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Chapter 2271: Demon Crystal and Demon Flame

"Six-four split? Us six, you four? In that case... we might consider it..."

Fang Bai stroked his chin, pondering.

The immortal was momentarily stunned, then smiled wryly, "Immortal friend, you said it backwards..."

Fang Bai said with a sudden realization, "Oh... so in that case, we can't reach an agreement and will just have to go our separate ways!"

The immortal saw that Fang Bai had no intention of collaborating with them, showing a trace of regret in his expression, and sighed, "In that case... farewell!"

He waved his hand, leading the four immortals by his side past Fang Bai and into the Demon Flame Crystal Sea ahead.

"Six-four split... actually, they got a great deal! How could they pass up such a good thing?"

Fang Bai murmured, watching the backs of the immortal team.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable nodded in agreement, "Those immortals... a bit foolish!"

In Qingyun Immortal Venerable's view, Fang Bai's combat power was comparable to a Fourth Grade Immortal King Realm expert, aided by a Single-Horned Dragon Horse of similar strength. Such a combination was countless times stronger than that team of immortals. In the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, they wouldn't say invincible, but obtaining some cultivation resources should be easy. If those five immortals had agreed, it would have been a bargain for them.

While talking, more groups of immortals flew over the deep rift, charging into the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, their figures vanishing swiftly.

"Let's go!"

Fang Bai said softly, his figure turning into a stream of light, skimming the ground as he sped forward.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable hurried to follow closely behind him.

The Demon Flame Crystal Sea stretched a hundred thousand miles, the sky a murky yellow, black soil covering the ground, the air filled with a sharp, bloody smell. The intense oppressive air seemed to have a life of its own, surging towards any immortal entering the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, trying to penetrate the defense qi shield their bodies formed and invade them.

However, all immortals coming to train in the Demon Flame Crystal Sea knew the dangers within, remaining on high alert, making it difficult for the evil qi to confuse their minds successfully.

Low success doesn't mean none.

Fang Bai and Qingyun Immortal Venerable had barely entered a hundred miles into the Demon Flame Crystal Sea when they heard a harsh and terrifying shout. Looking intently, it was a Ninth Grade Immortal Venerable Realm immortal with evil qi entering his body, losing self-awareness, trapped in a terrifying illusion, wildly swinging a blade-shaped immortal artifact at the void in a frenzy.

The other immortals accompanying him had already distanced themselves, watching their deranged companion from afar with remorseful shakes of their heads, though one tried to gather immortal qi and shouted, hoping to wake him from the illusion, but it was all in vain.

"That immortal is done for..."

As soon as Fang Bai's words fell, the immortal shouted, "Ah," and with a backward slash, cut his neck, body and head separating, blood gushing like a spring, ending his life.

"This evil qi is so formidable!"

It took only a dozen breaths from the time that immortal fell into the illusion until his demise. It was Qingyun Immortal Venerable's first time witnessing such a situation, inducing some fear in him, reminding him to be extremely cautious, knowing that immortal's cultivation level was similar to his own.

Yet, other immortals seemed accustomed to such events, showing more regret than fear on their faces.

"Did you see that? That is a demon crystal."

After traveling several more miles, Fang Bai pointed to a black column and said to Qingyun Immortal Venerable.

The black column was made up of fist-sized black crystals stacked together, almost as if it had grown from the ground. Each one was about a foot high, emitting wisps of qi that contained not only evil qi but also immortal qi.

And around the black column were flickering yellowish flames, shifting uncertainly like Nether flames.

"That is the demon flame. It may not look threatening, but when you come into contact with it, you'll understand its danger! So, stay by my side and don't randomly snatch demon crystals!"

Fang Bai said solemnly.

"Understood."

Even someone as strong as Fang Bai considered it dangerous, so Qingyun Immortal Venerable wouldn't dare risk snatching demon crystals.

Immortals may live for thousands of years, but life is singular, and he didn't want to gamble with his own life.

Additionally, his sister Qingfeng Fairy's whereabouts and condition were unknown. Having come here with great difficulty, he was determined to find her alive or recover her remains.

As they traveled further, the sight of demon crystals increased, as did the groups of immortals circling the columns, contemplating how to avoid the terrifying demon flames and obtain the crystals.

Fang Bai's primary purpose in bringing Qingyun Immortal Venerable was to help him find his sister rather than seeking opportunities.

So, although they saw demon crystals along the way, within easy reach, they didn't stop.

In the hundred-thousand-mile Demon Flame Crystal Sea, flying was restricted, and Divine Sense was limited. Searching for an immortal was akin to finding a needle in a haystack. Nevertheless, Fang Bai and Qingyun Immortal Venerable tried to extend their Divine Sense to detect possible information.

"Ah!"

As they passed through a stone forest made of demon crystals, a scream echoed.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable turned to see a First Grade Immortal King Realm expert, eager to snatch a demon crystal, flashing like lightning, darting through several clusters of demon flames, reaching a demon crystal column, and striking it with a "snap," shattering the column, intending to store it in his Space Immortal Ring.

Just then, a cluster of demon flames moved with no wind, silently drifting to his side, easily breaking through his immortal domain's defense and landing on his left arm.

The First Grade Immortal King Realm expert, with a body too strong for ordinary immortal artifacts to harm, saw his left arm corrode quickly, smoke rising with a sizzle, exposing eerie white bones in the blink of an eye.

Realizing that if he didn't sever his left arm in time, the demon flame would consume his entire body, turning him into bones.

He no longer cared about the demon crystal on the ground, gritted his teeth, wielded his sword, and severed his arm at the shoulder, fleeing far away, not daring to approach the demon crystal column again.

The damage the demon flame inflicted on immortals was severe. After losing an arm, the First Grade Immortal King Realm expert found that consuming a normal Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill was unlikely to regenerate the limb. Even if regenerated, recovering his original battle strength would take a long time.

Failing to obtain a demon crystal and losing an arm, the trip was indeed a loss for the First Grade Immortal King Realm expert.

Chapter 2272: Strike First to Gain the Upper Hand

Seeing with his own eyes the First Grade Immortal King Realm expert severing one arm to save his life, Qingyun Immortal Venerable felt a chill in his heart. He gained a deeper understanding of the terrifying power of the sparkling demon flames, so he obediently followed Fang Bai, not daring to covet the demon crystals anymore.

However, among the many immortals entering the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, adventurers were never scarce. Although the demon flames could claim lives, they did not scare them away. They teamed up in threes and fives, cooperating with each other—some to restrain the demon flames, others to snatch the demon crystals. Although there were many failures, successes were not lacking.

Successful ones obtained demon crystals as they wished, attracting the attention and envy of other immortals. The outcome for the failures, however, was quite tragic. The lighter consequence was severed limbs to save their lives, greatly reducing their combat power, whereas the heavier consequence was being consumed by the demon flames, leaving only a pile of bones.

"Excuse me, fellow immortal, have you seen my sister... Her honorific title is Qingfeng Fairy, she wears a green dress, her hair is styled in double top-knots, and she's quite tall..."

On his way, Qingyun Immortal Venerable approached every immortal he encountered, hoping to learn about his sister Qingfeng Fairy's whereabouts.

The party Qingfeng Fairy was with consisted of ten immortals; it was unlikely that they all ran into danger. Moreover, all ten were extraordinarily beautiful female immortals, making them stand out

wherever they went. Qingyun Immortal Venerable believed that as long as any immortal had seen them, they would surely remember.

However, the immortals he inquired focused either on the cultivation resources within the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, showing no interest in his questions, or they shook their heads, indicating they didn't know, leaving him greatly disappointed.

"This won't work..."

Fang Bai thought for a moment, took out a bottle of pills, and handed it to him, then whispered a few words in Qingyun Immortal Venerable's ear.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable glanced at the pill bottle in his hand and couldn't help but feel excited. He thanked Fang Bai, and as he passed by a group of immortals, he raised the pill bottle high and shouted, "Whoever can tell me my sister's whereabouts will receive this bottle of medium-grade King Grade Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill!"

Upon hearing "medium-grade King Grade Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill," that group of immortals simultaneously turned their heads to look at Qingyun Immortal Venerable, their gazes immediately falling on the pill bottle in his hand.

A First Grade Immortal King Realm expert flew to Qingyun Immortal Venerable's side, pointing at the pill bottle and asking, "Is this really a Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill? Medium-grade King Grade?"

Qingyun Immortal Venerable opened the bottle cork, and a whiff of pill fragrance instantly wafted out. He said, "See for yourself whether it's real or not?"

