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Chapter 2471: Journey to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea

Fang Bai knew that after discovering the disappearance of the Heaven Devouring Art he cultivated, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor would undoubtedly search frantically everywhere.

Prior to leaving the Golden Crow Palace, Fang Bai left a trace of lingering scent there, so the high-ranking members of the Golden Crow Palace would believe he was affected in that great battle and has already fallen and thus wouldn't suspect him to be the instigator of that chaotic battle.

Inside the Secret Realm, Fang Bai did not hurry to leave, but temporarily stayed.

Back then, the Antarctica Immortal Emperor entrusted his daughter, Fan Hua, to Fang Bai for guidance, and when Fang Bai had free time, he would explain the Dao of Cultivation to Fan Hua, and incidentally let Xia Chenyu, Qin Yaorao, Lotus Fairy, Fang Yun, and others participate in listening, then let them comprehend the cultivation by themselves.

Towards the Heaven Devouring Art within the Five Elements Space Ring, Fang Bai remained curious, thinking that whether it's the Immortal Dao or the Demon Dao, it's all part of the Dao of Cultivation, he could also comprehend it in the future, which might be beneficial to cultivation.

As for whether he would be like the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, with his mind corrupted by the demonic nature within the Heaven Devouring Art, leading to confusion, Fang Bai was not worried.

He had experienced the ups and downs, countless dangers and challenges, through tens of thousands of years across two lives, making his resolve incomparable to other Immortal Emperors, confident in his ability to resist the erosion of demonic nature.

However, comprehending such a supreme Demon Arts as the Heaven Devouring Art isn't something that can be achieved in a short period, so Fang Bai wasn't in a rush.

Right now, what Fang Bai needed to address was to refine the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor and over a dozen Immortal Emperor Realm experts from Chaos Heaven Sect within the Five Elements Space Ring into puppet corpses.

Originally, according to the Moon Sea Fairy's intention, it was envisioned to decisively eliminate Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor and other dead enemies, but Fang Bai felt that these were over a dozen Immortal Emperor Realm experts, rather than killing them, he might as well refine them into puppet corpses for his own use, so that when he encounters strong enemies in the future, he can summon them to assist in battle.

Including the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor, the collective combat power of more than a dozen high-ranking members of the Chaos Heaven Sect is still impressive, and Fang Bai felt that after refining them into puppet corpses, having them practice some joint attack-defense formations, they could even counter an Immortal Emperor Realm peak expert.

With such a strong "shield," Fang Bai can journey through the Immortal Realm without fear of any Immortal Emperor Realm expert as long as he doesn't encounter an Immortal Emperor capable of tearing the void with bare hands or subduing innumerable immortals in a single thought.

The process of refining Immortal Emperor Realm puppets took quite awhile, and Fang Bai secluded himself in a cave for a whole month before finally succeeding.

And training a dozen Immortal Emperor Realm puppets to practice joint attack-defense formations took Fang Bai another month.

Within two months, a dozen Immortal Emperor Realm puppets were trained by Fang Bai to be as proficiently coordinated as his own arms, with formidable combat power when combined.

"I plan to pay a visit to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea with the Lotus Fairy to inquire about her master, the Hundred Flowers Empress. The rest of you can continue cultivating in this Secret Realm."

One day, Fang Bai spoke to Xia Chenyu, Qin Yaorao, and other immortals.

Nine Nether Thunder Sea, formed in unknown years, with constant thunderous roars and intertwining lightning snakes, presents a horrifying spectacle.

Nine Nether Thunder Sea consists of nine areas from outside to inside, where the power of thunder grows stronger the deeper one goes.

Some immortals who committed heinous deeds and are rejected by the Immortal Realm are often exiled here to undergo punishment from the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, causing excruciating agony, and surviving the ordeal is considered a monumental fortune.

Therefore, the Nine Nether Thunder Sea is also referred to by immortals as the "Land of Immortal Punishment."

Due to the treacherousness of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, Fang Bai decided not to take Xia Chenyu and other immortals along, leaving them safely cultivating in this Secret Realm and summoning them when necessary.

Of course, upon arrival at the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, if things prove unmanageable, Fang Bai doesn't intend to act recklessly.

After all, the Hundred Flowers Empress has been training in the Nine Nether Thunder Sea for a century; there's no urgent need.

"Can't we come along?"

Xia Chenyu and Qin Yaorao were somewhat reluctant to part with Fang Bai.

Fang Bai laughed and said: "Your presence would only distract me! Also, you've already fallen behind in terms of strength compared to me. If this continues, how will you assist in rebuilding the Emperor's Palace and seeking vengeance against the eight top-tier Immortal Emperors? So stay and train well, and I will test you when I return!"

Xia Chenyu and Qin Yaorao, being reasonable female immortals, merely vented frustrations whimsically. If Fang Bai truly intended to bring them along, they would, upon considering the potential distraction they could cause, likely decide against following him.

Fang Bai left ample cultivation resources for Xia Chenyu and other immortals for their forthcoming training, and set up several layers of Concealment Formations within the Secret Realm.

Additionally, Fang Bai imparted joint combat formations to Xia Chenyu, Qin Yaorao, Fan Hua, and other immortals, along with having the Moon Sea Fairy, a mid-tier Immortal Emperor Realm female immortal, assisting them. As long as they remain cautious, they should encounter no troubles.

The Moon Sea Fairy was now aware of Fang Bai's true identity, yet despite knowing this, she remained shocked although increasingly delighted, thinking now to support Fang Bai strenuously, so that when the Emperor's Palace regains its glory, with such a powerful backing, she might possibly rebuild the fallen Moon Sea Sect.

Despite Xia Chenyu, Qin Yaorao, and other immortals' reluctance to part, Fang Bai finally departed, accompanied by the Lotus Fairy and the Single-Horned Dragon Horse.

Nine Nether Thunder Sea is located in the extreme eastern region of the Transcending Heaven Realm, requiring passage through numerous mountains, rivers, wastelands, deserts, primordial forests, vast oceans...

Fang Bai and the Lotus Fairy rode the Single-Horned Dragon Horse, turning into a streamer, and flew at high speed.

Upon reaching each Immortal City, they stayed for a while to search for immortals from the lower realm.

One day, Fang Bai and the Lotus Fairy used a Teleportation Array in an Immortal City to directly reach the Beast Bone Wasteland, millions of miles away.

Beyond the Beast Bone Wasteland lies the Nine Nether Thunder Sea.

It is said that the Beast Bone Wasteland harbors numerous Immortal Birds and Immortal Beasts' bones, all fallen during the great immortal, demon, and monster battle from ten million years ago, including bones of Immortal Emperor Realm and even Immortal Emperor Realm beast bones.

Although those immensely powerful Immortal Birds and Immortal Beasts have fallen for tens of millions of years, some of their bones still contain tremendous pressure and murderous intent.

Immortals whose strength is below the Immortal Emperor Realm mostly dare not enter the Beast Bone Wasteland, as the pervading pressure and murderous intent within are challenging for them to endure.

Before entering the Beast Bone Wasteland, the Lotus Fairy followed Fang Bai's instructions and entered his Five Elements Space Ring once more, to prevent Fang Bai, in case of encountering peril in the Beast Bone Wasteland, from needing to also care for her.

The Beast Bone Wasteland is not really a wasteland because many immortals cross this wasteland to enter the Nine Nether Thunder Sea for training, attracting a multitude of ferocious Immortal Birds and Beasts to roam within, hunting immortals for food.

Chapter 2472: Siblings

Due to the immense pressure shrouding the Beast Bone Wasteland, apart from those powerful enough to be of the Immortal Emperor realm, immortals of other realms cannot fly for extended periods. Moreover, flying consumes a significant amount of immortal power.

Therefore, most immortals heading to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea for training choose to travel across the wasteland to conserve their immortal power.

This inevitably leads to collisions with the wandering Immortal Birds and Beasts within the Beast Bone Wasteland.

Countless powerful immortals over millions of years have met their fates in this wasteland, becoming one among the multitude of skeletons, never having glimpsed the Nine Nether Thunder Sea.

After rejuvenating at the edge of the Beast Bone Wasteland, Fang Bai finally set foot inside.

Due to the pressure, the immortals' Divine Sense was also greatly limited within the Beast Bone Wasteland, reaching only about a hundred Baili around.

