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Chapter 2461: Small Barrier

"This... where is this?"

Zixu Immortal Emperor and his four disciples widened their eyes as they sized up this strange space, their faces filled with bewilderment and shock.

They still remembered just a moment ago, the shockwave produced when that Steward of the Golden Crow Palace self-detonated, overwhelming and coming at them with terrifying force. They were even mentally prepared for severe injuries.

But unexpectedly, the next moment, their vision went dark, and they found themselves in this space, untouched by the shockwave.

"We are now inside the space of the Five Elements Space Ring..."

Fang Bai's figure appeared before Zixu Immortal Emperor and other immortals, smiling as he told them about the Five Elements Space Ring.

"An Immortal Ring capable of containing living beings, I thought it only existed in legends of the Immortal Realm, yet I never imagined such a treasure could exist..."

Zixu Immortal Emperor murmured, his eyes gleaming with a strange light. He thought to himself, 'The master is indeed the master. In this lifetime, not only has his physique strengthened and his fortunes deepened, but he has also obtained unparalleled treasures like the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade and now the Five Elements Space Ring, which have never appeared in the Immortal Realm.'

This is Heaven's blessing on the Emperor's Palace, heralding its rise once again, more glorious than ever before.

"This is Lotus Fairy, a disciple of the Hundred Flowers Empress."

Fang Bai pointed at Lotus Fairy, who had leaped off the Single-Horned Dragon Horse's back and gracefully approached them, introducing her to Zixu Immortal Emperor.

As a disciple of Fang Bai, Zixu Immortal Emperor was naturally aware of the relationship between his master and the Hundred Flowers Empress back in the day. Upon hearing that Lotus Fairy was the Hundred Flowers Empress's disciple, he couldn't help but hold her in high regard.

"Lotus Fairy, this is Zixu Immortal Emperor, one of the disciples of the Emperor's Palace in the past."

Fang Bai then introduced Zixu Immortal Emperor to Lotus Fairy.

Lotus Fairy exclaimed, her eyes widening as she looked at Zixu Immortal Emperor with excitement, "I have heard my master mention your esteemed name. The Emperor's Palace once had 108 Immortal Emperor Realm experts, known as the 108 Generals. Among them were 36 Great Generals and 72 Minor Generals, and you were one of the 72 Minor Generals, right?"

Zixu Immortal Emperor nodded and replied, "Indeed."

Lotus Fairy sighed softly and said, "A thousand years ago, when the top eight Immortal Emperors attacked the Emperor's Palace, most of the disciples perished. Among War Emperor's 108 Generals, it's unknown how many narrowly escaped that calamity... Every time my master mentions this, she is both furious and regretful."

As Zixu Immortal Emperor heard mention of the past, he couldn't help but feel sorrowful, clenching his fists tightly, his eyes filled with hatred, and he declared fiercely, "This blood debt will one day be repaid to the top eight Immortal Emperors!"

Lotus Fairy said, "In the past, my master went to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea to enhance her strength and seek justice against the top eight Immortal Emperors for the War Emperor and the disciples of the Emperor's Palace. But... she never returned, her life and death unknown..."

At this point, her voice choked up a bit.

With the Hundred Flowers Empress's cultivation, she could tear the void with her bare hands, traverse endless space, and cross millions of miles in an instant.

Even if the Nine Nether Thunder Sea was in a far-off place, the fact that she hadn't returned for a hundred years indicated that something significant had happened.

The Nine Nether Thunder Sea was incredibly perilous, and over the millennia, more than a few Immortal Emperors had perished there. The thought of the Hundred Flowers Empress venturing there alone for a century without returning inevitably led to Lotus Fairy's wild speculations.

Zixu Immortal Emperor was shocked and asked, "The Hundred Flowers Empress actually went to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea? This... this..."

He knew of his master's close relationship with the Hundred Flowers Empress in the past life and instinctively looked towards Fang Bai.

Fang Bai said, "Although the Nine Nether Thunder Sea is dangerous, with the Hundred Flowers Empress's strength, she may not have fallen. She might be trapped there, unable to escape... Well, if we have the chance in the future, once I am stronger, I'll take Lotus Fairy and go there to see."

He paused and added, "The Hundred Flowers Empress had originally ten disciples, but now only Lotus Fairy remains. The other nine likely fell victim to the forces of the top eight Immortal Emperors. They likely acted this way because of the past close relationship between the Hundred Flowers Empress and the War Emperor!"

Zixu Immortal Emperor's eyes turned bloodshot, his hair standing on end, as he cursed, "Despicable! Shameless! The top eight Immortal Emperors, unworthy of being the supremes of the Immortal Realm!"

Fang Bai advised, "Don't get too worked up. The blood debt owed by the top eight Immortal Emperors is massive, and we will repay it slowly in the future!"

He released his divine sense to explore a thousand miles and discovered that the remaining Steward of the Golden Crow Palace, affected by the recent self-detonation shockwave, was severely injured.

However, this Steward, believing that all the Emperor's Palace disciples on site had perished, didn't rush to leave. Instead, he consumed some Immortal Pills and stayed in place to cultivate.

To Fang Bai's surprise, Liuyan Fairy, whom he had previously severely injured, was crushed into ashes and vanished in the recent self-detonation.

Fang Bai thought that given the deadly feud between the Emperor's Palace and the top eight great forces, sparing Liuyan Fairy earlier was an immense mercy. Yet, she still fell at the hands of her own steward, indicating it was her destined calamity.

As for the remaining Steward, Fang Bai naturally wouldn't let him go.

After they exited the Five Elements Space Ring, Zixu Immortal Emperor, not waiting for Fang Bai's command, let out an angry howl and transformed into a stream of light, charging towards the resting Steward of the Golden Crow Palace. Before he could escape, Zixu Immortal Emperor brandished an Immortal Artifact and impaled him with a single blow.

Thus, of the seven immortals who had come from the Golden Crow Palace, apart from Fang Bai who was an impostor, the remaining six immortals all perished.

"With the fall of the six Golden Crow Palace immortals, their higher-ups will surely be notified. It's not safe to stay here any longer!"

While saying this, Fang Bai summoned a bird, letting Zixu Immortal Emperor and the other immortals enter the Five Elements Space Ring once more and swiftly flew away from the scene.

Fang Bai intended to conceal their auras by having them stay inside the Five Elements Space Ring, to avoid being tracked by the higher-ups of the Golden Crow Palace.

As for himself, Fang Bai could hide his own aura, not needing to worry about leaving any traces along the way.

He flew eastward for a hundred thousand miles, stopping at a seemingly chaotic stone forest spanning several dozen miles.

This stone forest was actually a small barrier Fang Bai had left behind from practicing formations in his previous life. A millennium had passed, and the Immortal Qi in the Immortal Stones sustaining it had long gone, causing the barrier walls to disappear, leaving only the stone pillars exposed.

However, if a vast quantity of Immortal Stones were infused, the small barrier could be reactivated.

Fang Bai busied himself for a while, tossing out a million Immortal Stones. Finally, the small barrier started running again.

As the small barrier operated, the originally towering stone pillars became completely concealed.

Thus, this space of several dozen miles became an absolutely secret private domain once again. Even if an Immortal Emperor visited, unless their formation skills exceeded Fang Bai's realm, they couldn't see through the small barrier he had set.

Fang Bai allowed Zixu Immortal Emperor and the other immortals to enter the small barrier, offering them a few reminders before heading back to the Golden Crow Palace alone.

He couldn't afford not to return, as he needed to continue investigating the situation regarding Linghu Qianjiao.

Chapter 2462: Asking for Answers

Fang Bai returned to the Golden Crow Palace this time without even bringing Lotus Fairy and the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, instead leaving them with Zixu Immortal Emperor and others within a small barrier.

After all, his visit to the Golden Crow Palace might require him to stay by the side of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor for a while, posing great risks. If his identity gets exposed, whether he himself could escape unscathed is uncertain, and Lotus Fairy and the others might be implicated.

Because if he were to fall, those like Zixu Immortal Emperor within the Five Elements Space Ring wouldn't be able to emerge, effectively trapped to death.

Rather than having them follow him into danger, it's better for them to stay safely within the small barrier.

As for why the other six Golden Crow Palace immortals perished and he alone returned, Fang Bai had already devised a strategy.

As Fang Bai expected, at this moment, the Golden Crow Palace's atmosphere was heavy due to the demise of two stewards and four prodigies.

With the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor in seclusion, led by Yanshi Immortal Emperor, the high-level members gathered in the Palace Master Hall to discuss strategies.

"Except for Wushuang Immortal King, all the other immortals we sent to chase down the remnants of the Emperor's Palace have perished!"

Yanshi Immortal Emperor spoke with gritted teeth, his bloodshot eyes filled with intense killing intent.

The fall of two Immortal Emperor Realm mid-rank cultivators and four prodigies was a heavy blow to the Golden Crow Palace; if the news spread, many adversaries would secretly celebrate.