That First Grade Immortal King Realm expert diffused his divine sense into the pill bottle to take a look, then licked his lips and said with bright eyes, "Who is your sister? What are her characteristics? Quickly tell me..."

The Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill, capable of reversing the Qi Sea and regenerating severed limbs, is an incredibly marvelous Immortal Pill within the Immortal Realm. However, because the main ingredient

for this pill is hard to find, and because it's exceedingly difficult to refine, it is incredibly precious. Ordinary immortals find it hard to obtain even a single pill, let alone a whole bottle.

In the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, if one mistakenly comes into contact with demon flames, they are forced to sever a part of their body. But if they have a medium-grade King Grade Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill, they can regenerate severed limbs. Though the process is extremely slow, for immortals who have lost limbs, it's an extraordinarily good outcome.

Thus, when Qingyun Immortal Venerable mentioned the "medium-grade King Grade Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill," it immediately caught the attention of that group of immortals.

"As for the Qingfeng Fairy you mentioned... I've never seen her..."

After Qingyun Immortal Venerable described his sister Qingfeng Fairy's features, the First Grade Immortal King Realm expert carefully thought for a moment, then regretfully shook his head.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable noticed the greed in the immortal's gaze as he looked at the pill bottle in his hand and couldn't help but become wary.

"My sister is in the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, and it's not too late for you fellow immortals to look for her now. If you can bring back news of her, this bottle of Immortal Pill is still yours."

Qingyun Immortal Venerable said solemnly.

"In this vast Demon Flame Crystal Sea spanning ten thousand miles, finding an immortal isn't that easy?"

The First Grade Immortal King Realm expert suddenly stepped forward, approaching Qingyun Immortal Venerable with a cold smile at the corner of his mouth. "You, a mere Ninth Grade Immortal Venerable Realm small immortal, carrying such a high-level Immortal Pill, that's asking for trouble. You better hand it over to me for safekeeping!"

As he spoke, his figure lunged forward, extending a large hand to snatch the pill bottle from Qingyun Immortal Venerable's hand.

When Qingyun Immortal Venerable came to inquire this immortal about his sister Qingfeng Fairy, Fang Bai wasn't beside him, staying some distance away. Hence, this immortal thought he was alone. Seeing that he wasn't an Immortal King Realm expert, he became tempted to seize the pill bottle.

Seizing a bottle of medium-grade King Grade Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill would be an unexpected windfall. The immortal thought that if he didn't take action, sooner or later another immortal would, so he decided to strike first before others could.

"You..."

Qingyun Immortal Venerable had been secretly guarding against him. Seeing him indeed attempt to rob, he shouted angrily and rapidly retreated.

"Hand it over!"

The immortal was determined to get the pill bottle. How could he let him escape? His arm suddenly extended several feet, grabbing Qingyun Immortal Venerable's wrist holding the pill bottle.

"Haha... uh..."

The immortal was about to laugh triumphantly into the sky, but abruptly stopped, as if he had seen something terrifying. His eyes rounded, his soul seemingly flying out of his body.

Clusters of demon flames, glowing a dim yellow, appeared around him at some unknown moment, no more than two feet from his body. These demon flames flickered incessantly, as if the eyes of death were fixed upon him, ready to pounce and devour him at any moment.

His body stiffened, not daring to move, his clothing soaked by the cold sweat constantly pouring out.

He didn't know what was happening or why these fearsome demon flames had appeared around him.

"If you don't want to die, let him go!"

Fang Bai slowly walked over, indifferently looking at the immortal grasping Qingyun Immortal Venerable's wrist, and said.

The First Grade Immortal King Realm expert glanced at Fang Bai, seeing mockery, disdain, contempt, and a trace of killing intent in his eyes.

He believed that if he didn't let go, the clusters of damned demon flames would, in the next moment, descend upon him and claim his life.

"These demon flames must have something to do with him!"

A wise man knows when to retreat from danger. The First Grade Immortal King Realm expert immediately released his grip, then looked at Fang Bai, pleading, "Upper Immortal, spare my life..."

Fang Bai ignored him and turned to leave.

As he turned, the demon flames surrounding the First Grade Immortal King Realm expert slowly drifted away.

"Phew..."

Having narrowly escaped death, the First Grade Immortal King Realm expert exhaled deeply, feeling his legs go weak, almost collapsing to the ground.

"To be able to control demon flames, truly a terrifying immortal..."

The First Grade Immortal King Realm expert wiped the sweat from his forehead, still frightened, as he watched Fang Bai's distant back.

In this Demon Flame Crystal Sea, an immortal capable of controlling the demon flames could roam unchallenged, couldn't they?

"If I encounter this immortal again in the future, the further away, the better!"

The First Grade Immortal King Realm expert secretly thought.

Chapter 2273: Come Forth and Fight!

At this moment, Qingyun Immortal Venerable realized that his understanding of Fang Bai was still just the tip of the iceberg.

He had already witnessed the terrifying nature of the Demon Flame and didn't dare to get close. Yet, he couldn't believe Fang Bai was able to control it.

In the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, those scattered, floating bits of Demon Flame were every Immortal's nightmare. Acquiring Demon Crystals and other cultivation resources meant confronting them head-on.

Possessing the ability to control the Demon Flame meant that obtaining the Demon Crystals or other cultivation resources here would be as easy as waving his hand for Fang Bai.

Moreover, if his younger sister, Qingfeng Fairy, were still alive, as long as Fang Bai accompanied her, she would surely turn danger into safety.

Thinking of this, Qingyun Immortal Venerable grew increasingly excited, silently praying that his sister was safe.

With Fang Bai paving the way, Qingyun Immortal Venerable grew bolder, approaching immortals to ask about his sister's whereabouts.

During this time, there were naturally some immortals coveting the Immortal Pill in Qingyun Immortal Venerable's possession. However, due to Fang Bai's presence, those who couldn't keep their hands to themselves eventually pleaded for mercy and retreated.

Within just one day in the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, Fang Bai's name became known to many immortals. Any immortals who encountered Fang Bai and Qingyun Immortal Venerable would retreat at least three paces.

Of course, there were also some immortals who, for the bottle of Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill in Qingyun Immortal Venerable's hand, began searching everywhere for information about Qingfeng Fairy.

For these immortals, lacking hope of acquiring Demon Crystals and other cultivation resources, obtaining a bottle of mid-level Immortal King Realm Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill was quite a prize.

"No news for several days—could my sister already be..."

Half the region of the Demon Flame Crystal Sea had been searched, and they had asked hundreds, if not thousands, of immortals, but there was still no news of Qingfeng Fairy, leaving Qingyun Immortal Venerable feeling somewhat hopeless.

Fang Bai said, "Don't worry; as long as we haven't found your sister's remains, there's still hope."

Qingyun Immortal Venerable sighed, looking around with a somewhat dazed expression.

He had come specifically to find his sister Qingfeng Fairy. If she had fallen here, his journey would lose its meaning, leaving him at a loss for what to do next.

"There's a Demon Beast! Run away!"

As they were about to enter the core area of the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, the ground suddenly trembled rhythmically, followed by a shout full of terror.

Fang Bai and Qingyun Immortal Venerable looked up to see several immortals emerging from a forest of Demon Crystals a few miles ahead, hair and clothes in disarray, injuries on their bodies, faces filled with fear.

And moments after those immortals rushed out of the Demon Crystal forest, a Demon Beast three stories tall and several times larger than a Single-Horned Dragon Horse came charging, clearly pursuing the immortals fleeing in panic.

"A Demon Beast on par with a fourth-grade Immortal King Realm!"

Fang Bai's eyes lit up as he watched the massive Demon Beast whose running made the ground tremble.

Upon closer inspection, a figure enveloped in a black robe sat atop the Demon Beast, surrounded by swirling black Demonic Qi, emanating a chilling aura.

"It's a Demon Clan expert!"

Qingyun Immortal Venerable had never been to the Demon Flame Crystal Sea before, but he had heard descriptions of Demon Clan experts from many immortals. Seeing the figure cloaked in black with swirling Demonic Qi and the red-glowing eyes, his face changed, and he cried out in surprise.

With his cultivation level and sharp eyes, he couldn't discern the cultivation level of the Demon Clan expert. However, as the Demon Clan expert urged the Demon Beast to quickly approach them, he felt a suffocating pressure.

From this, he speculated that the Demon Clan expert's power wouldn't be weaker than Fang Bai beside him. Adding the Demon Beast, comparable to Cao Fang Bai's subdued Single-Horned Dragon Horse, one could imagine the terrifying battle power.