At such a distance, a surprise attack from a powerful Immortal Bird or Beast could be extremely disadvantageous.

However, this was not a problem for Fang Bai.

After entering the Beast Bone Wasteland, Fang Bai used the Beast Taming Scripture to control several Immortal King realm Immortal Birds and Beasts, dispersing them in the sky and on the ground to monitor lurking threats, ensuring his safety.

Within the vast expanse of the Beast Bone Wasteland, Fang Bai was not the only immortal making his way toward the Nine Nether Thunder Sea.

During his journey, Fang Bai occasionally encountered other immortals, almost all of whom were Immortal Emperor Realm experts.

Occasionally, there would be one or two Ninth Grade Immortal King realm experts, who were prodigies or celestial elites with innate Spiritual Roots and the ability to challenge higher levels.

The majority of these immortals practiced Thunder Immortal Technique Secrets or possessed Innate Thunder Spiritual Roots.

It was clear why they headed to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea—to train in the place that was terrifying even to discuss.

Though extremely dangerous, the Nine Nether Thunder Sea was equally filled with opportunities. The countless Thunder Attributed Cultivation Resources, including Thunder Immortal Stones within, stirred excitement in the hearts of those practicing the Thunder System, compelling them to venture forth despite knowing the danger.

Fang Bai concealed his other auras, leaving only the Thunder Immortal Qi, thus appearing to other immortals as an Eighth Grade Immortal King with an Innate Thunder Spirit Root.

Immortals with Innate Thunder Spirit Roots were naturally close to Thunder Immortal Qi and could withstand more powerful lightning strikes upon entering the Nine Nether Thunder Sea.

This way, Fang Bai, with his Eighth Grade Immortal King Cultivation Realm, would not attract unusual attention while training in the Nine Nether Thunder Sea.

The Beast Bone Wasteland had not changed much compared to a thousand years ago. However, the skeletons of immortals and Immortal Birds and Beasts had increased, and the vicious aura of bloodshed in the heavens and earth had grown stronger.

In his past life, Fang Bai had ventured to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea multiple times. Even in the current world, probably no immortal knew better than he the best shortcut for reaching the Nine Nether Thunder Sea.

Taking the shortest path to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, Fang Bai transformed into a stream of light, quickly traversing the terrain, leaving many immortals behind and avoiding many Immortal Bird and Beast attacks, delving thousands of miles deep in no time.

The deeper he went, the more skeletons appeared in the wasteland. Fang Bai even saw the bones of powerful creatures like Dragon Bones and Phoenix Remains.

Suddenly, via a controlled Immortal Bird, Fang Bai learned of a fierce battle between immortals and a beast several hundred miles ahead.

Initially, Fang Bai intended to avoid the battle and pass by at a distance, but as he got closer, he found the auras of the two immortals fighting a beast somewhat familiar, along with their sharp shouts and angry voices.

Fang Bai approached closer, sensed carefully, and couldn't help a look of surprised excitement to show on his face.

He sped forward, soon appearing beside the battlefield of the two male and female immortals and the two beasts.

The two battling immortals, a male and female, noticed Fang Bai but were unsure whether he was friend or foe, unable to spare any attention to examine him.

In Fang Bai's eyes, the two immortals had disguised themselves and concealed part of their auras with a secret technique, which might fool other immortals but couldn't deceive Fang Bai.

Because the disguising and aura-concealing techniques they used were taught by Fang Bai in his previous life.

Indeed, those two were disciples of the former Emperor's Palace and two of the seventy-two minor war generals under Fang Bai's command, with the male known as the "Xielei Immortal Emperor" and the female as "Fairy Yun Lei."

Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei were siblings. A thousand years ago, their cultivation level was at the initial Immortal Emperor Realm. Now, they were at the mid-Immortal Emperor Realm.

To have advanced one small realm under full pursuit by the eight top powers over a thousand years was, in Fang Bai's view, quite remarkable.

Out of the one hundred and eight major and minor war generals from the former Emperor's Palace, most perished in the Emperor's Palace's downfall. To meet Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei again here made Fang Bai understandably excited and joyful.

Both siblings practiced Thunder Techniques. Naturally, they came to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea for training, only to be attacked by a powerful Immortal Beast on their way.

The formidable Immortal Beast was a Cloud-Piercing Leopard, agile in speed, its combat power very near to a high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert. Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei could only match its strength by joining forces.

Seeing the siblings not facing immediate defeat, Fang Bai watched leisurely from the side, preparing to advise when the crucial moment arrived.

Although Fang Bai's cultivation level was still low, his insight surpassed that of any immortals. He identified several flaws in the Cloud-Piercing Leopard's attacks. By voicing guidance to Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei, he could help them gain an upper hand and secure victory in this confrontation.

The technique Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei were using was a dual-combat formation taught by Fang Bai in his previous life, capable of multiplying their combat power. In addition, the Immortal Artifacts in their hands were also crafted by the former Fang Bai, extraordinary in power, allowing them to contend with the Cloud-Piercing Leopard, one realm stronger than them.

If replaced by other immortals of the same realm, they might have already fallen under the Cloud-Piercing Leopard's fierce assault.

A hundred breaths later, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei finally began showing signs of defeat.

Fearing being seen by other passing immortals, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei dared not use the Emperor's Palace's Immortal Technique Secrets, otherwise, their battle power would be stronger, and endurance longer. But getting witnessed by other immortals would be disastrous.

"Both of you, simultaneously unleash the Thunderstrike Roar Technique Art, aim one at its head and the other at its leopard tail!"

Fang Bai communicated to Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei.

The voice of Fang Bai was exceedingly familiar to Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei, one they were unconditionally obedient to. Upon hearing his voice, almost instinctively, they unleashed the Thunderstrike Roar Technique Art, targeting the Cloud-Piercing Leopard's weak spots as Fang Bai instructed.

The Cloud-Piercing Leopard was about to unleash a thunderous roar and lash its tail in a lightning attack when, unexpectedly, its brewing assault was blocked by Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei's strikes, sealing its intended attack.

It was as if someone trying to speak had their mouth covered, unable to utter a word, causing the Cloud-Piercing Leopard great discomfort.

Chapter 2473: Disrespectful

The Cloud-Piercing Leopard, possessing a cultivation level nearly at the high rank of the Immortal Emperor Realm, was ultimately unable to withstand the combined, increasingly courageous attacks of Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei, and fled swiftly.

Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei did not pursue the Cloud-Piercing Leopard. They stood side by side, astonished and curious, looking at Fang Bai, wondering if that familiar voice just now truly came from this little immortal at the eighth grade of the Immortal King Realm.

"His voice is really too similar to that of the Palace Master!"

Fairy Yun Lei did not sense the familiar aura from Fang Bai, and couldn't help but give a bitter smile, sending a message to Xielei Immortal Emperor.

Xielei Immortal Emperor sighed, "If I didn't see his appearance and only heard his voice, I would have thought the Palace Master was reborn!"

Thinking of the Palace Master who had perished millennia ago, the siblings became sorrowful.

"However, although his cultivation is not high, his insight is remarkable, being able to discern the flaw in the Cloud-Piercing Leopard's attack. A promising youth indeed!"

Fairy Yun Lei sized up Fang Bai and said with admiration.

Xielei Immortal Emperor noted Fang Bai's innate Thunder Spirit Root, and couldn't help but feel an appreciation for talent, nodding, "Hmm, when one's insight surpasses their cultivation level, they are often a prodigy! I wonder if he has already become a disciple of some sect..."

Knowing her brother's thoughts, Fairy Yun Lei smiled and said, "I'll ask him if he has already joined any sect. If he is still a loose cultivator, he would make an excellent disciple!"

She ended the exchange with her brother and gestured for Fang Bai to come closer.

Fang Bai stood there without moving, smiling as he looked at Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei, and transmitted a message to them, "You two, how dare you! Why do you not come to pay respect upon seeing the Palace Master?"

His voice was like a thunderclap on a clear day, echoing in Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei's ears, leaving them dumbstruck on the spot.

Fang Bai waved his hands and swiftly set up a temporary concealment formation within several tens of feet, then stood with his hands behind him, smilingly looking at the two immortals. Under their shocked gazes, the flesh and bones of his face began to change.