"Both stewards perished, how did Wushuang Immortal King manage to escape?"

One of the Golden Crow Palace higher-ups suddenly posed this question, sparking a wave of discussion among others.

They all found it odd; Wushuang Immortal King's combat power, while not inferior to Qingyan Immortal King, was far below that of the two palace stewards. Yet, the stewards died, while he survived. This warranted investigation.

"When Wushuang Immortal King returns, I will personally inquire!"

Seeing the high-level members cast suspicion on Fang Bai, Yanshi Immortal Emperor felt displeasure and retorted coldly.

This time, his five direct disciples perished, leaving him angry and heartbroken. Fortuitously, Wushuang Immortal King's soul lamp remained, an unfortunate occurrence but still somewhat comforting.

"We have many spies in Evil Fire Valley. With such a significant event, news should soon arrive. Meanwhile, please, Danyang Immortal Emperor, take four stewards to Evil Fire Valley and investigate the situation there!"

Yanshi Immortal Emperor contemplated and instructed with a heavy voice.

With the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor in seclusion, Yanshi Immortal Emperor's words were regarded as if the Palace Master were present, and the other high-level members dared not refuse.

The reason for dispatching Danyang Immortal Emperor and four stewards was due to concerns that previous information from the Golden Crow Palace's spies might have been inaccurate. Seeing that the remnants of the Emperor's Palace could defeat the two Golden Crow Palace stewards and four Immortal King Realm disciples, there must be forces stronger than mid-rank Immortal Emperor Realm among them.

Danyang Immortal Emperor is a high-rank Immortal Emperor, and with four mid-rank Immortal Emperor stewards, this strength would be formidable even against a peak Immortal Emperor Realm expert.

A thousand years ago, following the Emperor's Palace's downfall, its peak Immortal Emperor Realm experts were mostly slain by the top eight Immortal Emperors.

Therefore, Yanshi Immortal Emperor specifically sent Danyang Immortal Emperor and four stewards to Evil Fire Valley, not fearing encounters with formidable foes.

Midway to Evil Fire Valley, Danyang Immortal Emperor and the five powerful Golden Crow Palace members encountered Fang Bai, lying on the back of a bird, critically injured.

After a brief explanation from Fang Bai, they took him back to the Golden Crow Palace to report to Yanshi Immortal Emperor.

Upon returning to the Golden Crow Palace and observing the blood-soaked, scarred Fang Bai, Yanshi Immortal Emperor was shocked.

Immediately, Yanshi Immortal Emperor examined Fang Bai's injuries, ensuring they weren't severe enough to affect future cultivation, and felt relieved.

He only had five direct disciples, with four perished, leaving Fang Bai as the sole survivor. If Fang Bai's Sea of Consciousness or Qi Sea were destroyed, he would be heartbroken.

"Wushuang, tell everyone what happened in Evil Fire Valley."

After personally feeding Fang Bai several top-grade healing Immortal Pills and seeing his spirit recover, Yanshi Immortal Emperor began questioning.

Fang Bai, with a look of bitterness, responded sternly, "The information from our palace's spies was wrong! Those few disciples of the Emperor's Palace weren't strongest at mid-rank Immortal Emperor Realm, but high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm..."

With just a few words, he described Zixu Immortal Emperor's appearance, and Yanshi Immortal Emperor, after hearing, had no doubts about Fang Bai's account, nodding, "The strongest remnants of the Emperor's Palace you described must be Zixu Immortal Emperor! I dealt with this Immortal a thousand years ago, and I'm quite familiar with him! Never expected he would be lurking near Evil Fire Valley!"

Pausing, he added, "A thousand years ago, Zixu Immortal Emperor's cultivation level was mid-rank Immortal Emperor Realm. It seems over the millennia, he has advanced to the high-rank realm. The unfortunate demise of our six powerful members encountering him was indeed a stroke of bad luck..."

"How did Zixu Immortal Emperor easily slay our two stewards, yet you managed to escape?"

A steward from the Golden Crow Palace asked Fang Bai sternly, with eyes fixed on him.

Having lived through thousands of years with experiences aplenty, Fang Bai was unfazed by the scrutiny from the steward, expecting he could find no flaws in his gaze or expressions.

"After we encountered a few remnants of the Emperor's Palace, a battle ensued. Later, seeing things go awry, one of the palace's stewards held off Zixu Immortal Emperor while the other covered my escape. To buy us more time, the steward holding off Zixu Immortal Emperor chose to self-detonate..."

Fang Bai's eyes brimmed with tears, his body trembling, displaying a mix of gratitude and lingering fear. Even a strong figure like Yanshi Immortal Emperor couldn't discern that he was fabricating with few truths.

Fang Bai continued, "Though the steward's self-detonation lightly injured Zixu Immortal Emperor, he quickly pursued us. When covering me, the other steward adopted a reckless approach, buying me more time for escape. Eventually, I mounted a bird tamed by Senior Brother Qingyan and flew back swiftly. Fortunately, the remnants didn't press the attack, or I might not have escaped..."

"Do you know how Qingyan Immortal King and the others fell?"

Yanshi Immortal Emperor asked casually, fully trusting Fang Bai's account.

Wiping away tears from the corner of his eyes, Fang Bai replied, "Senior Brother Qingyan and the others were tightly engaged by several remnants, possibly realizing their grim fate, urged me to return to the Golden Crow Palace and report the truth to the higher-ups... After I fled the battle site, I lost track of their situation. Never expected... Never expected... they would perish..."

His bitter demeanor and furious expression were flawlessly acted, despite being staged, leaving the high-level members of the Golden Crow Palace unable to see through his disguise.

Chapter 2463: Earth-Shattering Secret

Fang Bai's severe injuries were naturally feigned.

Before returning to the Golden Crow Palace, he performed a form of "self-harm," covering his body with scars and blurring his flesh, while also fracturing all his internal organs.

With Fang Bai's constitution, such injuries seemed severe, but were actually inconsequential; if he wished, he could recover within several hours.

After "self-harming," Fang Bai controlled his breath to appear lethargic and extremely weak.

Fang Bai's control over his own breath had reached a supreme realm of subtlety; even if the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor personally appeared, they wouldn't discern that the serious injuries were entirely feigned.

Thus, Fang Bai easily deceived the upper echelons of the Golden Crow Sect, and the words he uttered were taken as truth by Yanshi Immortal Emperor and other senior figures of the Golden Crow Sect.

Therefore, the blame for this failure to chase the remnants of the Emperor's Palace was pinned on several Golden Crow Palace informants who sent false messages from Evil Fire Valley.

Mistaking a high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert for a mid-rank was such a minor discrepancy that led to the Golden Crow Palace losing two senior members, four prodigal sons, and prodigal daughters—causing significant losses.

Fang Bai imagined that those informants who discovered Zixu Immortal Emperor's trace would undoubtedly meet with misfortune.

Despite knowing that Zixu Immortal Emperor and other Emperor's Palace disciples likely left Evil Fire Valley after their previous battle, the Golden Crow Palace still dispatched numerous experts to investigate.

As for the severely injured Fang Bai, Yanshi Immortal Emperor provided him with plentiful cultivation resources as a gesture of consolation, allowing him to recover well.

The four direct disciples of Yanshi Immortal Emperor all fell in the battle of Evil Fire Valley, yet Fang Bai, although personally favored by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor who would guide him, was nominally still a direct disciple of Yanshi Immortal Emperor.

The disciples of Golden Crow Palace believed that for Wushuang Immortal King—the sole direct disciple—the Yanshi Immortal Emperor would spare no effort in imparting wisdom, nurture thoroughly, and also due to being favored by Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, in the future at the Golden Crow Palace, this Junior Brother Wushuang could almost walk sideways.

Despite their envy, the disciples of Golden Crow Palace understood that this Junior Brother Wushuang not only possessed Innate Spiritual Root but also excelled in artifact refining—a prodigious talent whom the senior figures would undoubtedly prioritize.

Fang Bai's "severe injuries" recovered in less than a month, astonishing numerous Golden Crow Palace disciples, even taking Yanshi Immortal Emperor by surprise at his swift recovery.

Initially, Fang Bai thought he would be summoned by Golden Crow Immortal Emperor after recovering from his wounds, but through the words of Yanshi Immortal Emperor, he learned that the Immortal Emperor was still in seclusion.

"Master, has the Palace Master been in seclusion for quite a while? When will he emerge from it?"

On that day, after listening to a lecture by Yanshi Immortal Emperor, Fang Bai asked casually as if unintentionally.

Yanshi Immortal Emperor glared with dissatisfaction and said, "Why? Do you think the Palace Master's strength is greater, wanting him to guide you, disregarding my abilities?"

Fang Bai noticed he was joking and quickly replied, "Disciple wouldn't dare! It's just that disciple has long admired the Palace Master's prestigious renown and wishes to see him in person..."

Yanshi Immortal Emperor said, "It's not easy to meet the Palace Master..."