No wonder the few immortals with first-grade Immortal King Cultivation Realm were so terrified when they encountered this Demon Clan expert and giant Demon Beast.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable thought those Immortal King Realm experts were lucky because if he and Fang Bai hadn't arrived in time and if the Demon Clan expert hadn't intentionally slowed down the pursuit, they would have already become corpses.

"You stay back!"

Fang Bai said to Qingyun Immortal Venerable, then strode toward the Demon Clan expert and Demon Beast, his surrounding aura surging and gyrating, his towering figure resembling an unsheathed sword ready to soar at any moment.

Knowing his own strength was too weak, Qingyun Immortal Venerable was smart enough to quickly fall back, moving away from Fang Bai.

The fleeing immortals, seeing Fang Bai preventing the Demon Beast's pursuit, stopped running, hiding behind rocks to watch from a distance, still shaken.

They could also see that Fang Bai's battle power seemed not inferior to the Demon Beast. However, when adding the Demon Clan expert, Fang Bai would be at a disadvantage.

So, while watching from afar, they prepared to flee again if Fang Bai showed signs of defeat.

Of course, deep down, they hoped Fang Bai could defeat the Demon Beast and the Demon Clan expert together, which would give them the chance to re-enter the core area of the Demon Flame Crystal Sea to seek opportunities.

The core area of the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, spanning only a thousand-mile radius, contained more than half of the cultivation resources in the entire Demon Flame Crystal Sea, which made them envious. If not for the Demon Beast and Demon Clan expert being too strong, leaving no chance of victory, they would not have fled.

"A fourth-grade Demon Clan expert and a Demon Beast on par with a fourth-grade Immortal King Realm... interesting..."

Fang Bai muttered, staring intently at the Demon Clan expert atop the Demon Beast, his right hand making a clawing motion in the air, a flash of crimson as the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade appeared in his hand.

To Fang Bai, the Demon Beast was no threat. He wouldn't need to use the Single-Horned Dragon Horse; just by using the Beast Taming Scripture, even if he couldn't control the Demon Beast, he could render it unable to attack him together with the Demon Clan expert.

In other words, this would be a face-to-face battle between him and the Demon Clan expert.

In battles between immortals and the Demon Clan, at the same level of cultivation, the Demon Clan expert's battle power usually surpassed that of immortals. To encounter such an opponent was a rare training opportunity for Fang Bai.

The Demon Clan expert opposite also seemed to sense the formidable opponent ahead. His blood-red eyes seemed to burn with flames, the Demonic Qi around him growing more intense.

"A second-grade Immortal King Realm cultivation, yet possessing the battle power of a fourth-grade Immortal King Realm. Your immortal physique is extraordinary, rare indeed!"

The Demon Clan expert looked at Fang Bai, excitement in his tone.

His voice was sharp and jarring, like metal scraping the ground, extremely unpleasant. He licked his lips, grinning darkly, "If I could drink your blood and eat your flesh, my magical power would greatly improve!"

Fang Bai grinned and said, "I'm not interested in your blood and flesh, but the Spatial Demon Ring on your finger should have a fair amount of cultivation resources, no? Oh, and your Demon Beast—its Demon Core should be quite good too!"

As he spoke, the Blood Blade pointed forward abruptly, his eyes bursting with sharp brilliance, and he shouted lightly, "Come, fight!"

Chapter 2274: Battle Between Immortals and Demons

"Kill!"

The Demon Clan expert draped in a black robe, his blood-red eyes glowing, shouted furiously, and from atop the Demon Beast, he soared into the sky, reaching a height of a hundred feet.

In his hand, a black spear appeared, about an arm's length, covered with black scales reflecting a faint glimmer. The sharp spear tip radiated a cold gleam, captivating and intimidating all who glanced at it.

The black spear looked like a venomous snake ready to devour a person, exuding a violent and dangerous aura.

The next moment, the Demon Clan expert vanished from the air, and in the blink of an eye appeared above Fang Bai, his black spear stabbing downwards like lightning, as "buzzing" sonic booms tore through the air, creating long black streaks that faded away.

From the first glance, the Demon Clan expert recognized Fang Bai as a formidable foe, thus he dared not be careless, and this strike gathered all his magic power, aiming for a decisive victory with one blow.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable, who had retreated a thousand feet away, saw the Demon Clan expert strike at Fang Bai from afar, his pupils contracted in shock, his heart suspended high.

To him, when the black-spear-wielding Demon Clan expert attacked Fang Bai, the dusky sky around seemed to crash down towards Fang Bai. Despite being a thousand feet away from the place, he could feel the terrifying pressure akin to a mountain range descending upon him.

He could feel it himself; how much greater pressure would Fang Bai face directly?

Qingyun Immortal Venerable couldn't imagine, he even hesitated to look.

"Upper Immortal, you must hold on!"

Qingyun Immortal Venerable murmured, fists clenched.

Other Immortals practicing nearby were also watching this fierce battle attentively.

As Immortals of the Immortal Realm, they naturally hoped Fang Bai would defeat the Demon Clan expert of the fourth-grade Immortal King Realm, clearing obstacles for their journey deeper into the core area of the Demon Flame Crystal Sea.

At the same time, some Demon Clan experts who sensed Immortal presence were also rushing in from afar.

For Demon Clan experts, the flesh and blood of Immortals are excellent cultivation resources. The stronger an Immortal's cultivation level, the greater the boost to their magic power. And Fang Bai, who could match the fourth-grade Demon King Realm expert in battle, obviously possessed extraordinary physique, making him an object of envy.

"Demon Clan experts are coming!"

Several Immortals exclaimed in surprise upon seeing dark figures cloaked in black robes appearing in the distance.

However, the number of Immortals gathered here clearly exceeded the incoming Demon Clan experts. This bolstered the courage of the Immortals, thinking if they could kill even one Demon Clan expert and gain their Demon Ring, which must contain Demon Crystals and other cultivation resources, it would be a worthwhile venture.

Thus, after assessing that the overall strength disparity between the Immortals and Demons wasn't significant, the Immortals on site expertly activated their Immortal Artifacts and charged at the Demon Clan experts.

Thus began a battle involving thousands of Immortals and Demon Clan experts.

"Four-grade Immortal King Realm Demon Clan expert..."

Fang Bai squinted slightly, gazing up at the Demon Clan expert wielding the spear and attacking from mid-air. His feet tapped lightly, and his body shot forward like a cannonball.

The distance between the two rapidly closed, and as the black spear approached, Fang Bai swung the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade fiercely.

"Clang!"

The broad blade of the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade struck the spear tip of the black spear descending from the sky, producing a sharp, ear-piercing sound.

The Demon Clan expert's body shook, his hands holding the spear went numb, and the spear skewed, missing Fang Bai's body and striking empty air.

"This Immortal's power is not weaker than mine. The blade in his hand, could it be an Immortal Emperor Level Immortal Artifact!"

The Demon Clan expert was shocked when his black spear almost flew out of his hand during the clash with Fang Bai's Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, his face subtly changing.

The black spear he wielded was a rare magic tool obtained from a Demon Emperor Realm expert, believing he could easily slice through Fang Bai's Blood Blade with it, but unexpectedly the Blood Blade remained undamaged, while his magic tool was knocked aside, suffering a small loss.

Only then did he realize, although he didn't underestimate the young Immortal, he vastly underestimated the grade of the Blood Blade Fang Bai wielded.

However, without significant cultivation level and power, one cannot wield such formidable Immortal Artifacts. Therefore, the Demon Clan expert inferred that Fang Bai's battle strength was definitely not weaker than his own.

"If I can slay this Immortal and consume his blood and flesh, my magic power will surely rise to a new level!"

The Demon Clan expert's blood-red eyes glowed even brighter with greed as he licked his lips, feeling increasingly excited.

Initially, he wished to have a full-fledged battle with Fang Bai, but seeing more of his Demon compatriots gathering nearby, he worried after killing Fang Bai, they might reap the benefits, losing patience.

He knew his battle strength against Fang Bai was fairly evenly matched, indicating a prolonged battle might ensue, so he let out a long howl.

A distance away, a massive Demon Beast, upon hearing the howl, raised its four hooves and charged over, sweeping up a storm wherever it passed.

A fourth-grade Demon King Realm expert and a Demon Beast of equivalent power began to attack Fang Bai in unison, aiming to kill Fang Bai quickly to obtain his remains.

Meanwhile, Qingyun Immortal Venerable joined the battle against the Demon Clan experts but picked an opponent of similar strength, resulting in a deadlock.

"Shameless... truly shameless..."

Qingyun Immortal Venerable murmured upon seeing the Demon Clan expert and Demon Beast teaming up against Fang Bai.