A few moments later, Fang Bai transformed into the appearance of the War Emperor from his previous life, also emitting the unique aura of the Emperor's Palace Master.

When they discovered that apart from his cultivation level being far inferior to the Palace Master of years past, everything else matched highly with the former Palace Master, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei couldn't help but be gawking in disbelief.

"You... you..."

Xielei Immortal Emperor couldn't believe that the immortal before him was the Palace Master of old, yet was at a loss as to why an immortal so resembling the Palace Master existed in the Immortal Realm. He pointed at Fang Bai and sternly asked, "Who exactly are you?"

As he spoke, he and his sister Fairy Yun Lei positioned themselves to attack in unison, blocking Fang Bai's retreat route. If Fang Bai couldn't provide a reasonable answer, they would decisively kill him.

After all, Fang Bai could utter the words "Palace Master", meaning he already knew of their identity as disciples of the Emperor's Palace. If they did not kill him and their identities were leaked to the eight top forces, the consequences could be disastrous, risking their lives.

Fang Bai knew that if he did not reveal some of the secret techniques from his past life and make things clear, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei would find it hard to believe his true identity.

He set up a temporary concealment formation also to display his identity, preventing other immortals from seeing.

Fang Bai circulated the Thunder Immortal Technique, and immediately, thunder rolled and lightning snakes intertwined around him. A great deal of Thunder Immortal Qi gathered around his body, forming a small sea of thunder.

"Nine Heavens Divine Thunder Mantra!"

Seeing Fang Bai perform such a cultivation technique, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei couldn't help but exclaim in unison.

Before their voices fell, Fang Bai raised one arm to the sky and then abruptly swung it down.

With his swinging motion, a thick bolt of lightning crashed to the ground before Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei, creating a deep pit several feet across.

With this strike, Fang Bai only unleashed one-tenth of the power of this secret technique; otherwise, the destructive power would have increased at least tenfold.

"Thunderstrike Roar!"

Seeing Fang Bai unleash this secret technique, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei once again exclaimed.

"Now do you believe I am your Palace Master? If you still don't believe, I have many more ways to make you believe!"

Fang Bai asked with a chuckling tone.

Xielei Immortal Emperor's head was already muddled, muttering, "The Palace Master fell a thousand years ago, how... how could you possibly be the elderly one?"

Fairy Yun Lei's head was still clear, suppressing her shock and excitement, and asked, "Can you tell us what the biggest mistake my brother and I made in the Emperor's Palace?"

This matter was extremely secretive, only known to a few high-ranking individuals in the Emperor's Palace back then. If this immortal claiming to be the "Palace Master" could say it, his identity would be confirmed without a doubt.

Fang Bai laughed and said, "The two of you, during an adventure, somehow acquired a Demon Clan technique and secretly cultivated it, almost falling into deviation. If it weren't for me acting in time to remove the Blood Fiend Aura from your bodies, you would have fallen into the Demon Dao... Because of this matter, I punished you both with a decade of meditation in solitude. Surely, you still remember clearly?"

Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei nodded vigorously.

"Palace Master!"

They no longer doubted Fang Bai's identity, fell to the ground in a grand salute, and when they raised their heads, their faces were already full of tears.

"You must find it strange that my cultivation level is currently so low... I will keep it brief..."

In just a few straightforward sentences, Fang Bai explained his story of rebirth through possession, leaving Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei feeling that the matter was incredible, yet considering the Palace Master's great fortune and ability to survive calamity, it hinted at future blessings.

Having survived a millennium and meeting in this Beast Bone Wasteland, they naturally engaged in a long conversation.

Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei never expected that the Palace Master hadn't perished a thousand years ago but was reborn in such a peculiar manner and had returned to the Immortal Realm, their hearts filled with indescribable excitement and joy.

With the Palace Master present, they now had a mainstay, and believed that one day the Palace Master would lead them to launch a crusade against the eight top Immortal Emperors and their affiliate forces, to repay blood debts with blood.

"Did the Palace Master say that the Hundred Flowers Empress never returned to Hundred Flowers Mountain after going to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea a hundred years ago?"

Upon hearing that Fang Bai's journey to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea this time was to investigate the whereabouts of the Hundred Flowers Empress, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei were greatly surprised.

They knew well the close relationship between the Palace Master and the Hundred Flowers Empress in the previous life, but did not expect that the Hundred Flowers Empress actually ventured deep into the Nine Nether Thunder Sea to avenge the Palace Master, with her life and death unknown.

They were all aware of the dangers of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea. This time around, they only intended to gather some thunder cultivation resources, hardly daring to stay long within it, as they couldn't withstand the terrifying heavenly might of thunder and lightning.

Chapter 2474: Thunderbird Beast Core

Since their target was the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, Fang Bai journeyed together with the Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei.

Of course, to avoid having their true identities discovered by other immortals, they disguised themselves, concealing their original auras.

After traveling some distance, they saw a group of Immortal Emperor Realm experts gathered around the bones of a giant bird, pointing and murmuring, seemingly because the remains were remarkable.

When Fang Bai and the other two immortals approached to take a closer look, they found the bones to be over ten zhang long, extremely robust, and formerly a Thunderbird comparable to a high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert.

The Thunderbird, a type of thunder system bird, can absorb Thunder Immortal Qi from the heavens and earth for cultivation, preferring to live in places where Thunder Immortal Qi is dense and abundant. Its combat power is stronger than immortals of the same realm.

The Thunderbird looks quite similar to the Wind Roc, but it is more aggressive and ferocious, living on meat.

Amidst the Thunderbird's bones lay a fist-sized beast core, nearly buried by the wasteland's sand and weeds, with only a small part exposed, faintly revealing a divine radiance and powerful thunder-based energy.

Though this Thunderbird had fallen for millions of years, its beast core continuously absorbed the Thunder Immortal Qi because of its proximity to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, maintaining strong pressure and intense killing intent.

For the immortals present, the beast core of this thunder system immortal bird, comparable to a high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert, was an excellent cultivation resource.

Thus, their eyes shone with desire, but they feared the beast core's pressure and killing intent, not daring to approach easily.

"Imbedded in the Beast Bone Wasteland are these flying immortal beasts whose beast cores have either completely lost their immortal qi, eroded over millions of years and turned to dust, blown away by the wind; or they self-absorb the immortal qi of heaven and earth, remaining immensely solid. What we see now is the latter,"

Fang Bai pointed to the Thunderbird's beast core ahead, sending a message to Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei: "Let's endeavor to obtain it, and when refining thunder-system Immortal Pills or Immortal Artifacts, we can enhance their effects and power by including it!"

Upon hearing this, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei both nodded, their spirits invigorated.

Although they possessed mid-level Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation, with substantial power, the surrounding immortals weren't weaklings either. Relying solely on their combined strength to obtain the Thunderbird beast core posed a significant challenge.

However, with the Palace Master assisting, they were confident in defeating immortals far more powerful than themselves, gaining greater assurance in obtaining the Thunderbird beast core.

All the immortals knew the Thunderbird beast core's value; although some dreaded its pressure and killing intent, many were ready and eager to try their luck.

"This Thunderbird beast core is mine, no one should contest with this Immortal Emperor!"

A burly immortal with mid-level Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation couldn't hold back, shouting as he charged towards the Thunderbird's bones, protected by an Immortal Artifact, transforming into a bolt of lightning.

Seeing this, some immortals grew anxious, worrying that if they acted too late, that immortal might seize the Thunderbird beast core, resulting in a tremendous loss, prompting them to take action in hopes of being the fortunate one to obtain it first.

However, a few high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts remained still, a cold smile playing on their lips, as if mocking those attempting the grab for overestimating themselves.

"Crack!"

As those outstanding among the immortals contended for the Thunderbird beast core drew within several dozen zhang of the bones, the beast core seemed angered, flaring up with light, violently trembling, releasing hundreds of lightning bolts like thick, powerful lightning snakes, lashing out at the aggressive immortals.

Each bolt of lightning contained immense pressure and intense killing intent; where it surged, the void seemed to crack open.