He hesitated for a moment, then sent a message to Fang Bai, "A hundred years ago, the Palace Master acquired a cultivation technique left by a Demon Clan Emperor, and has been in seclusion ever since, trying to break through to the Great Emperor Realm... This matter is confidential, keep it to yourself and don't tell others, or I will not forgive you!"

Upon hearing this, a mysterious gleam flashed in Fang Bai's eyes, suddenly gaining insights into why the Golden Crow Great Emperor had wiped out the Moon Sea Sect and Chaos Heaven Sect, such small sects.

Though the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor is a top-tier Emperor Realm expert in the Immortal Realm with an unyielding spirit, he is cultivating a Demon Clan Emperor's cultivation technique, which gradually corrupts the mind, turning him into a fierce and bloodthirsty like a Demon Clan expert.

Practicing the Demon Clan technique requires not only substantial high-level cultivation resources but also the blood essence of strong experts as a catalyst.

The so-called strong experts can be from Demon Clan, Demon Clan, or Immortal.

With Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's cultivation level, the blood essence of ordinary experts is of little use, only the blood of Immortal Emperor Realm experts or the prodigal sons and prodigal daughters from various clans is most effective.

The blood of Immortal Emperor Realm experts is rich in immortal qi, whereas the blood of prodigal sons and daughters is exceptionally pure, making it the Golden Crow Great Emperor's favorite for practicing Demon Clan techniques.

However, as an elite Emperor Realm expert in the Immortal Realm, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor practicing a Demon Clan Emperor's technique would, if exposed, cause a tremendous uproar in the Immortal Realm, turning him into a common enemy of all immortals.

As one of the few senior figures of the Golden Crow Palace privy to this matter, Yanshi Immortal Emperor disclosed this to Fang Bai to foster closeness, establish trust, and evoke gratitude, so that in the future, if he achieves Immortal Emperor status, he would remember this kindness.

"This matter, disciple will keep a tight lip and won't reveal a word! Master's trust in disciple fills me with gratitude, and I would not dare forget!"

Receiving such earth-shattering inside information from Yanshi Immortal Emperor, Fang Bai naturally displayed a grateful demeanor, solemnly pledging.

Yanshi Immortal Emperor saw Fang Bai understood his intent, nodded with satisfaction, and patted his shoulder, smiling as he said, "I trust you, which is why I disclosed this secret to you. I also hope you will understand my good intentions... Now, go cultivate!"

Returning to his Immortal Residence, Fang Bai sat cross-legged, allowing his thoughts to unfold.

He could now be certain that Linghu Qianjiao must have been brought back to the Golden Crow Palace by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor and is imprisoned at some hidden location in the palace.

Linghu Qianjiao, being a prodigal daughter with Innate Spiritual Root, has blood essence precisely needed by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor. Similar reasons likely explain why Moon Sea Fairy and Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor, both Immortal Emperor Realm experts, were also seized by him.

Fang Bai and Linghu Qianjiao are joint cultivation partners as Immortal lovers, mutually sensing each other. Now, Fang Bai feels no discomfort, indicating Linghu Qianjiao is temporarily unharmed.

Yet, Fang Bai remains uncertain about when the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor might require Linghu Qianjiao's blood essence, causing inevitable anxiety.

As a "close friend" from a previous life, Fang Bai knows some of the Golden Crow Palace's mysterious locations, but dare not easily use his divine sense due to the presence of the top-tier expert Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, to verify whether Linghu Qianjiao is at those hidden spots, for it could turn problematic if detected.

Fang Bai understands that his divine sense can evade all Immortal Emperor Realm experts in the Immortal Realm, but would never escape the notice of a top-tier expert like Golden Crow Immortal Emperor.

Chapter 2464: "Borrowing" Divine Sense

Unable to use Divine Sense to search for where Linghu Qianjiao is, Fang Bai felt somewhat melancholic.

However, after some thought, he finally came up with a method.

That day, Fang Bai left the Immortal Residence and headed towards a valley behind it.

The valley was vast, often with disciples of the Golden Crow Palace sitting cross-legged there, practicing cultivation.

Fang Bai usually cultivated only within his Immortal Residence and rarely came to this valley, so his appearance caused quite a stir among the disciples of the Golden Crow Palace.

However, since he was now the Direct Disciple of the Yanshi Immortal Emperor and favored by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, his status was transcendent. The disciples didn't know much about him and wondered if he was as aloof and arrogant as the other prodigies in the palace, so they kept a respectful distance.

Yet, for a prodigy like Fang Bai, destined to have tremendous potential, there were still some smart disciples of the Golden Crow Palace willing to approach him.

"Junior Brother Wushuang!"

Not long after Fang Bai appeared in the valley, he heard someone calling him. Following the voice, he saw a slender, fair-skinned male immortal approaching with a flattering smile.

"I am called 'Liuguang Immortal King,' currently one of the Inner Court disciples of the palace. Junior Brother Wushuang, I have long admired your reputation. Please take care of me in the future!"

Liuguang Immortal King appeared to be quite familiar, introducing himself before Fang Bai could speak.

"So it's Senior Brother Liuguang, my apologies! My apologies!"

Fang Bai's gaze swept over the Liuguang Immortal King in front of him, feeling a stir in his heart. He thought to himself that he needed a capable immortal to use, and unexpectedly, one had presented himself.

Though young, Liuguang Immortal King was already a sixth-grade Immortal King in cultivation level. Unfortunately, he didn't possess an Innate Spiritual Root; otherwise, he might have been a Direct Disciple of some elder by now.

Seeing this Junior Brother Wushuang was not as aloof as imagined but rather approachable, Liuguang Immortal King was secretly pleased and eagerly chatted with Fang Bai.

"Does Senior Brother Liuguang use a knife-type Immortal Artifact? Before entering the Golden Crow Palace, I discovered a secret technique of superior King Grade knife technique in a Secret Realm. How about sharing it with Senior Brother Liuguang?"

Fang Bai said with a smile.

"This... this is wonderful! Thank you, Junior Brother Wushuang! Thank you!"

Liuguang Immortal King, originally intending to acquaint himself with Junior Brother Wushuang in hopes that he would receive favor in the future, was overjoyed at this unexpected opportunity.

His current knife technique secret technique was only a mid-level King Grade, and he had yet to access a superior one. If what Fang Bai said was true, his combat power might increase, significantly enhancing his prestige among the Inner Court disciples.

Their conversation was overheard by other disciples of the Golden Crow Palace. Some of the lower cultivation disciples envied Liuguang Immortal King and were eager to approach Fang Bai.

"There are many ears here. How about we find a quieter place to talk?"

Fang Bai said to Liuguang Immortal King.

What he intended to do might be considered treasonous in the eyes of the Golden Crow Palace disciples, and naturally, he couldn't let other immortals of the Golden Crow Palace find out.

Liuguang Immortal King nodded in agreement, saying, "Indeed! How can the secret technique of Junior Brother Wushuang be heard by other immortals? Let's go elsewhere! I know of a very secluded place with a Concealment Formation isolating it from the outside... I'll take Junior Brother there right away!"

Liuguang Immortal King also hoped to enjoy Fang Bai's knife technique secret technique alone, eagerly leading Fang Bai to the secluded place he mentioned.

"Hmph, a small man who got lucky!"

Some disciples of the Golden Crow Palace looked at Liuguang Immortal King's back and muttered.

"It's just a superior King Grade secret technique! Nothing impressive!"

Another disciple sourly remarked.

Fang Bai followed Liuguang Immortal King, flying for a while before stopping in front of a mountain a few hundred miles away from Fang Bai's Immortal Residence, entering a natural cave at mid-mountain.

Although the cave was deep, it was illuminated by Immortal Stones, making it bright.

According to Liuguang Immortal King, each peak in this mountainous area had several similar caves, with a Concealment Formation at the entrance that closed itself, providing Golden Crow Palace disciples a place to go into seclusion for cultivation.

The Concealment Formation at the entrance isolates all sounds within and outside the cave, allowing undisturbed cultivation within.

"This is indeed a good place."

Fang Bai glanced around the cave, then walked to a cultivation platform built of jade in the cave and sat cross-legged.

"I used to go into seclusion here for cultivation."

Liuguang Immortal King cheerfully sat on the cultivation platform opposite Fang Bai.

After some casual conversation, they got down to business, discussing the superior King Grade knife technique secret technique.

In his previous life as the War Emperor, Fang Bai held a wealth of knowledge, casually sharing a knife technique secret that deeply captivated Liuguang Immortal King.

As he listened intently, his gaze naturally rested on Fang Bai. When his eyes inadvertently met Fang Bai's, he immediately lost himself, his mind and body under the influence of Fang Bai's Soul Capturing Heart Refining Technique.

"Senior Brother Liuguang, let me borrow your Divine Sense!"

After gaining control, a smile crept onto Fang Bai's lips as he manipulated Liuguang Immortal King, letting him unleash his Divine Sense to survey the hidden areas within the Golden Crow Palace from memory.