Fortunately, he knew Fang Bai recently tamed a Single-Horned Dragon Horse, whose strength wasn't weaker than the Demon Beast, so he wasn't overly worried.

However, Fang Bai seemed unwilling to release the Single-Horned Dragon Horse too early in the battle, relying only on the Blood Blade to confront the enemies.

Though Fang Bai's strength was comparable to the Demon Clan expert, adding a powerful Demon Beast increased the pressure significantly.

At times Fang Bai warded off frontal attacks from the Demon Clan expert only to struggle with the Demon Beast charging from behind. Despite forming the Immortal Domain for defense, the Demon Beast's impact was overwhelming, often sending him flying.

If other Immortals of similar cultivation levels experienced such collisions, they'd quickly be severely injured, dramatically reducing their battle abilities. However, Fang Bai's extraordinary physique and defensive capabilities were nearly as tough as the Demon Beast, causing him only minor injuries despite being repeatedly thrown off balance.

The only bothersome issue for Fang Bai was that even though the Demon Beast's attack wasn't fatal, it distracted him, making it impossible to focus solely on dealing with the Demon Clan expert's attack, thus he remained suppressed and at a disadvantage.

Chapter 2275: How Is This Possible?

"Boom!"

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Immortal Qi surged, Demonic Qi whirled, and the earth-shattering sounds of explosions echoed endlessly.

The sky and ground within dozens of miles had become the battlefield of Fang Bai, the Demon Clan powerhouse, and the Demon Beasts. The Demon Crystal Columns on the ground were swept away by the shock waves of their battle, and countless Demon Crystal Blocks splintered, flying and falling far away.

The Demon Flames that originally surrounded the Demon Crystal Columns were also scattered everywhere.

Without the obstruction of Demon Flames, the scattered Demon Crystals could be easily collected.

Thus, the thousands of Demon Clan powerhouses and Immortals fighting nearby all brightened their eyes, disregarding their ongoing battles, breaking free from their opponents, and rushing toward the Demon Crystals.

The intense battle between Fang Bai, the Demon Clan powerhouse, and the Demon Beasts had lasted for hundreds of breaths.

At this moment, Fang Bai was covered in scars under the combined attacks of the Demon Clan powerhouse and the Demon Beasts, almost having no intact place on his body, yet he still wielded the Blood Blade, roaring and fighting fiercely.

He seemed heavily injured, but actually, they were just flesh wounds that did not affect his combat capability much.

As for the Demon Clan powerhouse, the more he fought, the more astonished he became.

His initial thought was that by teaming up with the Demon Beasts, he should be able to quickly kill Fang Bai. However, he later discovered that Fang Bai's combat strength was unexpectedly formidable. Despite being suppressed the entire time, he managed to endure for hundreds of breaths without being defeated, and his strength seemed to improve during the battle.

Later, he thought that both he and the Demon Beasts could absorb Demonic Qi from the surrounding world, enough to sustain a prolonged battle. As long as they prolonged the fight with Fang Bai until his immortal power was exhausted, they could kill him in one move.

Yet, what he never expected was that Fang Bai's immortal power seemed inexhaustible; after hundreds of breaths of intense battle, heavily consuming immortal power, Fang Bai's immortal power did not appear to weaken much.

As such, the Demon Clan powerhouse finally became anxious.

"Here in the Demon Clan realm, everything is for my use; today I refuse to believe I cannot kill you!"

A fierce gleam flashed in the eyes of the Demon Clan powerhouse, he withdrew and let out another long howl.

"Summoning Demon Birds and Demon Beasts? There is an old saying in the mortal world, 'an axe to grind,' that Demon Clan powerhouse must not know what it means..."

Hearing the howl of the Demon Clan powerhouse, the corner of Fang Bai's mouth curled into a mocking smile.

Several dozen breaths later, in the distant sky and on the ground, hundreds of gigantic Demon Birds and Demon Beasts surged forward like patches of black clouds.

Every one of those hundreds of Demon Birds and Demon Beasts had a Demon King Realm cultivation level. Their gathering was an extremely rare sight.

Even though they were still dozens of miles away, both Immortals and Demon Clan powerhouses could feel a terrifying pressure sweeping toward them.

"That Demon Clan powerhouse can control so many Demon Birds and Demon Beasts... Qingyun Immortal Venerable once subdued the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, presumably understanding the Beast Taming Art as well. But this isn't the Immortal Realm; where could he find Immortal Birds and Immortal Aura to control and command?"

Qingyun Immortal Venerable looked pale, a sense of despair filled his heart.

In his thoughts, the Demon King Realm powerhouse fighting Fang Bai was already immensely powerful, and with nearly a hundred Demon King Realm Demon Birds and Demon Beasts assisting, Fang Bai might have a chance to escape, but the thousand Immortals, including himself, would find it difficult to avoid disaster.

"Let's see if you can still survive!"

As the hundreds of Demon Birds and Demon Beasts closed in, the four-tier Demon King Realm powerhouse sneered sinisterly, raising his hand and directing at Fang Bai. Thus, the hundreds of Demon Birds and Demon Beasts, as if they received a command, surged toward Fang Bai with a mountain-crushing force.

Fang Bai did not flee; he held the Blood Blade, suspended in midair, coldly watching as the hundreds of Demon Birds and Demon Beasts rapidly approached, suddenly letting out a long howl.

"The Beast Taming Scripture of the Immortal Realm? Hehe, the beasts and birds of the Demon Realm would never fall under your control."

Listening to Fang Bai's howl, the four-tier Demon King Realm powerhouse was initially startled, then sneered coldly.

However, before his laughter ceased, he was stunned, eyes widened in disbelief, gazing ahead.

As those hundreds of Demon Birds and Demon Beasts flew to within a hundred meters of Fang Bai, their charging momentum abruptly halted, their originally sharp eyes dulling and becoming muddled.

"How... how is it possible?"

The four-tier Demon King Realm powerhouse specialized in Beast Taming Art. He instantly recognized that the Demon Birds and Demon Beasts, initially under his control, were no longer listening due to Fang Bai's howl, which left him incredulous.

In his view, the Immortal Birds and Immortal Beasts from the Immortal Realm vastly differed from those in the Demon Realm; an Immortal controlling Demon Birds and Demon Beasts should be impossible.

But now, judging by the appearance of those Demon Birds and Demon Beasts, it clearly demonstrated that Fang Bai's technique to control them was not inferior to his own.

Moreover, he believed that without his intervention, those Demon Birds and Demon Beasts would immediately be driven by Fang Bai and attacked him.

An Immortal able to control Demon Birds and Demon Beasts overturned the Demon King Realm powerhouse's understanding, making him think he faced a freak among Immortals.

Having lost control over the Demon Birds and Demon Beasts, the Demon Clan powerhouse and Fang Bai returned to their previous balance, neither able to win over the other shortly.

Of course, this so-called "balance" was without Fang Bai summoning the Single-Horned Dragon Horse.

"Qingyun Immortal Venerable must be getting impatient!"

Thinking of Qingyun Immortal Venerable waiting for him to help find his sister, Fang Bai decided to end the battle quickly.

Although this battle was the toughest since his rebirth, his opponent's strength was still insufficient to make him feel the brink of death, unable to completely squeeze out his potential and thus no breakthrough.

In addition, an Immortal's breakthrough requires a stroke of luck; solely relying on the enlightenment from near-death can't achieve a breakthrough either.

Hence, an Immortal's breakthrough must be left to fate and cannot be forced.

However, during this battle, Fang Bai single-handedly faced the four-tier Demon King Realm powerhouse and equally powerful Demon Beast, staying consistently in an all-out extreme battle state, thus honing his combat strength significantly—albeit a small gain.

Fang Bai knew that to defeat the Demon Clan powerhouse and his Demon Beast, relying solely on himself would not work. He must summon the recently subdued Single-Horned Dragon Horse for assistance.

"Come forth!"

Fang Bai murmured softly, as a flash appeared on the Five Elements Space Ring on his left hand, summoning the majestic and proud Single-Horned Dragon Horse beside him.

The Single-Horned Dragon Horse appeared tame but was actually fierce and belligerent, and as an Immortal Beast, it was naturally a nemesis to Demon Beasts. Thus, upon seeing the equally powerful opposing Demon Beast, it excitedly let out a cry.

On the other hand, the Demon Beast faced off likes consuming Immortals and Immortal Beasts, and seeing the outstanding Immortal Beast, the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, its blood-red eyes shone with excitement, roaring skyward, and charged toward the Single-Horned Dragon Horse like lightning.

Chapter 2276: Both Emerge Victorious

If Fang Bai is said to be unmatched in the same realm, then the Single-Horned Dragon Horse is the invincible existence among Immortal Beasts and Demon Beasts of the same rank.