The Thunderbird beast core's attack power surpassed the full-force strike of any mid-level Immortal Emperor Realm expert, and seeing this, the assailants, whether beginner or intermediate Immortal Emperor Realm experts, were shocked, hastily deploying their domains and using Immortal Artifacts for protection, desperately defending.

In the Immortal Realm, lightning power is one of the most destructive forces; without enough strength, defense is out of the question.

With screams of agony, those beginner-level Immortal Emperor Realm immortals hit by the lightning saw their domains shatter instantly, their Immortal Artifacts destroyed, the remaining lightning force rocked their insides, and those with higher defense managed merely severe internal injuries and unconsciousness, narrowly preserving their lives.

Meanwhile, those with weaker defenses were torn apart, blood mist spreading, falling on the spot.

Among the beginner-level Immortal Emperor Realm immortals, losses were most severe, over half paying with their lives amidst the lightning assault.

As for those intermediate Immortal Emperor Realm experts, since their strength was much greater, with defenses formidable enough, they neither fell nor were severely injured. Yet nearly all suffered minor injuries, their clothes tattered, hair and beard scorched, looking utterly disheveled.

Terrified, all intervening immortals quickly retreated, watching from afar the brilliantly glowing Thunderbird beast core, no longer daring to recklessly approach.

"Haha..."

A high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert laughed loudly, looking disdainfully at the retreating, battered immortals, saying: "You all should have measured your strength before trying to snatch the Thunderbird beast core, simply courting death! This beast core is not for you, now leave at once!"

The retreating immortals heard his sneers, their faces red with anger, but intimidated by his cultivation, they dared not retort. Moreover, witnessing the beast core's might, with several high-rank Immortal

Emperor Realm experts present, they realized their hopes of obtaining the core were slim and decided to leave, continuing towards the Nine Nether Thunder Sea for training.

Soon, only a few immortals remained at the site, including Fang Bai, Xielei Immortal Emperor, and Fairy Yun Lei.

Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei, with mid-level Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation, were practically dismissed by the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts.

On the other hand, Fang Bai, possessing merely the eighth-rank Immortal King Realm cultivation, piqued their interest, knowing that for this little immortal to venture deep into the Beast Bone Wasteland, he must have some extraordinary means.

Yet, what amused them was the thought that this little immortal would remain, presumably hoping to participate in the contest for the Thunderbird beast core.

"Little immortal, you should return from whence you came! This is no place for you!"

A high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert sneered, addressing Fang Bai.

Faced with the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert's sneer, Fang Bai remained indifferent. However, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei felt indignant at the slight against their Palace Master, yet understanding the timing, held their anger in check.

Chapter 2475: Obtaining the Core

Seeing Fang Bai ignoring him completely, the high-ranked Immortal Emperor Realm expert felt bored and turned his attention to the Thunderbird Beast Core.

High-ranked Immortal Emperor Realm experts are usually proud and arrogant.

The few high-ranked experts present, although all eyeing the Thunderbird Beast Core, disdained to join forces for it.

When one immortal made a move, the others watched coldly.

If the immortal failed to seize the Thunderbird Beast Core, they planned to strike next.

If the immortal obtained the Thunderbird Beast Core, they could use their skills to wrest it from him.

The high-ranked expert who mocked Fang Bai was the first to strike.

He summoned a large Immortal Essence palm directly toward the Thunderbird Beast Core.

Having cultivated Thunder Techniques, the moment his Immortal Essence Big Palm appeared, thunder and lightning flashed, the heavens changed colors, its power awe-inspiring.

"Boom, boom! Boom!"

In the thunderous roar, the Immortal Essence Big Palm broke through the overwhelming pressure released by the Thunderbird Beast Core, seemingly about to seize it.

The high-ranked expert believed the Thunderbird Beast Core was his, smirked with a self-satisfied smile.

"Buzz!"

Lightning flashed, kill intent sharp as a knife.

A several-zhang long bolt of thunderous blade light slashed out from the Thunderbird Beast Core, meeting the grasping Immortal Essence Big Palm.

"Puff!"

Between immortals and immortal beasts of the same realm, the latter's attack power far surpasses the former's.

Hence, the bolt of thunderous blade light, formed from Thunderbird's kill intent, easily pierced through the Immortal Essence palm and continued at high speed towards the high-ranked expert.

The high-ranked expert was shocked, instantly retreating a thousand zhang.

But he was fast, the kill intent was even faster.

Despite dodging with all his might, the bolt of blade light still sliced past him, cutting off half his shoulder, blood splattering instantly.

Such an injury, for a high-ranked expert, wasn't a heavy blow but weakened his combat power considerably and cost him face before the fellow immortals.

Knowing he couldn't remain in the fight for the Thunderbird Beast Core, the immortal withdrew in shame to heal.

Seeing the kill intent within the Thunderbird Beast Core so formidable, the other high-ranked experts grew wary.

Next, two more experts cautiously tried, one after the other, yet met the same fate as the first, though less injured due to being prepared.

Seeing three high-ranked experts defeated, others lost interest, thinking they'd rather train in the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, strengthen, and return later for the core.

"They all left! Haha, it's good they left..."

Fang Bai grinned, seeing all the immortals leave soon.

"You two, go guard from afar, alert me if any immortals approach. I'll get the Thunderbird Beast Core!"

Fang Bai instructed Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei.

"Ah?"

Xielei and Yun Lei were stunned.

They thought the Palace Master would send them for the core, but he planned to act himself.

With his current strength, could he withstand the pressure and kill intent from the Thunderbird Beast Core?

Yet seeing the Palace Master confident, they followed orders.

According to Fang Bai, they drifted to the east and west a hundred li away, released Divine Sense, monitoring for approaching immortals, giving Fang Bai the chance for the core.

Once Xielei left, Fang Bai released a puppet corpse refined by Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor from the Five Elements Space Ring, putting the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in its hand.

"Go!"

Fang Bai commanded softly, following the puppet corpse toward Thunderbird's remains.

Within about a hundred zhang of the bones, Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor formed a True Yuan palm, grabbing at the core with the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade as a shield.

"Buzz!"

As expected, a thunderous blade light slashed from the core, colliding with the Blood-Drinking Blade.

Chaos Heaven's high-level realm plus the blade provided great defense, under Fang Bai's control, blocking the core's kill intent.

With kill intent gone, Chaos Heaven seized the moment to move tens of zhang closer.

"Buzz!"

"Buzz!"

"Buzz!"

Near the hundred zhang range, kill intent surged from the core, cutting at Chaos Heaven repeatedly.

The Beast Bone Wasteland, due to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, was charged with Thunder Immortal Qi, the core continually absorbed it, generating endless kill intent.

That's why no one claimed the core over millennia.

Yet, against Fang Bai, the core's strong kill intent seemed powerless.

The Blood-Drinking Mad Blade surpassed Immortal Artifacts, the core's kill intent couldn't harm it or push Chaos Heaven back, indeed advancing with each attack.

In short moments, Chaos Heaven already closed in on the core, suppressing its kill intent entirely.

Then, Fang Bai behind Chaos Heaven, waved his hand, the core was stored in the Five Elements Space Ring.

Immediately, Chaos Heaven too was stored.

Within the ring, the Thunderbird Beast Core couldn't absorb Thunder Immortal Qi, with Chaos Heaven depleting its remaining kill intent soon, it would become a usable core.

Having secured the core, Fang Bai sighed, knowing without the puppet corpse, claiming the core was impossible.

Afterward, Fang Bai summoned Xielei and Yun Lei back, continued their journey.

Learning how Fang Bai got the core, Xielei and Yun Lei were thrilled and surprised the Palace Master created dozens of Emperor Realm puppet corpses.

With this, their journey to Nine Nether Thunder Sea was much easier.

Chapter 2476: Perilous Thunder Sea

Across the Beast Bone Wasteland, before one's eyes stretches a chasm that is over ten thousand fathoms deep, and the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, which strikes fear in the hearts of the Immortals of the Immortal Realm, lies on the opposite side of the canyon.

Standing on this side of the canyon, one can sense the extremely dense Thunder Immortal Qi and the booming thunder, which forces some weaker Immortals to seal off their hearing to avoid the painful and shattering impact on their eardrums.