As a sixth-grade Immortal King Realm expert, Liuguang Immortal King's Divine Sense could easily detect movements within a thousand miles.

Under Fang Bai's control, Liuguang Immortal King's Divine Sense infiltrated one secret place of the Golden Crow Palace after another, finally discovering in the underground grand hall of the Palace Master Hall the hundred or so Immortal Emperor Realm experts and Innate Spiritual Root holders.

Among them were figures familiar to Fang Bai, led by the Moon Sea Sect's powerhouses.

Linghu Qianjiao was unexpectedly among them.

Borrowing Liuguang Immortal King's Divine Sense, Fang Bai "saw" that Linghu Qianjiao was merely trapped in the underground grand hall but unharmed. He secretly breathed a sigh of relief, ecstatic.

Just then, a light snort sounded. Fang Bai noticed the opposite Liuguang Immortal King's body suddenly trembled. He simultaneously lost control over his Divine Sense, startled, and immediately retracted his Soul Capturing Heart Refining Technique.

Earlier, when using Liuguang Immortal King's Divine Sense, Fang Bai also "saw" the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor cultivating in seclusion within the Palace Master Hall but dared not approach to spy, directly infiltrating the underground grand hall to search for Linghu Qianjiao's whereabouts. Unexpectedly, he was still sensed by the keen Golden Crow Immortal Emperor.

Luckily, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor was in a deep cultivation state and didn't want to detach easily, only letting out a snort to intimidate. Otherwise, with his formidable Emperor Realm strength, he could have traced back through Liuguang Immortal King's Divine Sense and discovered Fang Bai controlling him, placing Fang Bai in danger.

"That was close..."

Fang Bai let out a quiet sigh of relief, grateful his reaction was quick enough to sever the connection with Liuguang Immortal King in time.

Chapter 2465: Who Is the Culprit?

"What's happening to me?"

Liuguang Immortal King snapped out of it, feeling as if he had been dreaming, and patted his head, muttering to himself.

Fang Bai chuckled, "Brother Liuguang was so engrossed earlier, it seemed like you entered a transcendental state of enlightenment."

"Hmm... that seems to be the case..."

Recalling the secret blade technique Fang Bai had just mentioned, Liuguang Immortal King found it profound and mysterious, truly captivating him. He nodded in agreement.

With the Divine Sense of Liuguang Immortal King, Fang Bai located Linghu Qianjiao and confirmed her safety for the time being, finally easing his mind.

"Brother Liuguang, the secret blade technique has been passed on to you. You can ponder it and gain insights on your own. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me. I need to leave now."

Fang Bai was anxious to return and devise a plan to rescue Linghu Qianjiao. He left these few words for Liuguang Immortal King before hurrying off.

What Fang Bai worried most about now was that after Golden Crow Immortal Emperor concluded his seclusion and cultivation, he might use the blood essence of Linghu Qianjiao and other immortals to aid his practice.

Therefore, if Linghu Qianjiao was to be rescued, the sooner the better, and the faster the action, the better.

However, the underground palace imprisoning Linghu Qianjiao and other immortals was located directly beneath the Palace Master Hall of the Golden Crow Palace. With Golden Crow Immortal Emperor overseeing it in seclusion, with Fang Bai's current strength, rescuing Linghu Qianjiao under his watch was utterly impossible!

Fang Bai returned to his Immortal Residence, sat cross-legged on the Cultivation Platform, and closed his eyes in deep thought.

He felt that his only chance to rescue Linghu Qianjiao was during a time when Golden Crow Immortal Emperor left Golden Crow Palace.

But for such a powerful figure as Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, a single period of seclusion could last as short as ten years and as long as several decades or even centuries. Waiting for him to leave felt indefinite.

"I only have to try everything I can..."

Fang Bai clenched his fists tightly, a cold gleam flashing in his eyes.

In the days that followed, the disciples of the Golden Crow Palace, who had enjoyed a thousand years of peace and tranquility, were suddenly plagued by a series of events.

First, every day, an overwhelming number of Immortal Birds and Beasts flocked in from all directions, madly attacking the disciples of the Golden Crow Palace.

Then, several Immortal King Realm disciples of the Golden Crow Palace went missing and fell when attacked by immortals of unknown identity during their training outside.

Some of the alchemy ingredients planted by the Golden Crow Palace in the back mountain were also extensively stolen by unidentified immortals, resulting in heavy losses.

These events happened one after the other, causing great distress for the disciples of the Golden Crow Palace, who couldn't determine the culprits for the time being, and they were all holding onto their resentment.

"Lately, it's clear that some immortals have been targeting our Golden Crow Palace in the shadows! If we don't get to the bottom of this, it will greatly affect the reputation of Golden Crow Palace!"

One day, Yanshi Immortal Emperor gathered the Golden Crow Sect's senior leaders to discuss the matter in his Immortal Hall, furious and resentful.

The repeated attacks by Immortal Birds and Beasts on Golden Crow Palace and the theft of vast amounts of alchemical ingredients were only minor issues, but among the fallen Immortal King Realm disciples of the Golden Crow Palace, there were prodigious children with Innate Spiritual Roots, which was intolerable for the senior leaders of Golden Crow Palace.

"The fact that someone repeatedly provokes us knowing Golden Crow Palace is one of the top forces in the Immortal Realm, means they must have significant backing!"

"Could it be the remnants of Emperor's Palace?"

"We can't exclude the possibility of the remnants of Emperor's Palace, but I suspect the other seven top forces even more!"

"Makes sense! The remnants of Emperor's Palace are sparse and scattered, hardly a major threat now, and they wouldn't dare provoke us so recklessly!"

"But the other seven top forces are our allies!"

"There are no eternal allies, only eternal interests! For the sake of interests, allies can become enemies!"

"Since the fall of War Emperor and the collapse of Emperor's Palace, the alliance between our eight top forces has been getting weaker and weaker. Some disciples have even fought fiercely among the forces over interests..."

"Alas, the alliance among the eight top forces is now just for show."

"Regardless of which force it is, the fact they're provoking at this time suggests they're taking advantage of our Palace Master being in seclusion to weaken Golden Crow Palace and undermine our prestige! Such intentions are reprehensible!"

"The assailant is elusive, and despite our sending many disciples to investigate, we haven't been able to find any trace of them... This isn't working!"

"Yanshi Immortal Emperor, we must request the Palace Master to come out! This matter requires his leadership!"

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Over a dozen senior leaders of the Golden Crow Sect gathered to discuss the recent events targeting the Golden Crow Palace. They eventually decided to have Yanshi Immortal Emperor request Golden Crow Immortal Emperor to emerge from seclusion.

The assailant's strength was formidable and exceptionally cunning, even Immortal Emperor Realm Experts like them couldn't detect any traces, which frustrated them greatly.

It seemed now that only Golden Crow Immortal Emperor could eliminate the hidden foe lurking in the shadows.

After making the decision, Yanshi Immortal Emperor personally went to the Palace Master Hall to request Golden Crow Immortal Emperor to emerge from seclusion.

Even though Golden Crow Immortal Emperor was in a deep state of cultivation, Yanshi Immortal Emperor had a way to communicate with him.

Yanshi Immortal Emperor released a thread of Divine Sense, entering the Palace Master Hall, lingering briefly beside Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, and then withdrew his Divine Sense.

"Yanshi Immortal Emperor, what do you need?"

A moment later, the virtual image of Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's Primordial Spirit appeared above the Palace Master Hall, watching Yanshi Immortal Emperor with displeasure.

He had previously been disturbed once by Fang Bai controlling Liuguang Immortal King's Divine Sense, and now awakened again by Yanshi Immortal Emperor's Divine Sense, naturally he wasn't in a good mood, speaking with a cold tone.

Yanshi Immortal Emperor slightly bowed, and respectfully said, "Reporting to the Palace Master, some troubling matters have recently arisen within our palace, and the senior leaders are unable to resolve them. We must request you to come out of seclusion to handle this!"

With that, he recounted the recent occurrences.

Golden Crow Immortal Emperor listened, frowning slightly, and said, "Among the other seven top Immortal Emperors, there are a few who indeed aren't pleased with me, but it shouldn't be to the extent of breaking face and sending disciples to provoke us..."

He paused, then continued, "However, those seven top Immortal Emperors are extraordinarily shrewd, and they surely have planted numerous spies within Golden Crow Palace. Thus, despite the secrecy of my acquiring the Demon Clan Emperor's Cultivation Technique and entering seclusion, it's not guaranteed it hasn't been leaked..."

Yanshi Immortal Emperor's expression changed at the thought that the leak might make Golden Crow Palace the enemy of the Immortal Realm.

Golden Crow Immortal Emperor said, "If I succeed in reaching the Great Emperor Realm, I will become the supreme of the Immortal Realm, which the seven top Immortal Emperors do not wish to see. Dispatching experts to deliberately provoke disturbances to disrupt my seclusion isn't out of the question..."

Yanshi Immortal Emperor replied, "Then, Palace Master, what should we do now? Golden Crow Palace has already lost several Immortal King Realm Experts, including a prodigious son and daughter... The other losses are also significant! We need you to make a decision quickly!"