Although the Single-Horned Dragon Horse that Fang Bai subdued is several times smaller than that Demon Beast, it possesses a crushing advantage in terms of both physical strength and combat power.

Seeing the Demon Beast charging at it with great momentum, the eyes of the Single-Horned Dragon Horse showed deep disdain.

The Single-Horned Dragon Horse is an extremely intelligent Immortal Beast and exceedingly "vain." It would never collide directly with that black-furred Demon Beast, deeming it a desecration of its noble body.

So, when the Demon Beast charged, the Single-Horned Dragon Horse dodged with astonishing speed. In the same instant, its brilliantly electric tail swung up high and whipped accurately against the Demon Beast.

Though the Demon Beast had tough skin and strong muscles, the strike from the Dragon Horse's tail immediately left a bloodstain several feet long, so deep that the bones were visible.

"Roar!"

The wounded Demon Beast shivered with pain, its ferocity igniting further. It let out a fierce roar, its blood-red eyes shooting out fierce light, and it spat out a crescent-shaped black blade condensed from Demonic Qi, launching a long-distance attack on the Single-Horned Dragon Horse.

The Single-Horned Dragon Horse lowered its head, and from the foot-long horn came a beam of light as thick as an arm, striking right at the crescent-shaped black blade spat out by the Demon Beast.

"Sssss!"

The crescent-shaped black blade was easily shattered by the light beam, disappearing without a trace, while the beam continued on, leaving another wound on the Demon Beast.

The Single-Horned Dragon Horse didn't confront the Demon Beast head-on but instead used its lightning-fast speed and agile body to dance around it, occasionally striking with its tail, stabbing with its horn, or unleashing electric blasts, leaving the Demon Beast, which only charged madly and spat Demonic Qi, dizzy and unable to cope.

Soon, the battle between the Immortal Beast and the Demon Beast was decided, and the Single-Horned Dragon Horse had the Demon Beast completely overpowered.

The Demon Emperor Realm expert from the Demon Clan initially intended to use the power of the Demon Beast to suppress Fang Bai and then kill him. Little did he know that Fang Bai would release a more powerful Single-Horned Dragon Horse from nowhere.

Thus, the Demon Clan expert was once again at a disadvantage, forced into a passive position.

Within a short time, the bewildered hundreds of Demon Beasts scattered in all directions. In a radius of several miles, only Fang Bai, the Demon Clan expert, the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, and the Demon Beast remained.

"Those Demon Birds and Beasts have retreated! Let's return and snatch the Demon Crystals!"

With the retreat of the suddenly appeared hundreds of Demon Birds and Beasts, the Immortals who had fled returned and continued to battle the Demon Clan expert present.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable finally smiled seeing Fang Bai willing to unleash the Single-Horned Dragon Horse to assist in the fight.

Previously, Fang Bai fought alone against that Level Four Demon King Realm expert and the Demon Beast, sustaining injuries yet remaining undefeated.

Now with the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, Fang Bai's combat power doubled, and neither the Demon Clan expert nor the accompanying Demon Beast could rival him in any way!

In just a few dozen breaths, the massive Demon Beast, comparable to a Level Four Demon King Realm expert, was tossed into the air by the Single-Horned Dragon Horse's horn, plummeting to the ground and creating a deep pit, leaving it barely alive.

Hearing the wailing of the Demon Beast, the Level Four Demon King Realm expert fighting Fang Bai grew increasingly agitated, his combat power significantly affected.

"Sever!"

Fang Bai suddenly shouted, the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade swung with an immense power towards the Demon Clan expert, weaving a vast net of blood-red knife beams that enveloped the expert.

With nowhere to hide, the Demon Clan expert could only twirl his black spear tightly in defense, forming an Immortal Domain around him.

"Clang!"

The blade net Fang Bai wove with his Blood-Drinking Mad Blade collided with the whirlwind of spear shadows from the Demon Clan expert, creating a crisp ringing sound, followed by a spear tip breaking off and flying away.

The Demon Clan expert was astonished that his supreme Demon Weapon of Immortal Emperor Level was no match for the opponent's Blood Blade, breaking into two pieces at the spearhead after the fierce clash.

"Pfft!"

With his Demon Weapon broken and damaged, the Demon Clan expert suffered a backlash, his combat power drastically reduced, spitting blood as he retreated and fled into the distance.

"Wonderful!"

Seeing Fang Bai defeat the Demon Clan expert, Qingyun Immortal Venerable relaxed, unable to contain his cheer.

Meanwhile, the Immortals battling the Demon Clan experts for the Demon Crystals were invigorated, momentarily overpowering their Demon Clan opponents in momentum.

"Whoosh!"

An arrow formed from Immortal Fire shot from the bowstring in Fang Bai's hands, piercing the dusky sky and instantly catching up with the fleeing Level Four Demon King Realm expert, tearing through the hastily formed Immortal Domain and piercing his body.

The Demon Clan expert, not dead yet, turned his head, his blood-red eyes filled with hatred as he glared at Fang Bai, shouting gruesomely, "My master... will avenge me..."

With those words, he produced a Demon Charm, and with a sorrowful laugh, crushed it, transforming it into black mist that spread, enveloping Fang Bai.

The black mist from the Demon Charm clung like leeches; even a trace was hard to shake off. The master of that Demon Clan expert could henceforth track Fang Bai through the charm's aura to avenge his disciple.

"Your master... could it be a Demon Emperor Realm expert?"

Fang Bai asked.

The Demon Clan expert's life force was quickly draining away, a "hee-hee" sound coming from his throat. He could no longer speak but seemed to take some satisfaction, thinking Fang Bai was afraid of his master's vengeance.

"And so what if it's a Demon Emperor Realm expert? Let's see him find me first!"

Fang Bai grinned, flicked his fingers, and a wisp of Immortal Fire flew out, landing on the Demon Clan expert.

This wisp of Immortal Fire was a fusion of Red Silkworm Immortal Fire, Nether Immortal Fire, and Green Lotus Immortal Fire, its destructive power far surpassing ordinary Immortal Fire, instantly reducing the Demon Clan expert to a puff of ash, scattered by the wind.

As he released that wisp of Immortal Fire, his left hand made a grabbing motion, snatching the Spatial Demon Ring from the Demon Clan expert, and with a sweep of his Divine Sense, a slight smile appeared on his lips.

The Cultivation Resources stored within the Spatial Demon Ring of a Level Four Demon King Realm expert were considerable. With these resources, Fang Bai lost interest in the Demon Crystals standing within the Demon Flame Crystal Sea.

Below on the ground, the Single-Horned Dragon Horse raised its head to the sky and neighed.

When Fang Bai looked down, the Single-Horned Dragon Horse was guarding the debilitated Demon Beast, seemingly waiting for him to come over.

Chapter 2277: A Familiar Formation

As soon as Fang Bai landed on the ground, the Single-Horned Dragon Horse ran to his side, nuzzling against him. It then, as if offering a treasure, tugged at a corner of his garment, leading him to the magical beast that was already on the brink of death.

Fang Bai chuckled and patted the head of the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, saying, "Alright, I understand. You took down this magical beast! Well, I'll reward you properly later... Oh, you like staying in the Five Elements Space Ring? Alright then, when there's nothing to do, I'll let you stay there!"

The Single-Horned Dragon Horse, hearing Fang Bai's words, kept nuzzling against him, expressing its joy.

After subduing the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, Fang Bai knew it was an exceedingly rare Immortal Beast in the Immortal Realm. Not wanting to attract too much attention from immortals, he, together with Qingyun Immortal Venerable, temporarily placed it inside the Five Elements Space Ring before entering the Demon Flame Crystal Sea.

Upon entering the Five Elements Space Ring, the Single-Horned Dragon Horse discovered there was a World Tree capable of continuously releasing Immortal Qi, mystical Water of Life, alluring Peach Immortal Trees, and mountains of cultivation resources... Even the Bloodleaf Immortal Lotus, which it had guarded before being subdued, was astonishingly present in this Spatial Ring.

Because of the countless cultivation resources, the space within the Five Elements Space Ring spanned hundreds of miles, where the Immortal Qi was so dense it was almost tangible. The Single-Horned Dragon Horse felt extremely comfortable, not wishing to leave.

The Single-Horned Dragon Horse was clever; it coveted the cultivation resources inside the Five Elements Space Ring but knew there were certain things it shouldn't touch.

For instance, the mystical Water of Life, it could sense the incredibly potent immortal power within that black liquid. Though tempted, it didn't dare to drink recklessly, fearing its body would explode from the immortal power.