Gazing forward, between heaven and earth on the other side of the canyon, thick clouds as black as ink churn with countless Lightning Snakes rolling within. After brewing, once enough lightning power has amassed, they strike down with a mighty force, connecting heaven and earth, and possessing a power that seems capable of destroying anything, making the Immortals standing on this side of the canyon feel frightened.

Fang Bai knows that the Nine Nether Thunder Sea is divided into nine Thunder Zones according to the power of lightning, and the density and power of lightning in each zone vary.

The outermost Thunder Zone of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea is the Red Thunder Sea spanning a hundred thousand miles. This zone has the weakest lightning power and the least danger.

Beyond the hundred thousand miles of Red Thunder Sea, moving inward, one finds the orange, yellow, green, azure, blue, purple, black, and white Thunder Seas, each with different colored lightning.

The further one moves into the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, the denser the Lightning Snakes become, and the stronger the lightning power grows.

At the innermost White Thunder Sea, a strike of lightning can easily tear through the void, and even those as powerful as the Immortal Emperor find it difficult to withstand.

Thus, the vast majority of Immortals who come to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea for training only dare to linger between the outer few Thunder Seas, honing their physical bodies, tempering their minds, and enhancing their Cultivation Level.

Of course, it would be even better if they could acquire some lightning attribute Cultivation Resources.

Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei, the sibling pair, are not here at the Nine Nether Thunder Sea for the first time, but as they stand now on the canyon's opposite side, looking at the oppressive clouds, rumbling thunder, and intertwined Lightning Snakes, their brows slightly furrow.

"Remember the last time we came to train at the Nine Nether Thunder Sea was more than two thousand years ago. But back then, the Nine Nether Thunder Sea seemed a bit more gentle than now!"

Xielei Immortal Emperor murmured to himself, reflecting the distant lightning flashes hundred miles away in his eyes.

Fairy Yun Lei said, "Brother, have you also noticed that the Nine Nether Thunder Sea is more perilous than before?"

Xielei Immortal Emperor nodded, "Indeed! Looking at the power of each lightning in the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, it seems stronger than it was the last time we trained here! With our current cultivation level, we can only enter the Azure Thunder Zone at most!"

As he spoke, he glanced at Fang Bai, thinking that the Palace Master was here to investigate the messages of the Hundred Flowers Empress, yet with the Empress's power, if she were to train here, she might likely choose to train in the Black Thunder Zone, but with the Palace Master's current cultivation level, how could he possibly enter the Black Thunder Zone?

However, if one doesn't enter the Black Thunder Zone, how can one gather information or tracks of the Hundred Flowers Empress?

Fang Bai's gaze also fell on the opposite Nine Nether Thunder Sea at this moment, carrying a trace of solemnity in his expression.

Fang Bai continued to calculate in his heart, considering that perhaps with his strength and resilient physique, he might have hope, like the Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei siblings, to enter the Azure Thunder Zone.

If supported by a divine artifact like the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade to resist the power of lightning, he might venture further, deep into the Blue Thunder Zone.

If hiding within the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron and using mental command to drive the Great Cauldron forward, he might be able to enter the Purple Thunder Sea.

But to let the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron guide him into the power suddenly increasing Black Thunder Zone, Fang Bai has no certainty at all.

Fang Bai does not know how much strength the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron can withstand in terms of lightning strikes. If the cauldron breaks, his physical body will be annihilated, and the seven Primordial Spirits in his Qi Sea will probably also find it difficult to escape.

By then, it would be complete annihilation of both form and spirit.

The Hundred Flowers Empress came to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea to train, merely to enhance her strength, wishing to avenge Fang Bai one day, an intention that deeply moved Fang Bai.

Thus, when Fang Bai learned of the Hundred Flowers Empress's whereabouts from the Lotus Fairy, he traveled millions of miles to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea to investigate the Hundred Flowers Empress's messages.

Having gone through two lifetimes, Fang Bai rarely lets his head get hot without considering consequences and costs to pursue something.

Just like entering the Nine Nether Thunder Sea to find the Hundred Flowers Empress, if his strength does not permit him to enter deeper zones of the Thunder Sea, he wouldn't force it, but rather choose to come back when stronger.

"Let's take a short break, gather our strength, and then enter the Nine Nether Thunder Sea."

Fang Bai said as he sat cross-legged at the edge of the canyon.

Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei sat down behind him, swiftly entering a cultivation state.

Restricted by the pressure of heaven and earth, the Immortals cannot fly long distances, thus the hundred-mile-wide canyon becomes a natural barrier blocking many Immortals from reaching the Nine Nether Thunder Sea on the other side.

Fortunately, before coming to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, those Immortals had acquired Immortal Birds through various means, reaching the canyon edge and riding Immortal Birds across.

If they didn't bring Immortal Birds, it's not a problem, as there are Beast Tamers wandering on the fringes of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea all year round, offering to tame a bird for Immortals for a fee of Cultivation Resources.

In this area of the sky, numerous Thunder System birds soar and flock, and Beast Tamers, proficient in Beast Taming Art, only need to perform the Beast Taming Scripture, accompanied by a howl, to call down a bird for taming.

While Fang Bai, Xielei Immortal Emperor, and Fairy Yun Lei were gathering their strength, Immortals occasionally appeared at the canyon's edge, riding birds to fly to the opposite Nine Nether Thunder Sea.

And like Fang Bai and the other three Immortals recovering their strength here, there are also many.

"Let's go!"

Several hundred breaths later, Fang Bai opened his eyes, a shine flashing in his eye before disappearing, standing up to speak.

He glanced up at the sky, seeing a Ninth Grade Immortal King Realm Immortal Bird soaring overhead, and thus performed the Beast Taming Scripture, letting out a high-pitched howl.

The Immortal Bird heard the howl, its massive body trembled, its originally sharp eyes revealed a hint of confusion, and then swooped down amidst the howl, landing on the ground in front of Fang Bai.

"Ah? I didn't expect this young Immortal to know the Beast Taming Art!"

Not far from Fang Bai and the other three Immortals, four Immortal Emperor Realm Experts were about to seek a Beast Tamer's help to tame a bird, but upon seeing Fang Bai summoning a bird down, their eyes couldn't help but light up.

After Fang Bai tamed the Ninth Grade Immortal King Realm Immortal Beast, he was ready to leap onto its back with Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei to cross the canyon, yet found the four Immortal Emperor Realm Experts coming towards them.

The four Immortal Emperor Realm Experts were all mid-level in terms of Cultivation Level, and Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei, unsure of their intentions, exchanged glances and stood protectively in front of Fang Bai, fully alert.

Fang Bai felt no hostility from those four Immortal Emperor Realm Experts. Seeing them staring incessantly at the bird he had just tamed, Fang Bai could roughly guess their purpose.

Chapter 2477: Thunderflame Sect Disciple

"This Junior Immortal Friend, could you help us tame a bird? As for compensation, we can discuss!"

As Fang Bai expected, after the four Immortal Emperor Realm experts halted in front of him, the leading man clasped his fists and spoke.

Although Fang Bai was only at the Eighth Grade Immortal King Cultivation Realm, far inferior to that burly immortal, there was no hint of disdain in the burly immortal's expression.

Because he noticed that although this junior's cultivation level was not high, the two immortals behind him were Immortal Emperor Realm experts of similar strength to himself and seemed to be respectful towards Fang Bai, as if deferring to him.

From this, the burly immortal speculated that this junior might be a direct disciple of an Emperor Realm expert from a top sect.

Given Fang Bai's age, achieving the Eighth Grade Immortal King Cultivation Realm was indeed rare, something only a top sect's Emperor Realm expert in the Immortal Realm could cultivate.

Fang Bai scrutinized the four immortals before him and suddenly asked, "Are the four Immortal Friends disciples of the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor?"

Behind Fang Bai, the Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei, upon hearing "disciples of the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor," immediately shed their guarded expressions, replaced by amiable smiles.

Thousands of years ago, several prodigious talents emerged simultaneously in the Immortal Realm, with Fang Bai and the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor among them.

Fang Bai and the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor knew each other since their Immortal King Realm days when their cultivation levels were comparable, both making waves in the Immortal Realm, and in their youthful fervor, neither would concede to the other, so they sparred every five years, trying to outdo each other.