Chapter 2466: The Killing Intent of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor

In the Immortal Realm, any sect's prodigy, both male and female, are rare and are the focus of intensive cultivation and protection by the sects.

Previously, news of the fall of Qingyan Immortal King and the other four great talents had already reached the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, filling him with grief.

At this very moment, upon hearing the news of yet another sect prodigy's demise, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor couldn't help but feel a surge of anger, and he coldly glared at Yanshi Immortal Emperor, sneering, "If you can't even protect our sect's prodigy disciples, what's the use of having you bunch of useless beings?"

An Emperor Realm expert's anger seemed to affect the surrounding celestial environment, turning it ominous.

Being of High Rank Immortal Emperor Realm, Yanshi Immortal Emperor, standing before the enraged Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, couldn't help but bow his head, trembling all over.

In Yanshi Immortal Emperor's impression, ever since the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor began cultivating the Demon Clan Emperor's technique, his temper had grown increasingly violent, and he was genuinely afraid that the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor might vent his wrath upon him in a fit of anger.

Although Yanshi Immortal Emperor was a High Rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert, being second to none in Golden Crow Palace, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor could crush him as easily as squashing an ant.

Yanshi Immortal Emperor and another Vice Palace Master were the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's left and right arms, and the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor still needed them to help manage the Golden Crow Palace; naturally, he wouldn't harm them, as doing so would be like severing his own arm and could put him at a disadvantage in competition with the other seven top powers.

"You may leave now. I will handle this matter myself!"

A moment later, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor waved his hand, and the apparition above the hall disappeared.

Yanshi Immortal Emperor let out a sigh of relief, wiping the layer of cold sweat off his forehead, then turned to leave.

Since the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor said he would handle it himself, it meant he planned to personally deal with the elusive culprit. Unless the culprit was also an Emperor Realm expert, they would be unable to escape under the divine sense of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor.

Within the Palace Master Hall of the Golden Crow Palace, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor sat cross-legged.

This time, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor did not enter a cultivation state but instead released his divine sense, probing the movements within ten thousand miles.

The Golden Crow Immortal Emperor had immense confidence; even if the other seven top Immortal Emperors arrived in person, once they entered his divine sense's range of ten thousand miles, they could not escape his notice.

Only the War Emperor, from a thousand years ago, could approach him unknowingly.

Thinking of the War Emperor, a trace of dread flashed across the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's face; he mused that luckily, the War Emperor had fallen, otherwise, during these thousand years, he and the other seven Immortal Emperors would have remained overshadowed by him, without any chance of rising to prominence.

Though the Emperor's Palace was destroyed, remnants of the Emperor's Palace still existed and were a persistent thorn in the side of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor and the other seven Immortal Emperors. Until this thorn was removed, they could not have peace of mind.

However, despite the relentless pursuit by the eight top forces over the millennia, disciples of the Emperor's Palace were adept at the arts of formation and concealment, hiding across the various Heavenly Domains of the Immortal Realm, preventing their complete eradication.

When hearing Yanshi Immortal Emperor talk about the recent series of incidents, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's first reaction was that it was the work of the Emperor's Palace remnants, but on further thought, those remnants would be too busy evading the eight top powers' chase to muster the courage to commit such a suicidal act by antagonizing the Golden Crow Palace.

Moreover, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor had fortuitously obtained a Demon Clan Emperor's cultivation technique recently. If the other seven top Immortal Emperors learned of this, they would undoubtedly try to prevent him from advancing to the Great Emperor Realm.

After all, the power of the current eight top Immortal Emperors in the Immortal Realm was quite evenly matched, maintaining a balance where none could easily overpower another.

But if the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor succeeded in advancing to the Great Emperor Realm, he would surely aim to unify the Immortal Realm under his rule, leaving no way out for the other seven top Immortal Emperors.

This led the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor to believe that the recent series of events were more likely orchestrated by the powers associated with the other seven Immortal Emperors, aiming to disrupt or sabotage his cultivation progress.

Truthfully, the relationships among the eight top Immortal Emperors had never been harmonious; they had only temporarily allied a thousand years ago to combat the power of the Emperor's Palace and the formidable War Emperor. With the destruction of the Emperor's Palace and the fall of the War Emperor, they lost their greatest adversary, and their relations could no longer return to how they had been.

The Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's divine sense swept over the surrounding ten thousand miles, with a gaze as cold as ice, surging with murderous intent.

If it was confirmed that the recent trouble targeting the Golden Crow Palace was indeed orchestrated by the powers of the other seven Immortal Emperors, he would show no mercy and personally strike to kill, in order to intimidate the opposition and make them realize he was not someone to be trifled with.

The Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's divine sense searched within ten thousand miles, failing to detect any unfamiliar immortal's presence; thus, he remained seated cross-legged in the Palace Master Hall, while his primordial spirit left his body, exploring within several hundred thousand miles for further investigation.

"Within several hundred thousand miles, there seems to be no sign of any outsider immortal; could the culprit have already left?"

A moment later, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor retracted his primordial spirit, murmuring to himself.

Still, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor stayed vigilant, and over the subsequent period, he occasionally released his primordial spirit to search far and wide, yet still found no trace of anything.

"It seems the culprit truly has left..."

Failing to uncover who was targeting him, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor grew intensely frustrated, for if word of this spread, it would bring shame not only upon the Golden Crow Palace but also upon himself, and the other seven top Immortal Emperors would likely mock him over the matter.

"Hmph, I will personally leave to investigate, and I must find out the truth! If I find out who did this, don't blame this Immortal Emperor for being ruthless!"

The Golden Crow Immortal Emperor already had quite a temper, and after cultivating the Demon Clan Emperor's technique, grew even more tyrannical and savage; he couldn't swallow this humiliation and couldn't focus on continued cultivation, deciding to leave the Golden Crow Palace to carefully investigate the matter.

Moreover, having only just begun cultivating the Demon Clan Emperor's technique, he needed to gather eighty-one Immortal Emperor Realm experts and forty-nine Heavenly prodigies, both male and female, to use their essence blood as a guide for unlocking a deeper layer of the Demon Clan Emperor's technique.

Hence, his departure served not only to investigate the culprit but also to capture some Immortal Emperor Realm experts from other sects to imprison in the Golden Crow Palace for cultivation purposes.

"I have matters to attend to and will be leaving the sect for a period. If there are urgent matters, you may crush the messaging jade pendant to notify me, and I will return immediately."

Before leaving the Golden Crow Palace, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor instructed Yanshi Immortal Emperor and other high-level members.

The Immortal Emperor could tear through the void with bare hands and traverse the Endless Space; a journey of millions of miles was but a moment to them.

Therefore, even if the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor traveled far away from the sect, there was no need to worry about the sect being assaulted by experts.

In recent days, Fang Bai remained quietly in his Immortal Residence, not daring to act rashly.

The series of incidents targeting the Golden Crow Palace recently was naturally his doing, relying on his unparalleled art of concealing his presence.

He only stopped once the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor ended his cultivation and began investigating the culprit.

Fang Bai's intention was to draw the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor out of seclusion and, ideally, away from the Golden Crow Palace for a while. Seeing the effect this had, he couldn't help but be overjoyed.

Chapter 2467: Reunion with Qian Jiao

The eight top Immortal Emperors in the current Immortal Realm are all experts proficient in the Array Path.

The Palace Master Hall where the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor resides is similarly surrounded by formations personally arranged by him, which are quite intricate and exquisite. Even if the other seven top Immortal Emperors were to come, they wouldn't be able to uncover it in a short time.

It is for this reason that the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor has peace of mind leaving Golden Crow Palace.

Several days after the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor left, Fang Bai, who had been lying dormant and undetected, went alone to the back mountain and entered a cave with a Concealment Formation. He declared to the outside world that he wanted to go into closed-door cultivation, but in reality, he was preparing to implement his plan to rescue Linghu Qianjiao.

Though the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor was not in Golden Crow Palace, the perception of supreme experts like Yanshi Immortal Emperor is exceedingly powerful. If Fang Bai wanted to rescue Linghu Qianjiao from the underground hall beneath the Palace Master Hall, it still wouldn't be easy.

On this night, Fang Bai released the Wind Essence God, one of the seven Primordial Spirits within his Qi Sea, allowing the Wind Essence God to conceal itself and sneak past all the Golden Crow Palace experts to walk around the Palace Master Hall and observe the situation, preparing for the rescue of Linghu Qianjiao.

The seven Primordial Spirits within Fang Bai's Qi Sea are nearly tangible and can exit the body for a short time, not only possessing all the functions of divine sense but also capable of reaching places beyond the range of divine sense.

The final state of the Primordial Spirit is having flesh and blood, possessing autonomous independent thought and consciousness, wielding formidable power almost equivalent to the host body.

In essence, the final state of the Primordial Spirit is tantamount to a "copy" of the body, able to exist independently even if the host body perishes.