So it obediently lay under the World Tree, using methods unique to Immortal Beasts to absorb the surrounding Immortal Qi for cultivation.

It felt that if it stayed within the Five Elements Space Ring, its strength would advance rapidly, and its cultivation level would also quickly increase.

If being subdued by Fang Bai previously left it feeling slightly uneasy, after entering the Five Elements Space Ring, it decided to follow Fang Bai loyally. Even if Fang Bai were to expel it, it wouldn't leave.

Without Fang Bai, where would it find such an excellent place for cultivation?

Earlier, Fang Bai released it to confront the magical beast. Though reluctant, thinking about returning to the Five Elements Space Ring required Fang Bai's permission, it immediately approached to fawn over him after the battle, hoping Fang Bai would let it return to continue cultivating.

Fang Bai, considering the possibility of encountering strong Demon Clan members or Demon Birds and Beasts, decided not to let the Single-Horned Dragon Horse return for now, keeping it by his side so they could fight together against formidable enemies if needed.

"Come over here."

Fang Bai waved at Qingyun Immortal Venerable, and once he arrived, pointed at the magical beast comparable to a Fourth Grade Demon King Realm expert, saying, "This magical beast's Demon Core is somewhat useful; you keep it."

"For... for me?"

Qingyun Immortal Venerable thought he'd misheard and stammered.

"Yes."

Fang Bai nodded.

What he just obtained from the Spatial Demon Ring contained many such Demon Cores, and he wouldn't care about this one.

But to Qingyun Immortal Venerable, the Demon Core of a magical beast comparable to a Fourth Grade Demon King Realm expert was invaluable. It could be used to refine Immortal Pills, craft Immortal

Artifacts, or exchange for a large amount of cultivation resources at the cultivation resource exchange market in the Immortal Realm.

For Qingyun Immortal Venerable, whose cultivation level was at Ninth Grade Immortal Venerable Realm, this was a windfall he hadn't expected Fang Bai would give to him just like that.

Of course, Qingyun Immortal Venerable knew that given Fang Bai's cultivation level, he might not care about this Demon Core, but it still filled Qingyun Immortal Venerable with gratitude.

"Upper Immortal, this..."

Qingyun Immortal Venerable wanted to slay the magical beast and extract its Demon Core, but when attempting to do so, found that his Immortal Artifact was ineffective against the beast's robust body, leaving him embarrassed and looking to Fang Bai for help.

"Your Immortal Artifact needs replacing!"

Fang Bai shook his head, scanning with his Divine Sense through the Five Elements Space Ring, casually retrieving an unknown King Grade Immortal Artifact, throwing it to Qingyun Immortal Venerable, "Take this!"

Then, his Blood Blade flashed repeatedly, slaying and dismembering the dying magical beast, causing a fist-sized Demon Core to roll out from its body.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable caught the Immortal Artifact thrown by Fang Bai, feeling ecstatic again. As a Ninth Grade Immortal Venerable, having a King Grade Immortal Artifact in hand significantly enhanced his combat power, making it difficult for opponents of the same cultivation level to match him.

"Gather the Demon Core; let's keep moving forward!"

Fang Bai, taking lotus-like steps, continued forward, with the Single-Horned Dragon Horse happily galloping beside him.

Among the envious gazes of many immortals in the distance, Qingyun Immortal Venerable suppressed his excitement, quickly storing the Demon Core into his Space Immortal Ring, then followed Fang Bai.

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In the core area of the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, there was a vast lake spanning a thousand miles, with a Lake Heart Island a hundred miles in circumference at its center.

On Lake Heart Island stood thousands of densely packed Demon Crystal Columns, appearing from afar like a black forest.

And at that moment, within the "black forest" composed of thousands of Demon Crystal Columns, five Female Immortals sat cross-legged, their clothes disheveled, faces pale, each bearing numerous wounds.

A few Demon Crocodiles, several feet long, crawled from the lake onto the shore, surrounding the Female Immortals, relentlessly launching attacks.

The Demon Crocodiles had combat power comparable to Third Grade Demon King Realm experts. Coupled with a layer of extremely tough black scales covering them, even Fourth Grade Demon King Realm beasts struggled against them.

Among the five Female Immortals, three were Ninth Grade Immortal Venerable Realm, and two were First Grade Immortal King Realm experts.

If not for an Immortal Array standing strong to fend off the Demon Crocodiles' attacks, the five Female Immortals would have already become meals for the Demon Crocodiles.

If Fang Bai were here, he would find the Immortal Array strikingly familiar, as it was created by him back in the day, known for its exceptionally strong defensive capabilities.

The Female Immortal maintaining the Formation sat foremost among the group, continuously tossing Immortal Stones to key points around them to bolster the Formation and enhance the defense.

However, she was severely injured, her immortal power greatly diminished, and maintaining the array while throwing Immortal Stones consumed considerable immortal power. It was clear she could not hold out much longer.

The Female Immortal appeared to be no more than twenty years old, clad in a light pink gauze gown, with a graceful figure and fair, beautiful skin. Despite being bloodstained and with disheveled hair, her unmatched elegance was unmistakable.

"Linglong, the magical beasts are too strong, and you're seriously injured. You shouldn't push yourself... If you can escape, just go; don't worry about us any longer..."

A green-clad Female Immortal looked at the delicate figure of the Female Immortal in front, trying to persuade her with sorrow.

Chapter 2278: Linglong and Qingfeng

The immortal array protecting the five female immortals was personally set up by a pink-clad female immortal named Linglong.

Originally, this group of immortals had ten companions. Shortly after entering the Demon Flame Crystal Sea for training, they encountered several powerful members of the Demon Clan. After a fierce battle, they suffered heavy losses, with more than half of the ten immortals perishing.

And not long after this, they unfortunately encountered the attacks of several powerful demon beasts comparable to the Immortal King Realm. They had no choice but to flee in desperation, eventually escaping to this Lake Heart Island.

Initially, they thought that by escaping to this Lake Heart Island, with the wide expanse of lake water as a barrier, those demon beasts could do them no harm. But to their shock, hidden within the lake were even more terrifying and powerful demon beasts.

The demon beasts in this lake, led by several demon crocodiles as powerful as formidable third-grade Demon King Realm beings, detected the immortal auras on the five female immortals. They immediately surfaced, climbed onto Lake Heart Island, and attacked the five female immortals.

Having crossed the wide lake with great difficulty to this Lake Heart Island, the five female immortals had already exhausted most of their immortal power and were no match for the demon crocodiles. They could only maneuver around on the island to deal with the crocodiles and soon found themselves in dire straits.

Fortunately, among them, the pink-clad female immortal named Linglong was skilled in the art of arrays. Seizing the opportunity while dealing with the demon crocodiles, she quickly set up an immortal array, and once it was completed, the five female immortals retreated into it for shelter.

It was by utilizing this ingenious immortal array that they managed to withstand the relentless attacks from the demon crocodiles, arduously holding on for many days.

While recuperating inside the array, they hoped to take flight from Lake Heart Island once their immortal power recovered. Unexpectedly, the demon crocodiles unleashed a strong immortal might, setting up an invisible Heaven's Net around the perimeter of the array, confining the surrounding space.

In this way, although the demon crocodiles could not break through their immortal array in a short period, they were also unable to escape from their plight. Over time, when the immortal stones maintaining the array's operation were exhausted, it would be their time to fall.

The female immortal named Linglong had a gentle and introverted personality, usually keeping a low profile. But in times of crisis, she stood out and became the backbone of the five female immortals. Without her, the other four female immortals would have become the demon crocodiles' meal many days ago.

By now, the female immortals all knew that Linglong was knowledgeable in many mysterious Immortal Technique Secrets. Without the burden of the four of them, she might have had a chance to escape. Hence, the green-clad female immortal, who was closest to her, urged her to flee, seeing that the array was near breaking point.

Hearing the green-clad female immortal's urging from behind, Linglong gritted her teeth, threw her last few immortal stones towards several key positions of the array, and then rapidly changed the gestures of her hands, drawing shimmering array pattern secret talismans in the void before her, and casually pushing them onto the surrounding immortal array.

With the support of the immortal stones and the array pattern secret talismans, the trembling array became stable once more.

Having done all this, Linglong finally breathed a sigh of relief, turned back, and smiled at the green-dressed female immortal, saying, "Qingfeng, we are good sisters, I won't abandon you all and flee alone! Besides, this immortal array can hold on for a while longer! By the way, didn't you crush that immortal talisman long ago? Maybe your brother will come to save us?"