During the Immortal King Realm, their strengths were evenly matched, and outcomes were balanced, but after reaching the Immortal Emperor Realm, Fang Bai's extraordinary talent began to show, his cultivation level rapidly advancing, leaving the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor far behind.

In subsequent showdowns, the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor was often quite severely defeated by Fang Bai, and later, realizing he could never surpass Fang Bai, he reluctantly admitted defeat.

Nevertheless, their prolonged rivalry led to mutual admiration, becoming close friends, frequently discussing the Immortal Dao together, and even adventuring in the Immortal Realm side by side.

When Fang Bai achieved the status of Immortal Venerable, the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor wavered in the Immortal Emperor Realm. However, after listening to Fang Bai's teachings multiple times and receiving a large amount of Imperial Grade cultivation resources as gifts, his cultivation advanced swiftly, soon reaching the Immortal Emperor Realm, honored as the "Thunderflame Immortal Emperor."

The "Thunderflame Sect" founded by the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor was one of the top forces in the Immortal Realm at that time.

Due to the close relationship between their Sect Master and the Emperor's Palace Master, the disciples of the Thunderflame Sect and the Emperor's Palace often had excellent relations, warmly greeting each other when they met during their training in the Immortal Realm, and assisting each other in times of trouble.

Later, when the Emperor's Palace was besieged by eight top forces, the War Emperor perished, and tens of thousands of Emperor's Palace disciples were killed or injured, the news reached the Thunderflame Sect, whose disciples were furious, wanting to seek justice for the Emperor's Palace.

Had it not been for the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor restraining the sect's disciples in time and choosing to endure silently, the Thunderflame Sect might have faced the joint attack of the eight top Immortal Emperors, following in the footsteps of the fallen Emperor's Palace.

The Thunderflame Sect was located on Tianlei Mountain, surrounded by a sea of thunder, with solid defenses, easy to defend and difficult to attack.

Moreover, at that time, the eight top forces themselves were severely damaged after destroying the Emperor's Palace, needing a long time to recover, which spared the Thunderflame Sect.

Lack of action was not due to a lack of desire to seek justice for the Emperor's Palace but due to self-awareness. The Thunderflame Immortal Emperor knew that acting rashly would bring about calamity; thus, he focused on silently developing the sect's power, waiting patiently for the right opportunity.

No matter how strong the eight top forces were, they would inevitably decline; even though the Thunderflame Sect was weak, there was hope to surpass the eight top forces.

Since the fall of the Emperor's Palace a thousand years ago, the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor had been holding in his chest that indignant breath, not only urging disciples to cultivate diligently and raise their strength but also secluding himself to cultivate earnestly, hoping one day to surpass the strength of the eight top Immortal Emperors.

The four immortals were somewhat surprised when Fang Bai discerned their identity.

"How did the Junior Immortal Friend know we are disciples of the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor?"

The burly man couldn't help but ask.

Fang Bai chuckled and said, "Our sect has some connections with the Thunderflame Sect."

"I am honored as the Thunder Sword Immortal Emperor. These three are my junior brothers: the Thunder Blade Immortal Emperor, the Thunder Bow Immortal Emperor, and the Thunder Axe Immortal Emperor. May I know your honorifics?"

As soon as the burly man, known as the Thunder Sword Immortal Emperor, heard that the other party's sect had connections with his own, he felt a sense of closeness and introduced himself and his three junior brothers to Fang Bai and the other two immortals.

Hearing the honorifics of the four immortals, Fang Bai felt they were unfamiliar, guessing they must have grown into Immortal Emperor Realm experts within this millennium after the fall of the Emperor's Palace.

"He is the Xielei Immortal Emperor, she is Fairy Yun Lei. As for me... I am honored as the Wushuang Immortal King. The three of us all come from the Emperor's Palace."

Fang Bai smiled, transmitting this to the Thunder Sword Immortal Emperor, introducing himself along with the Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei.

Knowing that revealing his true identity would greatly shock and astonish the Thunder Sword Immortal Emperor and the other three immortals, Fang Bai temporarily concealed it, letting them know that the three of them were disciples of the Emperor's Palace was enough.

"You are from the Emperor..."

Upon hearing Fang Bai say, "We all come from the Emperor's Palace," the Thunder Sword Immortal Emperor was visibly shaken, almost blurting out "Emperor's Palace."

The next moment, he realized why Fang Bai had transmitted his voice to him.

Around them, immortals occasionally passed by, and should those immortals know they were from the Emperor's Palace, the news could reach the eight top forces, potentially bringing great disaster.

However, the Thunder Sword Immortal Emperor and the other three immortals did not fully believe just Fang Bai's words, engaging in some secret exchanges about past interactions between the Emperor's Palace and the Thunderflame Sect. They mutually confirmed some immortal technique secrets passed down by the War Emperor to the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor, finally verifying their identities were without doubt.

Some immortal technique secrets originally created by Fang Bai were taught to both the Emperor's Palace disciples and the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor, who in turn explained them to his sect's disciples, so both sides' disciples were familiar with those secrets.

A thousand years ago, when the Emperor's Palace fell, the Thunder Sword Immortal Emperor and the other three immortals were just junior disciples and did not accompany their master, the Thunderflame Immortal Emperor, to the Emperor's Palace, leaving them unaware of both the Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei siblings, as well as Fang Bai, the "Wushuang Immortal King."

Furthermore, Fang Bai, the Xielei Immortal Emperor, and Fairy Yun Lei all concealed the unique aura of Emperor's Palace disciples, so during their initial meeting, the Thunder Sword Immortal Emperor and the other three immortals did not know who they were.

The Thunder Sword Immortal Emperor and the other three immortals, aware of the arduous situation faced by Emperor's Palace disciples, refrained from saying anything publicly; after conversing via sound transmission, they decided to first head to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea together and discuss further upon returning.

Chapter 2478: Azure Thunder Zone

Fang Bai used the Beast Taming Technique, once more summoning a flying creature from the sky to provide transportation for Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor and the other four immortals.

The two flying creatures traveled front and back, crossing Baili Gorge and delivered Fang Bai and his companions to the outermost layer of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea's Red Thunder Zone.

In this layer, the lightning appeared in a bizarre scarlet hue. Though each strike of the lightning snake was incredibly powerful, immortals cultivating Thunder Immortal Technique Secrets were inherently close to Thunder Immortal Qi and could endure it with their flesh alone.

Enveloped by the thunder sea, the dense Thunder Immortal Essence wrapped around Fang Bai and his companions like a spring breeze, bringing an indescribable comfort to their whole bodies.

In the Immortal Realm, opportunities and perils often go hand in hand; the greater the peril, the more opportunities lie within.

The Nine Nether Thunder Sea is no different — the further inward one goes, the more opportunities arise, with cultivation resources of increasingly higher grades.

Thus, immortals rarely linger in the outer Red Thunder Zone during their training but choose to traverse it directly toward the next Orange Thunder Zone further ahead.

Relying on their formidable physiques, Fang Bai and his companions crossed through the Red, Orange, and Yellow Thunder Zones directly and only began to form an Immortal Domain around themselves upon reaching the fourth layer Green Lightning Zone to withstand the might of the lightning.

The Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor from the Thunderflame Sect and the other four immortals initially thought Fang Bai, possessing only an eighth-grade Immortal King Cultivation Realm, would falter at the outer Red Thunder Zone. But to their surprise, he reached the fourth layer Green Lightning Zone alongside themselves and other mid-level immortals of Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation.

If not for the War Emperor's demise a millennium ago, they would certainly believe this Wushuang Immortal King to be the War Emperor's direct disciple, given his formidable strength.

Though the War Emperor perished and the Emperor's Palace fell a thousand years ago, many disciples survived the calamity, including experts at the peak of the Immortal Emperor Realm.

Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor and the other four immortals speculated that this Wushuang Immortal King might have been taken in by one of these peak Immortal Emperor experts and inherited the true teachings of the Emperor's Palace Immortal Technique Secrets.

What they did not know was Fang Bai's unique constitution made him even closer to Thunder Immortal Qi than other thunder system immortals, granting him a resilience to the lightning strikes comparable to an Immortal Emperor Realm expert.

Nevertheless, the cultivation disparity meant that after entering the Green Lightning Zone, Fang Bai felt immense pressure from the relentless green lightning strikes, which left him less relaxed than Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor and the other immortals appeared to be.