However, to let the Primordial Spirit reach that realm is only possible when the cultivation level of the body advances to the Emperor Realm.

In Fang Bai's previous life, he possessed five Innate Spiritual Roots, being the rare "Desolate Ancient Divine Body" in the Immortal Realm, nurturing five Primordial Spirits within his Qi Sea.

When he achieved the status of Immortal Emperor, the five Primordial Spirits also reached the final state, making him effectively gain five Immortal Emperors as assistants in battles against opponents.

The reason the eight top Immortal Emperors joined forces to besiege Fang Bai was precisely because of this.

In solo combat, they weren't his match at all; they had a chance at winning only by teaming up.

The Wind Essence God released by Fang Bai concealed its form and aura as it circled around the Palace Master Hall of the Golden Crow Palace and didn't find anything unusual, which filled his heart with joy.

Usually, the residence of a sect's Sect Master should always be under the strictest protection.

However, perhaps because the high-level members of Golden Crow Palace were overly confident, they assumed that with the formation personally arranged by the Palace Master for protection, no immortal could enter the Palace Master Hall, thus neglecting it, remaining in their respective Immortal Halls, focusing on cultivation.

It was exactly this negligence of the high-level members of Golden Crow Palace that provided Fang Bai an opportunity.

The formation arranged at the Palace Master Hall by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, although exquisite, wasn't hard to break for Fang Bai, who was unmatched in formations in his previous life.

Fang Bai had been waiting for the opportunity when the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor left.

And now, the opportunity finally arrived.

"Hope everything goes smoothly!"

Fang Bai muttered to himself, then took a deep breath, fully concealed his aura, and moved out of the cave, blending his figure with the night, floating toward the Palace Master Hall of the Golden Crow Palace with a gust of night wind.

If other immortals unfamiliar with formations approached within a hundred meters of the Palace Master Hall, they would trigger the fierce counter of the formation, consequently alarming the masses of immortals in Golden Crow Palace.

Fang Bai had prepared for this beforehand. Using the divine sense of the Liuguang Immortal King to probe earlier, he'd caught a glimpse of the flaw in the formation arranged by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor. Now, while still roughly a hundred meters away from the Palace Master Hall, he continued to move forward while his hands formed array runes one after another, continuously releasing them, then the invisible grand formation opened a passage.

Soon, Fang Bai appeared within Golden Crow Palace's Palace Master Hall without obstruction.

The grand formation behind him closed up again.

The concealment of this grand formation is superb, unless the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor returns, even if Fang Bai causes a significant commotion in this hall, no immortal outside will sense anything.

The Palace Master Hall is also the cultivation site of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, hence it holds numerous precious Emperor Level cultivation resources in considerable amounts.

Emperor Level cultivation resources are used for cultivation by Emperor Realm experts; other realm immortals dare not use them as they cannot withstand the immense impact of the immortal power, which might harm the body.

But Fang Bai, with his robust physique, does not need to care about this. Any cultivation resources acquired can be used extensively without a problem.

"Since I'm here, I won't let that Golden Crow old dog off easy!"

Fang Bai swept his gaze through the hall, then waved his left hand, and after a flash of light from the Five Elements Space Ring, all the Emperor Level cultivation resources in the hall vanished.

The entrance to the underground palace, where Linghu Qianjiao and other captive immortals are held, is right behind the stone seat of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor.

A passage at the entrance is blocked by a Fine Gold gate measuring about a square yard, engraved with intricate array patterns. Without knowledge of formations, even if an Immortal Emperor arrives, they would not be able to budge this Fine Gold gate.

Fang Bai bent over to examine carefully, then smiled at the corner of his mouth and started to carve within the array patterns on the Fine Gold gate with his fingers.

Having confidence, he worked swiftly, and after just over ten breaths, the Fine Gold gate made "creaking" sounds and slowly lifted, revealing stairs leading directly into the underground palace.

After entering the underground palace, Fang Bai saw over a hundred Immortal Emperor Realm experts as well as the prideful sons and daughters of heaven, all sitting cross-legged on the ground with weak auras.

Their weak auras were not due to severe injuries but because their Qi Seas were sealed by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor.

Once a Qi Sea is sealed, an immortal loses resistance and lacks strength even to escape.

Fang Bai immediately spotted Linghu Qianjiao, who was sitting with the Moon Sea Fairy. Perhaps due to the destruction of Moon Sea Sect, their expressions were still filled with angry sorrow.

These immortals were the supreme experts from various sects captured by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor recently, including figures like Moon Sea Fairy, a sect leader. Apart from the prideful sons and daughters of heaven, the weakest possessed initial Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation.

Seeing a disciple clad in Gold Crow Palace garb suddenly appear in the underground palace, many immortals thought their end was near, showing fear, while a minority of immortals, undeterred by death, cursed vehemently.

While Fang Bai changed his appearance and concealed his aura, he didn't deliberately sever the mutual sensing with Linghu Qianjiao.

Thus, when he appeared in the underground palace, Linghu Qianjiao's gaze landed on him, yet for a moment was unsure if it was him.

"Qianjiao, I am Fang Bai, here to rescue you. Stay silent for now."

Seeing Linghu Qianjiao's open slightly mouth, seemingly wanting to speak, Fang Bai immediately stopped her with a glance and conveyed a message through sound transmission.

Chapter 2468: Demon Clan Emperor's Heaven Devouring Art

Certainly! Here is the translation:

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Linghu Qianjiao previously witnessed the annihilation of her sect, Moon Sea Sect, witnessing the fall of nearly ten thousand fellow disciples. Then she and Moon Sea Fairy were taken captive to the Golden Crow Palace, with their Qi Sea sealed, thinking they were doomed, her heart filled with despair.

But unexpectedly, Fang Bai suddenly appeared in front of her.

Hearing Fang Bai's voice transmission, her joy was evident.

"Qianjiao, what's wrong?"

Noticing the change in Linghu Qianjiao's expression, Moon Sea Fairy felt puzzled and instinctively glanced at Fang Bai.

"I..."

Linghu Qianjiao could not lie, nor did she want to reveal Fang Bai's identity. Hence, hearing Moon Sea Fairy's inquiry, she felt flustered.

Fang Bai knew Linghu Qianjiao was simple-hearted and didn't know how to conceal herself, so with a wry smile, he transmitted his voice to Moon Sea Fairy again.

Moon Sea Fairy, being an experienced Immortal Emperor Realm expert, although internally delighted, externally appeared calm. After exchanging a few words quickly with Fang Bai through Thread Condensation Sound Transmission Technique, she fell silent.

Actually, upon knowing that the one who acted against Moon Sea Sect was Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, Moon Sea Fairy felt more despair than Linghu Qianjiao, having lost all hope of escape.

Because Linghu Qianjiao ascended from the lower realm, she might have heard of Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's fame but doesn't necessarily know how powerful he is. However, Moon Sea Fairy, having been born and raised in the Immortal Realm, had the name of Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, revered for tens of thousands of years, ringing in her ears.

She never anticipated that with Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's stature, he would personally deal with a small sect like Moon Sea Sect.

Although the sect was destroyed, Moon Sea Fairy was filled with resentment, the immense disparity in strength left her without the spirit of revenge.

Seeing Fang Bai in front of her, Moon Sea Fairy felt astonishingly shocked, thinking it incredible, not knowing how he managed to enter here.

This is the Immortal Hall where Golden Crow Immortal Emperor resides, guarded by a superb formation. Even if Golden Crow Immortal Emperor isn't present, with Fang Bai's cultivation level, how could he have gotten in?

Moon Sea Fairy had many doubts in her heart but knew now wasn't the time to ask. She thought if they could escape Golden Crow Palace alive this time, it would be great fortune.

Fang Bai could enter here, evidently possessing highly advanced stealth movement techniques, avoiding the detection of Golden Crow Palace's high-level's divine sense. But taking them away, wouldn't be that easy?

However, the sentence Fang Bai transmitted earlier, "I have a way," still gave Moon Sea Fairy a glimmer of hope.

Moon Sea Fairy thought Fang Bai should indeed have a way because she knew Fang Bai could disregard other immortals' lives, but shouldn't take Linghu Qianjiao's life lightly.

Fang Bai did not rush to put Linghu Qianjiao and Moon Sea Fairy into the Five Elements Space Ring but carefully observed this enormous underground palace.

Although he knew that Golden Crow Palace had such an underground palace, this is still the first time he entered it in both his previous and current lives.

"Hmm? What is that?"

Fang Bai's gaze shifted to a giant Immortal Stone Pillar in the center of the underground palace, noticing an ancient painting stuck on the pillar.

The painting depicted a mighty Demon Clan figure standing proudly in the sky, with rows of strange symbols below.

Those symbols, ordinary immortals couldn't understand. But Fang Bai's previous life cultivation had ascended the pinnacle of the Immortal Realm, nearly breaking the Immortal Emperor bottleneck, infinitely approaching becoming a Great Emperor. Upon careful examination, he realized it was a Supreme Techniques of the Demon Clan.

