricted sharply as if witnessing something unbelievable.

He saw Fang Bai's originally bent spine gradually straightening; his injuries healing at an accelerated pace, and the blood that had flowed out was drawn back into his body...

This bizarre scene left Leiyun Immortal Venerable in awe.

"That shockwave... he's advancing? Advancing in the midst of battle... how is that possible!"

This thought raced through Leiyun Immortal Venerable's mind, and suddenly his face turned a bit pale.

He couldn't suppress Fang Bai, who was only at the low-ranked Immortal Venerable Realm; once Fang Bai advanced, even if only a single level, how could he still be his match?

But now, engulfed in a terrifyingly violent aura in the midst of advancing, Leiyun Immortal Venerable dared not approach, let alone attempt to hinder him.

"Ha-ha-ha..."

Amidst the laughter, Fang Bai's clothing fluttered, hair flying wildly, eyes gleaming with lightning.

After a dozen breaths, under Leiyun Immortal Venerable's fearful gaze, the tumultuous aura around Fang Bai gradually dissipated, returning to calm.

Fang Bai remained Fang Bai, dressed in white like snow, graceful like jade.

The only difference was that his eyes had become more profound, like the vast starry sky, appearing increasingly mysterious and unfathomable.

"He truly advanced..."

Feeling Fang Bai's immortal might now surpassing his own, Leiyun Immortal Venerable's body involuntarily trembled.

"Return your Immortal Artifact!"

Fang Bai shouted loudly, holding the purple Immortal hammer with his left palm while fiercely striking upward with his right fist.

"Bang!"

His fist struck the purple Immortal hammer, sending it flying high, back towards Leiyun Immortal Venerable.

If one's eyesight was keen enough, they would notice a deep crack running through the Immortal hammers.

An Immortal King Level Immortal Artifact was actually cracked by Fang Bai's punch!