"The Azure Thunder Zone ahead intensifies the lightning strikes by several multiples of those in the Green Lightning Zone. If we proceed further, the peril is immense. Should the Wushuang Immortal King consider cultivating in this Green Lightning Zone instead?"

Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor kindly reminded Fang Bai upon seeing his struggle.

"Without greater peril, how could one push their limits? No worries, let's continue forward!"

Fang Bai replied with a smile.

Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor shook his head, thinking this Wushuang Immortal King was too young, unaware of the dangers ahead.

In the Azure Thunder Zone, even experts of mid-level Immortal Emperor Realm like themselves must exert their full strength to contend with it; for an eighth-grade Immortal King Realm immortal, it is truly perilous, and if one carelessly perished under the lightning strikes, it would not be worth the risk.

Despite Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor's well-meaning advice, Fang Bai insisted and he was helpless to intervene.

However, given the Thunderflame Sect's deep connection with the Emperor's Palace, Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor refrained from anger as Fang Bai ignored his counsel.

Looking at Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei beside Fang Bai, Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor chuckled self-deprecatingly, thinking he was meddling excessively — with two mid-level Immortal Emperor Realm experts, how could they remain idle in the face of danger?

Yet, Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei hadn't even considered the possibility of Fang Bai encountering harm.

They knew the Palace Master's aim was to investigate the whereabouts of the Hundred Flowers Empress, who might be in the innermost layers of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea; even if the Palace Master couldn't reach those layers, he would not cease before them.

To their understanding, the Palace Master's cultivation was currently low, yet they believed his trump cards were numerous. So far, he had only formed an Immortal Domain to counter the lightning's might, without even utilizing an Immortal Artifact.

At this time, other immortals with initial Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation dared not proceed further, choosing instead to remain within ten thousand miles of the Green Lightning Zone to seek their fortune.

Here, Thunder Immortal Qi was extremely rich, and on those endless Thunder Mountains in the distance, countless Thunder Immortal Stones were found alongside various Thunder Attribute Immortal Medicines. Even bringing some back would make the trip worthwhile.

However, many powerful Thunder Immortal Beasts dwelled within the Thunder Mountains, making it difficult to acquire cultivation resources.

Braving the countless green lightning bolts descending from the clouds, Fang Bai and his seven immortal companions swiftly traversed the ten thousand mile Green Lightning Sea, rushing into the Azure Thunder Zone.

As Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor mentioned, the Azure Thunder Zone imposed greater pressure, and the lightning's might was even stronger; the azure lightning bolts descending from the clouds were as thick as arms, resembling serpents poised to devour. Its danger was several times greater than the Green Lightning Zone.

Xielei Immortal Emperor, Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor, and the other six immortals immediately felt this immense pressure, formed their Immortal Domains, and wielded Immortal Artifacts to counter the azure lightning, protecting themselves.

Fang Bai also wielded his Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, enlarging it several times to shield himself overhead.

"What a fine Immortal Artifact!"

The Thunder Blade Immortal Emperor, also wielding a blade-shaped Immortal Artifact, noticed Fang Bai's Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, sensed the dense Blood Fiend Qi it emitted, and couldn't help but commend it aloud.

Xielei Immortal Emperor, Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor, and the other immortals turned their gazes to Fang Bai's Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, realizing they couldn't discern its grade, knowing the Immortal Artifact was exceptionally extraordinary, possibly higher than their own, they were all astonished.

Typically, an immortal can control an Immortal Artifact with a grade corresponding to their cultivation; if controlling an artifact too far beyond their cultivation, they cannot effectively wield its true power and it may impede them instead of boosting their battle prowess.

Yet, Fang Bai wielded such a high-grade Immortal Artifact with his eighth-grade Immortal King Realm cultivation, earning higher esteem from Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor and the others, believing the Wushuang Immortal King harbors countless secrets.

The immortals who came to train in the Nine Nether Thunder Sea all seek to penetrate the deeper layers for greater opportunities, Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor and others were no exception.

Thus, after entering the Azure Thunder Zone, they didn't halt their advance, continuing forward to see if they could venture into the more perilous Blue Thunder Zone.

However, within the Azure Thunder Zone, each advance of a hundred zhang increased the pressure and lightning's might exponentially; though protected by their Immortal Domains and Immortal Artifacts, they gradually struggled to endure.

"Still lacking in strength! It seems we can only search for opportunities within this Azure Thunder Zone."

Thunder Sword Celestial Emperor, nearly spitting blood after several lightning strikes, reluctantly halted and flew back a hundred zhang, expressing regret.

Chapter 2479: Immortal Emperor vs. Immortal Emperor

Seeing the most powerful senior brother, Thunder Immortal Sword Emperor, suffer a setback, Thunder Blade Immortal Sword, Thunder Bow Immortal Emperor, and Thunder Axe Immortal Emperor wisely decided not to continue forward.

Xielei Immortal Emperor and Fairy Yun Lei recognized their own strength as essentially equal to Thunder Immortal Sword Emperor and the others, and they halted their movements.

"You all stay here in the Azure Thunder Zone and cultivate well, I'll go ahead and take a look!"

Fang Bai used the Immortal Domain to shield himself, wielding the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade to counter the lightning strikes. His figure was faster than lightning, darting past Xielei Immortal Emperor and the others, and shot towards the Blue Thunder Zone, disappearing from their sight in an instant.

One lightning snake after another struck the back of the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, which Fang Bai held high above his head. These strikes only caused a slight pause in his movement before he continued forward.

"How is this possible?"

Thunder Immortal Sword Emperor watched Fang Bai's silhouette disappear and exclaimed in disbelief.

With his strength, under the barrage of lightning strikes, he could only retreat while coughing blood and could not imagine how Wushuang Immortal King managed to ignore the might of the lightning.

Could it be the power of the Immortal Artifact blade in his hand?

Thunder Immortal Sword Emperor pondered over it and could only attribute it to the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade.

He did not know that Fang Bai's disregard for the lightning strikes was not solely due to the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade; his special physique and the supreme techniques he cultivated also neutralized a significant portion of the lightning's power.

The Blood-Drinking Mad Blade certainly deserves its reputation as a powerful treasure surpassing Immortal Artifacts. It remained unscathed under the relentless barrage of lightning, instead radiating

ten thousand feet of blood glow, illuminating the heavens and earth, exuding a wild aura of defiance against heavenly power.

The Azure Thunder Zone could not hinder Fang Bai's progress.

Quickly, under the protection of the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, Fang Bai appeared within a Blue Thunder Ocean.

This was already the sixth layer of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, typically accessible only by high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts.

Before Fang Bai entered the Blue Thunder Ocean, some high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts were already training there.

When these high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts discovered a young immortal of the eighth-grade Immortal King Realm suddenly appearing, they were astonished.

Their gazes, unsurprisingly, fell upon the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in Fang Bai's hand.

Compared to the four immortals like Thunder Immortal Sword Emperor, the eyesight of these high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts was undoubtedly better. At first glance, they realized that they could not discern the grade of Fang Bai's Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, suggesting it might be an Emperor's Instrument or close to one.

The appearance of this minor immortal in the dangerous Blue Thunder Ocean suggested reliance on this supreme treasure.

Yet they also could not understand how a mere eighth-grade Immortal King Realm minor immortal could wield such a potent supreme treasure.

"Treasures of the Immortal Realm are possessed by the strong! Kid, this Immortal Emperor fancies the Immortal Artifact in your hand, hand it over quickly!"

With a thunderous shout, a massive palm condensed from Thunder Immortal Qi broke through falling bolts of lightning and reached for the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in Fang Bai's hand, intending to seize it.

The few high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts closer to Fang Bai showed expressions of regret, just wishing they had acted a moment earlier.

"Get lost!"

Fang Bai's eyes flashed coldly as he let out a soft snort and summoned Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor from the Five Elements Space Ring.

Originally a high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert, Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor, once sacrificed as a puppet corpse by Fang Bai, was fearless of death, boosting his combat power significantly.

Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor was mighty in stature, much larger than Fang Bai. He stood before Fang Bai and struck with his fist. A gigantic Immortal Qi gathered fist broke through the void like a falling meteor, its power terrifying.

"Boom!"

The giant fist thrown by Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor easily shattered the Thunder Immortal Qi Palm of the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert, then crashed towards where he stood.