"Heaven Devouring Art... Could the figure on the painting be the Heaven Devouring Great Emperor, the peerless Demon Clan Emperor emerging millions of years ago?"

Fang Bai silently read the symbols, finding the words "Heaven Devouring," his heart stirred.

Legend says the Heaven Devouring Great Emperor is a peerless Demon Clan Emperor that emerged in millions of years, single-handedly exterminating numerous strong figures in the Immortal Realm, causing all immortals to tremble with dread.

Later, a stunningly talented Great Emperor emerged from the Immortal Realm to battle him. The two Great Emperors clashed, coloring the world, shattering mountains and rivers, then tore the void, entering the Endless Space to continue fighting, disappearing without a trace and never appearing again.

It is said the Heaven Devouring Great Emperor cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art technique.

"Yanshi Immortal Emperor said Golden Crow Immortal Emperor acquired the Demon Clan Great Emperor's techniques, could it be referring to this Heaven Devouring Art?"

Fang Bai raised his hand, grabbed the painting from the void, intending to examine it carefully but felt a strand of powerful demonic blood fiend Qi entering his body through his hand, trying to corrupt his spirit.

Fang Bai was greatly alarmed, hurriedly clasped his Primordial Spirit, guarding the core of his consciousness, while channeling the seven strands of Chaos Immortal Qi within his Qi Sea to confront the blood fiend Qi.

The blood fiend Qi was strong, but ultimately couldn't defeat Fang Bai's Chaos Immortal Qi within, eventually being eradicated, devoured, purified, becoming part of the Chaos Immortal Qi, integrating into Fang Bai's Qi Sea.

"I'll be right back!"

Fang Bai felt his Qi Sea swelling, seemingly on the verge of a breakthrough, worried that advancing in this underground palace would cause a shockwave affecting Linghu Fairy and other immortals. So, he put the painting containing the Heaven Devouring Art into the Five Elements Space Ring, instantly returning to the Palace Master Hall above, sitting cross-legged there.

"Boom!"

A few breaths later, a powerful aura burst forth from Fang Bai's body, transforming into a shockwave expanding in all directions centered around him.

The Palace Master Hall was exceptionally sturdy, coupled with the protection of a marvelous formation, the shockwave was contained within the hall, not leaking a bit.

Fang Bai prepared to stabilize his realm, then rescue Linghu Qianjiao and Moon Sea Fairy, but found the immortal Qi within him raging incessantly, unable to suppress it.

He was extremely surprised, realizing that the blood fiend Qi contained within the painting of the Heaven Devouring Art was immensely strong. Successfully devouring and owning it brought unexpected benefits.

"Since that's the case, let's go once more!"

Fang Bai's eyes shone, reversing his hand to swallow a large quantity of Emperor Level Immortal Pills obtained from Palace Master Hall earlier, utilizing the immortal power generated by the pills, along with his original Chaos Immortal Qi, once again attacked a new realm.

This time advancing took a bit longer; after a hundred breaths, Fang Bai succeeded in the new wave of aura expansion and advanced further.

"Now at the Eighth Grade Immortal King Realm... Hmm, I should be able to contend with Immortal Emperor Realm experts now..."

Fang Bai murmured, a hint of joy appearing on his face.

Previously, although his cultivation was at the Immortal King Realm, his opponents were only restricted to Immortal King Realm experts. Compared with actual Immortal Emperor Realm experts, he was far behind.

But now, although he is not yet an Immortal Emperor Realm expert, his combat capability has a qualification to challenge Immortal Emperor Realm experts, stepping into a new realm.

Even the seven Primordial Spirits floating in his Qi Sea shone brightly, faintly indicating new changes.

Fang Bai slightly stabilized his realm, then returned to the underground palace.

Chapter 2469: Don't Let Them Off So Easily!

When Moon Sea Fairy saw Fang Bai leave earlier, he was only at the sixth-grade Immortal King cultivation level, but after more than a hundred breaths, when he descended again, he was already at the eighth-grade Immortal King cultivation level. She was extremely shocked inside, not understanding what had just happened.

"Could it be that his sudden advancement is related to that painting?"

Moon Sea Fairy recalled the painting on the Immortal Stone Pillar, and her heart suddenly stirred.

When she was initially captured and brought to this underground palace, she had noticed that painting and felt that the rows of symbols seemed to emit an ancient aura, containing the Great Dao Acre. She had even devoted her efforts to studying it but regrettably achieved nothing, forcing her to give up.

She remembered Fang Bai showing a look of surprise while watching the painting, as if he had discovered some incredible secret, then he packed up the painting, left in a hurry, and returned with a skyrocketing cultivation level.

Moon Sea Fairy speculated that Fang Bai's advancement was definitely inseparable from that mysterious painting.

Linghu Qianjiao also sensed the change in Fang Bai's aura and knew that his cultivation had greatly improved, feeling uncontrollably joyful.

"I will take you away now!"

Fang Bai planned to let Linghu Qianjiao and Moon Sea Fairy enter the Five Elements Space Ring, then take them away, but he didn't want other immortals to know that he possessed such a supreme treasure as the Five Elements Space Ring. Thus, he first brought the two Female Immortals to the Palace Master Hall above the underground palace.

"Wushuang Immortal King, I ask you for a favor!"

Moon Sea Fairy suddenly said.

Fang Bai was taken aback and asked, "What is it?"

Moon Sea Fairy said hatefully, "The Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor and other experts of the Chaos Heaven Sect in the underground palace killed quite a few disciples of our sect, so I ask the Wushuang Immortal King to kill them to avenge our sect's disciples!"

Fang Bai glanced at Linghu Qianjiao, seeing her nod with a look of grief and anger, then said, "Okay."

Not having seen the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor or the experts of the Chaos Heaven Sect, Fang Bai led Moon Sea Fairy and Linghu Qianjiao back to the underground palace.

The Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor and other experts of the underground palace all assumed Fang Bai was a disciple of the Golden Crow Palace and didn't understand why he suddenly took Moon Sea Fairy and Linghu Fairy away, believing that the two Female Immortals were doomed. Just as they were anxious, they saw the three of them returning again.

"Point out who the immortals of the Chaos Heaven Sect are, and I will deal with them!"

Fang Bai transmitted to Moon Sea Fairy.

Thereupon, Moon Sea Fairy used transmission to tell Fang Bai the appearance and traits of the dozen Chaos Heaven Sect Immortal Emperor Realm experts, including the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor.

With each mention of a Chaos Heaven Sect immortal by Moon Sea Fairy, Fang Bai stretched out his Immortal Essence Big Palm and grabbed them, then tossed them from the underground passage to the Palace Master Hall above.

Within tens of breaths, a dozen immortals of the Chaos Heaven Sect were all thrown to the Palace Master Hall above by Fang Bai.

The other immortals, guessing it wouldn't be good for those immortals who Fang Bai took away, feared they would be next, their faces turned pale, not daring to speak.

But in the next moment, Fang Bai and the other three immortals left the underground palace without touching the other immortals in the slightest, allowing the immortals to breathe a sigh of relief.

Despite many of these immortals having the foreboding that being brought here by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor wouldn't end well, at least for now, they remained safe.

When enemies meet, their eyes burn red with hatred.

Back in the Palace Master Hall, Moon Sea Fairy, seeing the weak aura of the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor, felt indignation rise and rushed to him, slapping his face.

"Slap!"

The Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor's focus was wholly on Fang Bai and couldn't dodge, being struck directly by Moon Sea Fairy's slap, leaving a red mark on his face as he grimaced in pain and cried out loudly.

If it weren't for his Qi Sea being sealed, devoid of immortal power, Moon Sea Fairy's slap would have cost the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor his head.

Of course, to the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor, if not for his Qi Sea being sealed, how could Moon Sea Fairy have hit him?

The Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor's cultivation level was initially higher than Moon Sea Fairy by a minor realm, now getting slapped is an utter disgrace.

"Old woman, once I escape, I'll kill you first!"

The Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor glared angrily at Moon Sea Fairy, speaking bitterly.

Moon Sea Fairy scoffed with ridicule and sneered, "Escape? You're dreaming!"

She bowed slightly to Fang Bai and said, "Wushuang Immortal King, please take action!"

Upon hearing her words, the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor was shocked, turning his eyes to Fang Bai, seeing Fang Bai approach one step at a time, with killing intent displayed. He panicked and

tremblingly said to Fang Bai, "Imm... Immortal Friend, why aid her? My Chaos Heaven Sect has never offended the Golden Crow Palace..."

Before he could finish, Fang Bai's Immortal Essence Big Palm had already grabbed him.

With Fang Bai's current cultivation level, a firm grasp would explode the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor.

"Killing a dozen Immortal Emperor Realm experts would be such a waste; better refine them into puppet corpses for my use!"

Fang Bai then considered, a sly grin stealing across his face, with a flash of light from his left hand's Five Elements Space Ring, the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor vanished into thin air.