The female immortal named Qingfeng shook her head, sighed mournfully, and said, "My brother's cultivation level is about the same as mine. Even if he can come, it's no use... I even worry that if he comes here, he will fall into danger too. I kind of regret breaking the immortal talisman... Ah, I wish I could see my brother one more time before death. But perhaps this wish is just a luxury..."

As she spoke, her eyes reddened, and a layer of mist quickly covered her beautiful eyes.

The other three female immortals also remained silent, their expressions sorrowful.

One female immortal even buried her head and whimpered.

Though they had mentally prepared themselves for the possibility of falling before entering the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, who would choose to die if they could live?

"Linglong, what about you? Do you have any unfulfilled desires?"

Knowing they were facing death, the female immortal named Qingfeng let go of everything, shrugged off the sorrow and fear in her heart, wiped her tear-filled eyes, sat next to Linglong, and asked.

Although she had known Linglong for a long time, she did not know much about her. All she knew was that Linglong was an immortal who ascended from the lower realms to the Immortal Realm, honing her skills as a Loose Cultivator. She possessed an Innate Wood Spirit Root and had progressed rapidly. In just a few short years since they first met when she was at the Heavenly Immortal Realm, her cultivation level had advanced to match her own.

Such a terrifying rate of advancement could not be matched even by the legendary prodigies of top Immortal Sects and Sects.

After entering the Demon Flame Crystal Sea, Linglong demonstrated a multitude of exquisite Immortal Technique Secrets, repeatedly saving them from danger.

What Qingfeng did not expect was that Linglong also understood the Array Path, making Qingfeng increasingly unable to see through her.

Qingfeng believed that in times of crisis, Linglong had the ability to escape on her own, but she had forsaken the chance to flee to protect these few female immortals, including herself.

Linglong's deep sense of loyalty moved Qingfeng and the few female immortals with gratitude and regret, thinking that this genius prodigy with a bright immortal path would likely fall with them.

"Unfulfilled desire..."

Linglong also knew that when the array broke, it would be the time of her demise. She sighed softly, looked towards the distant horizon, her clear and bright eyes sparkling, and murmured, "I have an immortal companion. I came to the Immortal Realm to find him, but unfortunately, I haven't found him yet..."

Qingfeng only realized then that Linglong already had an immortal companion. She turned to look at Linglong's flawless profile and thought, "What kind of outstanding male immortal would be worthy of such a prodigy..."

Linglong continued, "My immortal companion bears a deep blood vendetta. I originally wanted to stay by his side and assist him, but it seems it's not meant to be... However, he has many immortal friends by his side, and on his path of revenge, he will not be alone..."

At this point, she glanced at Qingfeng beside her, showing some regret, and said, "You wish to see your brother before you fall, and I also wish to see my immortal companion once more... Ah, it's been so many years since I last saw him. I wonder what he is like now..."

Qingfeng said, "We immortals have long lifespans and techniques to maintain our appearance. Even after many years, our looks won't change much!"

Linglong smiled slightly and said, "You don't know, Qingfeng, my immortal companion's talent and aptitude surpass mine by far. All the Immortal Technique Secrets I know are taught by him. With his abilities, after reaching the Immortal Realm, his cultivation level must have been advancing rapidly. So... even though his appearance might not change much, his internal growth will be significant!"

Chapter 2279: He Has Arrived

"Is your immortal companion truly that remarkable?"

Upon hearing Linglong's words, Qingfeng couldn't help but feel astonished, though seeing Linglong's expression, she couldn't help but believe it against her better judgment.

In her mind, Linglong's rapid progress in cultivation was not only due to her exceptional talent and good fortune but also largely because the grade of the immortal techniques she practiced was very high.

Since these immortal techniques were taught to her by her immortal companion, it is imaginable just how extraordinary her companion's talent and aptitude must be!

"It would be wonderful to be alive, not only for a reunion with my brother but also to meet your immortal companion..."

Qingfeng spoke with a tone of sorrow and regret.

"He is here..."

Linglong suddenly stood up, her gaze fixed on the distance, her once dim eyes now glowing with extraordinary brightness.

"Linglong, what did you say? Who is here?"

Qingfeng stood up and asked.

She noticed that the usually gentle and composed Linglong was now either excited or for some other reason, her delicate fists clenched tightly, her body trembled slightly, and her beautiful, charming eyes were brimming with tears.

"It's Fang Bai... he's here..."

Linglong murmured, tears flowing down, yet a smile appeared on her face that Qingfeng had never seen before.

"Fang Bai? Who is that?"

Qingfeng muttered to herself, suddenly having a few realizations, testing her thoughts by asking: "Fang Bai, is that your immortal companion?"

Linglong nodded, then turned and leaped onto a demon crystal column several yards high, standing on her tiptoes as she looked into the distance.

She and Fang Bai shared a magical, tacit mental connection; though she hadn't yet seen Fang Bai's figure, she knew he must be nearby, drawing closer to her.

A few demon crocodiles around the formation continued to attack the defense qi shield that had formed around them, the magical force crashing against the shield with thunderous booms, causing Qingfeng and the four female immortals to tremble with fear that the formation might collapse at any moment.

Only Linglong appeared oblivious to the demon crocodiles, ignoring everything around her; she stood on the demon crystal column like a maiden awaiting her lover's eager arrival, tears still clinging to her rosy cheeks, yet her eyes and brows revealed an irrepressible smile.

Finally, dozens of breaths later, a black dot appeared in the sky.

The dot quickly approached Lake Heart Island, gradually revealing itself as a magical bird of the Demon King realm with wings nearly ten yards wide.

On the back of the bird, two figures stood, one in front and one behind.

One was a young man in a white robe with the cultivation level of a second grade Immortal King; the other was a young man in a green shirt with the cultivation level of a ninth grade Immortal Venerable.

The two immortals, their eyes shining, looked far into Lake Heart Island, and upon seeing the few female immortals within the formation on the island, their once serious faces broke into a smile.

"It's brother... my brother is here..."

As Qingfeng saw the young immortal in the green shirt standing on the bird, she began to hop and jump in joy.

The other three female immortals also stood up, walked to Qingfeng's side, and raised their heads to look at the massive bird flying overhead, feeling a glimmer of hope.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable, Qingfeng Fairy's brother, was known to them, although merely a ninth grade Immortal Venerable Expert, and his strength not matching two of the Immortal King realm experts among them, the white-robed young immortal's cultivation level was beyond their perception, suggesting at least a second grade Immortal King realm expert.

Additionally, with the magical bird at possibly a first grade Immortal King realm being trained by them, they might truly have a chance to escape alive and free themselves from this mortal danger.

Therefore, Qingfeng Fairy and the four female immortals within the formation cheered and shouted aloud, calling Qingyun Immortal Venerable's name.

"That green-skirted fairy, is she your sister Qingfeng Fairy?"

In the sky, on the back of the magical bird, Fang Bai, dressed in white, pointed to the Qingfeng Fairy below, turned his head, and asked.

Standing behind him was Qingyun Immortal Venerable.

"Yes... yes, it's Qingfeng... Upper Immortal, we have truly arrived in time!"

Seeing his sister only lightly injured, without serious harm, Qingyun Immortal Venerable nearly cried tears of joy.

"And that fairy in the pink dress, is she the Upper Immortal's immortal companion?"

Qingyun Immortal Venerable lowered his gaze, looking down at Linglong, a touch of astonished color in his eyes, before cautiously asking.

He had thought his sister Qingfeng Fairy was extremely outstanding among female immortals in the Immortal Realm, but at this moment, compared to the pink-clad fairy standing on the demon crystal column, she was far less striking. He thought only such an extraordinary fairy could be a suitable match for an Upper Immortal like Fang Bai, whose immortal path was boundless.

Fang Bai looked at Su Linglong, who was already waving her arms toward him, his smile warm, nodded, and said: "Indeed, that is Fairy Linglong, my immortal companion."

He did not rush to descend the magical bird, but observed the immortal array Su Linglong had arranged, admiring aloud: "It's been years, Linglong's cultivation level has certainly greatly improved, and her array path has also advanced significantly. Hmm, it's lucky she set up this immortal array to hold on; otherwise, we might have arrived to find corpses—perhaps not even any remains at all!"

Qingyun Immortal Venerable, hearing this, looked at the immortal array remaining intact under the attacks of several powerful demon crocodiles, couldn't help but secretly marvel, thinking that Upper Immortal was indeed extraordinary, even his immortal companion was so exceptional. Though his companion's cultivation level matched his ninth grade Immortal Venerable, her proficiency in the array path was something he could not compare to.

"Let's go down!"