Under the astonished and shocked gaze of Moon Sea Fairy, Fang Bai lightly waved his left hand, and the other dozen Chaos Heaven Sect Immortal Emperor Realm experts collapsed on the ground were also collected into the Five Elements Space Ring.

"This... this..."

Moon Sea Fairy couldn't understand Fang Bai having the Five Elements Space Ring, seeing the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor and other Chaos Heaven Sect experts disappearing into thin air, she was stunned and speechless.

"Anything curious, let Qianjiao explain it to you! Let's leave here first before discussing more!"

As Fang Bai spoke, he casually collected Linghu Qianjiao and Moon Sea Fairy into the Five Elements Space Ring, knowing that inside the ring, Linghu Qianjiao would explain everything to her clearly.

"Just leaving like this will benefit the Golden Crow Palace too much. No, I have to mess with them!"

Fang Bai rolled his eyes, coming up with a plan, he entered the underground palace for the third time.

This time, he lightly printed a palm on the Qi Seas of the remaining dozen Immortal Emperor Realm experts.

This gentle palm, released the seals on the Qi Seas of these Immortal Emperor Realm experts, and within tens of breaths, they would restore their former strength.

With these actions completed, Fang Bai departed without pause, concealing his presence and aura, furtively slipping away from the Golden Crow Palace's area, until thousands of miles away, out of the range of high-level Divine Sense detection, where he summoned the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, fleeing afar.

When leaving the Palace Master Hall of the Golden Crow Palace, Fang Bai destroyed the great array set up around the hall.

This way, when tens of breaths later, the trapped Immortal Emperor Realm experts in the underground palace regained their power and discovered an opportunity to escape, they would definitely scatter and flee.

And once the high-ups of the Golden Crow Palace discovered this, they would surely engage in interception.

By then, the Golden Crow Palace would indeed be bustling with chaotic turmoil.

Riding on the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, Fang Bai, imagining the entire Golden Crow Palace thrown into pandemonium, couldn't help but burst out in hearty laughter.

#### Chapter 2470: Chaos in the Golden Crow Palace

After Fang Bai left the Golden Crow Palace, the chaos that occurred was similar to what he had imagined.

Dozens of Immortal Emperor Realm experts who had been captured by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor to the Golden Crow Palace, chose to flee decisively after restoring their strength, fearing that the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor might suddenly return.

The high-ranking members of the Golden Crow Palace were astonished when they discovered the Formation around the Palace Master Hall had been breached, and the numerous captured Immortal Emperor Realm experts along with the prodigies had escaped from the Palace Master Hall. They immediately tried to intercept them.

The Golden Crow Palace's higher-ups knew that those trapped in the underground palace beneath the Palace Master Hall were captured by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor for cultivation purposes. If they escaped, the Palace Master would surely be furious upon his return.

And among these higher-ups, several would certainly be unlucky.

Thus, one side was desperately trying to escape while the other was desperately trying to prevent them, leading to an inevitable chaotic battle among nearly a hundred Immortal Emperor Realm experts and prodigies.

Without the presence of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, the several dozen captured Immortal Emperor Realm experts weren't significantly weaker than the Golden Crow Palace higher-ups.

Therefore, this battle turned the Golden Crow Palace upside down.

A large number of Immortal Halls were destroyed in the fierce battles, entire mountain peaks collapsed, and thousands of Golden Crow Palace disciples, affected by the battle, either perished or were injured, causing severe losses.

Seeing the situation spiraling out of control, the Yanshi Immortal Emperor reluctantly crushed the Messaging Jade Token to summon the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor back.

The space tore open and traversing the endless space from millions of miles away, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor returned to the Golden Crow Palace and was nearly driven to rage when he saw the chaotic scene.

Influenced by the Heaven Devouring Art of the Demon Clan Emperor, his temperament had long changed, and in his fury, he turned blood-eyed, like a madman, and slaughtered all the captured Immortal Emperor Realm experts and prodigies.

Not even a few Golden Crow Palace disciples were spared and fell victim to the frenzied attacks of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor.

After dealing with the captured immortals, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor immediately entered his Palace Master Hall to investigate.

Upon his return to the Golden Crow Palace, he noticed the Formation around the Palace Master Hall was destroyed, which alerted him of the trouble.

Sure enough, upon entering the hall, he saw all his cultivation resources were gone.

Entering the underground palace, he found that the Heaven Devouring Art he had obtained by chance from the Demon Clan Emperor had also vanished, which angered the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor immensely, causing him to roar at the sky.

"Who? Who did this? Who stole my Heaven Devouring Art?"

The Golden Crow Immortal Emperor had been cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art for some time and felt he had grasped some of its intricacies. He was originally planning to use the blood essence of the captured immortals on the Heaven Devouring Art's blueprint to reveal more powerful runes.

Unexpectedly, all those immortals had been released from their seals, and the Heaven Devouring Art was nowhere to be found.

The Heaven Devouring Art acquired by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor had displayed only a part of the introductory runes. To reveal the subsequent runes, it required the blood essence of numerous Immortal Emperor Realm experts and prodigies to be dripped onto it.

Hence, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor captured immortals and brought them back to the Golden Crow Palace for imprisonment.

However, before he could gather enough immortals, this incident happened, and the Heaven Devouring Art disappeared, how could he not be furious?

He couldn't imagine anyone other than the other seven top Immortal Emperors having the capability to break the Formation around his Palace Master Hall and unseal the Qi Sea of those Immortal Emperor Realm experts.

"It must be them! They can't tolerate my success in reaching the Great Emperor Realm, so they are intentionally causing trouble! Only they can come and go without a trace, leaving no sign of any presence! It's truly hateful!"

Unable to find any traces of other immortals at the scene, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor directed his suspicion towards the other seven top Immortal Emperors, believing they were the most likely culprits.

Because, aside from the seven top Immortal Emperors, he truly couldn't think of anyone else in the current Immortal Realm daring to target the Golden Crow Palace so fiercely and stir such a storm.

In truth, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor was unaware that the blame partly lay on himself this time.

If he had dispersed the over one hundred Immortal Emperor Realm experts captured and imprisoned them in different places, Fang Bai would have had no opportunity and the subsequent chaos of dozens of Immortal Emperor Realm experts escaping and causing havoc in the Golden Crow Palace wouldn't have occurred.

The chaos "directed" by Fang Bai caused the Golden Crow Palace heavy casualties, not to mention the loss of numerous cultivation resources and thousands of fallen disciples, and the deaths of many high-ranking members in the chaos pained the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor.

After this incident, it would likely take a thousand years for the Golden Crow Palace's overall strength to return to its peak.

Although the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor wanted to cover up the incident, the truth couldn't be concealed for long, and eventually, the matter spread widely.

Upon hearing of the incident, the seven top Immortal Emperors in the Immortal Realm were astonished and speculated on the mastermind behind the event, while sending disciples to the Golden Crow Palace to "console," but were all rebuffed by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor.

After this incident, the trust between the Golden Crow Palace and the other seven top forces was utterly broken, and their relationships grew increasingly cold and distant.

With its strength greatly reduced, the Golden Crow Palace no longer flaunts as it used to. The disciples have become reclusive, quietly cultivating within the palace.

Even the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor declared he would remain in seclusion within the palace, refusing to meet any immortals.

In reality, only a few high-ranking members like the Yanshi Immortal Emperor know that the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor didn't actually retreat into seclusion, but quietly left to investigate and hunt down the immortals who stole his Heaven Devouring Art.

The Golden Crow Immortal Emperor originally intended to rely on the Heaven Devouring Art to charge towards the Great Emperor Realm and transcend the other Immortal Emperors. However, as he had only cultivated the introductory portion of the Heaven Devouring Art, in order to access deeper cultivation techniques, he must retrieve the Heaven Devouring Art again.

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Fang Bai rode the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, flew tens of thousands of miles, and distanced himself from the Golden Crow Palace, arriving at a secret realm nestled in deep mountains.

Before heading to the Golden Crow Palace to rescue Linghu Qianjiao, to prevent endangering Xia Chenyu, Qin Yaorao, Lotus Fairy, Fan Hua, the daughter of Antarctica Immortal Emperor in the Five

Elements Space Ring, as well as his parents and sister Fang Yun in the mortal realm, Fang Bai had them temporarily stay in this secret realm.

This time upon return, Fang Bai would reunite with them, and together with Lotus Fairy, head to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea to explore and see if they could find any news of the Hundred Flowers Empress.

Entering the secret realm, Xia Chenyu, Qin Yaorao, Lotus Fairy, Fan Hua, Fang Yun, Fang Gang, and Yang Mei sensed the presence of Fang Bai and other immortals, and emerged from a stone house to meet them.

Seeing Fang Bai rescuing Linghu Qianjiao on this outing, Fang Yun and Fang Gang were particularly joyful, warmly engaging with her, full of enthusiasm.

Lotus Fairy and Fan Hua learned that Linghu Qianjiao was Fang Bai's immortal partner and treated her with exceptional respect.