Fang Bai gently prodded downward with his toes, causing the controlled magical bird to slowly descend, landing on Lake Heart Island after several breaths.

A demon crocodile, having sensed the immortal's presence, abandoned its attack on the immortal array and rushed over at lightning speed.

"Begone!"

Fang Bai lightly commanded, wielding the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade towards the demon crocodile.

With a flash of blood-red light and a "swish," the massive demon crocodile, with its strong skin and powerful defense, was sliced into two pieces from head to tail by the blood-light and died instantly.

"It's... it's dead already?"

"Oh heavens, he's incredible!"

"Is he a friend of Qingyun Immortal Venerable?"

"Perhaps he is the immortal companion Linglong spoke of earlier!"

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Inside the protection of the formation, apart from Su Linglong, the few female immortals watched as Fang Bai casually swung his blade and killed a third grade Demon King realm demon beast. They all widened their eyes with disbelief.

If they had such powerful cultivation level, why would they fear the attack of a few demon crocodiles, and why would they need to hide anxiously within the formation?

Though the demon crocodiles were ferocious and domineering, faced with an unmanageable foe, they would not attack recklessly; seeing their companion slain by the immortal in one strike, the remaining demon crocodiles immediately fled into the lake.

Fang Bai walked to the edge of the formation, and with a few casual lifts of his hand, the formation that had withstood numerous attacks from the demon crocodiles vanished without a trace.

"Linglong!"

Fang Bai called softly, looking at Su Linglong standing on the demon crystal column, gazing at him with longing, then opened his arms and strode towards her.

Chapter 2280: Feeling Exhausted

"Fang Bai..."

Su Linglong murmured Fang Bai's name, her smile blossoming on her delicate face, as bright as spring flowers.

She sniffled, wiped away the tears on her face, jumped down from the Demon Crystal Column, lifted her skirt with both hands, and ran towards Fang Bai.

"Fang Bai... Fang Bai... is that you? Is it really you?"

She collided head-on into Fang Bai's embrace, tightly wrapping her arms around his waist, her cheek pressed firmly against his chest, murmuring as if in a dream.

Fang Bai wrapped one arm around Su Linglong's waist, gently stroking her smooth and silky hair with the other hand, and softly said, "Yes, it's me. I've come."

"That's great..."

Su Linglong slowly closed her eyes, her delicate face revealing a deep sense of exhaustion, and sighed gently, "I feel so tired now..."

Previously, to maintain the Immortal Array and resist the Demon Crocodile's attack, not only had she exhausted all the Immortal Stones she had, but she also overdrew almost all her immortal power. She had been holding on with sheer will and determination. Now, seeing Fang Bai and leaning in his embrace, she finally felt that long-lost sense of security, followed by waves of fatigue.

Seeing her injured and her immortal power depleted, Fang Bai felt distressed at her extreme weakness. He leaned down to kiss her forehead gently and said, "If you're tired, rest well. Leave the rest to me."

"Mm..."

Su Linglong, like a languid kitten, nestled in Fang Bai's embrace, entered a state of oblivious deep recuperation.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable and Qingfeng Fairy, naturally, also exchanged warm pleasantries upon meeting each other.

Qingfeng Fairy not only survived a calamity but also met her brother. The joy of this lucky escape made her cry and laugh.

"Thanks to Linglong, if it weren't for her, we would have perished long ago, possibly without even our bones being found."

After the tears and laughter, Qingfeng Fairy pointed at Su Linglong, who was leaning against Fang Bai, and recounted to Qingyun Immortal Venerable their experience of training within the Demon Flame Crystal Sea.

When mentioning the fallen celestial companions, she couldn't help but cry again, and the three female immortals beside her also joined in tears.

Qingyun Immortal Venerable comforted his sister a few times and then sighed, "Actually, I almost didn't make it from the Congtian Domain..."

He recounted how he received help from Fang Bai after his Qi Sea was destroyed, showing gratitude towards Fang Bai by saying, "If it weren't for Upper Immortal's assistance, my sister and I probably would never have met again. Upper Immortal granted me a new lease on life and saved you; we must thank him properly."

Upon saying this, he noticed his sister wide-eyed, looking at Fang Bai with a gleam in her eyes, knowing her lively and impetuous nature, fearing she might say or do something disrespectful towards Fang Bai, hurriedly said, "Qingfeng, Upper Immortal and his fairy mate are newly reunited, they surely have much to talk about, let's not disturb them."

Qingfeng Fairy uttered an "oh," feeling indeed very curious about Linglong's immortal partner, but she dared not approach at this moment, thinking that was a powerful Upper Immortal, best not to provoke him.

She and the three female immortals beside her had also expended a large amount of immortal power earlier and hadn't had any leisure to recuperate. Now, with the Demon Crocodiles temporarily in retreat and safety tentatively secured, they sat down cross-legged, swallowed Immortal Pills, and each entered a state of recuperation.

Fang Bai, being powerful, with him guarding Su Linglong, ensured her safety.

So, Qingyun Immortal Venerable stayed by his sister's side, cautiously observing all movements around, to prevent any demonic beasts from the lake from launching a sudden attack.

After more than two hours, the lake water churned, and dozens of Demon Crocodiles slowly crawled onto Lake Heart Island from the lake, approaching from all directions.

Previously, Fang Bai had slain a Demon Crocodile, scaring away the others. Those crocs, after retreating into the lake, gathered more of their kind for another attack.

"So many Demon Crocodiles!"

Qingyun Immortal Venerable saw those huge, blood-red-eyed Demon Crocodiles, then looked at the celestial women still in recuperation, feeling immense pressure and great tension, instinctively looking towards Fang Bai.

As soon as the Demon Crocodiles landed, Fang Bai gently released Su Linglong from his embrace, creating a Defense Qi Shield around her, cutting off external disturbances to prevent those Demon Crocodiles from interrupting her deep recuperation state.

He then sat outside Su Linglong's Defense Qi Shield, coldly watching the rapidly approaching Demon Crocodiles.

Those dozens of Demon Crocodiles included several third-tier Demon King Realm Demon Crocodiles that had fled earlier, and the rest were first- and second-tier Demon King Realm, making for a truly formidable force.

Fortuitously, Fang Bai's Beast Taming Scripture not only controlled Immortal Birds and Beasts but worked equally well on Demon Birds and Beasts; otherwise, such a large-scale Demon Crocodile attack would indeed be worrisome.

In Qingyun Immortal Venerable's eyes, those dozens of Demon Crocodiles were terrifying entities, but for Fang Bai, they were just dozens of Demon Cores delivered to his doorstep.

When those Demon Crocodiles were still more than a hundred meters away from Fang Bai and the other immortals, a strange howl emitted from Fang Bai's mouth, transforming into sound waves that surged into the dozens of Demon Crocodiles. Consequently, the leading third-tier Demon King Realm Demon Crocodiles immediately lost self-awareness and began frantically attacking the other Demon Crocodiles.

Thus, a fierce self-slaughter ensued among the dozens of Demon Crocodiles on Lake Heart Island.

Although the several third-tier Demon King Realm Demon Crocodiles were powerful, the other dozens should not be underestimated. After a fierce battle, the island was littered with shredded limbs and blood.

The few remaining Demon Crocodiles attempting to escape into the lake were slain by Fang Bai with a single strike each.

"My heavens!"

Watching as dozens of Demon Crocodiles perished like that, Qingfeng Fairy and the four female immortals who had long exited their cultivation state stared dumbfounded, their gazes towards Fang Bai full of awe.

Qingfeng Fairy, having heard her brother call Fang Bai "Upper Immortal," was curious about Fang Bai's true strength, and now, witnessing Fang Bai effortlessly destroy dozens of Demon King Realm Demon Crocodiles, her admiration knew no bounds, her eyes sparkling with admiration.

"Go and collect those Demon Cores!"

Fang Bai gestured to Qingyun Immortal Venerable, the Blood Blade in his hand dissipating into air and entering his Sea of Consciousness to hover there before he returned to Su Linglong's side and sat down cross-legged.

Knowing Fang Bai didn't care about the Demon Cores, Qingyun Immortal Venerable, upon hearing Fang Bai's words, happily ran over to collect them one by one, considering that his Immortal Ring had plenty of space, even collecting those third-tier Demon King Realm Demon Crocodile corpses.

Third-tier Demon King Realm Demon Crocodiles could fetch plentiful Cultivation Resources at the Cultivation Resource Exchange Market.

Qingfeng Fairy hadn't expected Fang Bai to be so generous, simply giving her brother dozens of Demon Cores from Demon King Realm beasts. She glanced at the recuperating Su Linglong, envying her for having such an Immortal Lover.