The path traversed by the fist ravaged by Immortal Power left a massive trench a thousand feet deep in the ground.

This punch seemed even more fearsome than heavenly might.

The high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert was utterly shocked, unable to foresee Fang Bai having such a powerful allies. Seeing the Immortal Essence Giant Palm coming at him, he realized he could not contend with it, managing only a shabby escape.

"Do you still want my Immortal Artifact?"

Fang Bai looked at the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert, sneering coldly.

Facing the imposing figure of Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor beside Fang Bai, the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert flushed red with embarrassment, not daring to speak.

"Scram! Don't let me see you again, or I'll use your blood to consecrate this blood blade!"

Fang Bai waved his hand dismissively, like swatting a fly.

The high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert opened his mouth, intending to say a few harsh words, but swallowed them back.

Acting as a wise man knows how to avoid immediate losses.

The high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert already realized Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor is a puppet corpse, fearless of death and tireless in battle. Engaging him in combat would offer no chance of victory.

Thus, with intent on self-preservation, the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert ignored his dignity and slipped away from Fang Bai's sight.

This battle showcased Fang Bai's supreme power, deterring other high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts in the Blue Thunder Ocean from coveting his Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, securing his foothold.

Fang Bai's name spread across the hundred-thousand-mile Blue Thunder Ocean. Almost all high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts knew of the white-clothed, eighth-grade Immortal King Realm minor immortal not to be provoked.

In the Blue Thunder Ocean, even with the Immortal Domain protecting him and the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade at his side, Fang Bai felt immense pressure. However, this was not his limit, and he did not need to retreat into the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron.

Fang Bai did not rush to enter the seventh layer of Nine Nether Thunder Sea's Purple Thunder Zone, instead collecting some cultivation resources in the current Azure Thunder Zone to store in the Five Elements Space Ring, intending to gift them to Xielei Immortal Emperor, Thunder Immortal Sword Emperor, and the others for their future cultivation.

Although the Azure Thunder Ocean's cultivation resources were lower in grade and effectiveness compared to the Blue Thunder Ocean's, Thunder Immortal Sword Emperor and others could not enter here, only to yearn for it. They would surely be delighted with Fang Bai's gifts.

The next layer, the hundred-thousand-mile Purple Thunder Ocean, faced increased heavenly pressure and more powerful lightning. Fang Bai figured even if he could enter, he wouldn't have the chance to find cultivation resources, and staying there for tens of breaths would be precious.

Fang Bai's ultimate target was naturally beyond the Purple Thunder Zone in the Black Thunder Zone. Although Hundred Flowers Empress's cultivation couldn't reach the core White Thunder Ocean, she could stay in the Black Thunder Zone for extended cultivation.

The Immortal Emperor's physique is strong; Fang Bai believed even if Hundred Flowers Empress perished, her remains couldn't completely vanish, leaving traces to be found.

Of course, Fang Bai hoped Hundred Flowers Empress was still alive, although that hope was slim.

Staying in the Black Thunder Ocean for a hundred years was something even Fang Bai in his previous life felt daunting to achieve.

Chapter 2480: Could It Be an Emperor's Instrument?

Fang Bai lingered in the Blue Thunder Zone that spanned a hundred thousand miles for several days.

During this time, he continuously absorbed the rich Thunder Immortal Qi around him, filling his Qi Sea, making the Thunder Essence God within it increasingly solid.

Simultaneously, Fang Bai ventured deep into Thunder Mountain, relying on puppets at the Immortal Emperor Realm, including the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor, to obtain a large amount of thunder attribute cultivation resources.

Two high-ranked Immortal Emperors, coveting the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in Fang Bai's hand, suddenly attacked him, only to be countered by the puppet formation controlled by Fang Bai.

The high-ranking Immortal Emperors were extremely powerful. Although Fang Bai managed to kill two of them with the puppet formation, he paid the price of losing half of his puppets, which made him feel very distressed.

However, from the bodies of the two slain high-ranking Immortal Emperors, Fang Bai obtained two Space Rings, which contained a large amount of thunder attribute cultivation resources, somewhat compensating for his losses.

When Fang Bai killed these two high-ranking Immortal Emperors, he naturally couldn't hide it from the other experts training in the Blue Thunder Zone.

Those experts were shocked to witness the process of Fang Bai controlling a dozen puppets to overpower and kill the two Immortals. They couldn't believe that this young Immortal at the eighth Immortal King Realm had such capabilities.

For a time, Fang Bai's reputation spread among the high-ranking Immortal Emperors training in the Blue Thunder Zone, causing them to speak of him with great fear, no longer daring to covet the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in his hand.

In their view, even though the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in Fang Bai's hand was of a high grade, one needed the strength to take it. Otherwise, it was better to leave that white-clothed young Immortal alone to avoid losing their lives for nothing.

For a mere Immortal with an eighth Immortal King Cultivation Realm to intimidate many high-ranking Immortal Emperors, if this were to spread, it would certainly be enough to shock the Immortal Realm.

Fang Bai naturally knew that if the matter of the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade were to get out, it would be a major trouble for him, but he had to venture into the Nine Nether Thunder Sea and battle the high-ranking Immortal Emperors within, so he had no choice but to wield the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade for support.

Fortunately, Fang Bai could change his appearance and aura at will, and after leaving the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, he could completely transform into another appearance, making it almost impossible for other immortals to recognize him.

After staying in the Blue Thunder Ocean for a while longer, Fang Bai started trying to withstand the thunder strikes with his physical body.

At first, under the thunder strikes, his body was shattered into pieces, with blood and bones flying everywhere, leaving only his head and Qi Sea unharmed.

Fortunately, his physique was special, and his recovery ability was extremely strong. His body kept breaking apart and recomposing, shattering again after recomposing...

After thousands of thunder strikes, his physical body became increasingly resilient, his skin crystal clear, with a divine glow flowing between his muscles, bones, and blood vessels. His entire being seemed qualitatively changed, embodying the true essence of an Immortal's poise and form.

However, Fang Bai soon concealed this divine glow, once again appearing as an Immortal with only an Immortal King Realm cultivation level.

With the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in hand, Fang Bai slowly entered the Purple Thunder Zone under continuous blue thunder strikes.

The power of the Purple Thunder Zone was incomparable to the several Thunder Zones before it.

Fang Bai dared to face the blue thunder strikes with his physical body, but he would never do so within the Purple Thunder Zone, as a single purple lightning strike could obliterate him, leaving no trace of his bones.

Though the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade was sturdy, it didn't offer as much bodily protection as the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron.

Thus, upon entering the Purple Thunder Zone, Fang Bai immediately summoned the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, hiding within it, then moved it forward with his mind.

Suppressed by the might of heaven and earth, the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron moved extremely slowly, only a few feet per breath.

Inside the cauldron, Fang Bai could only hear the dense thunder strikes pounding on the thick cauldron body, making a "thud-thud" sound, causing his eardrums to buzz.

There were only a few immortals training in the Purple Thunder Zone, but their cultivation levels were at the peak of the Immortal Emperor Realm. Although such immortals were still far from the level of an Immortal Emperor, they were frighteningly powerful, commanding the awe of most experts in the Immortal Realm.

When a few peak Immortal Emperor Realm experts scanned with their Divine Sense, they noticed the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron driven by Fang Bai and couldn't help but feel curious. They quickly approached from other areas of the Purple Thunder Sea, all wanting to see how this cauldron could move of its own accord.

"This cauldron... could it be an imperial artifact?"

When these peak Immortal Emperor Realm experts found that even their own vision couldn't discern the grade of the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, they couldn't help but become agitated.

For them, having an imperial artifact was a dream, as possessing one would significantly boost their combat power, allowing them to contend with a Half-Step Immortal Emperor.

However, imperial artifacts were the most supreme treasures in the Immortal Realm, rare and hard to acquire. Usually, only the current Immortal Emperors would possess them. Although these peak Immortal Emperor Realm experts were considered top-tier, they couldn't obtain an imperial artifact and could only secretly long for those possessed by Immortal Emperors.

Seeing the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron now and speculating that it might be an imperial artifact, which seemed ownerless, they were all greatly tempted.

"I'll test it out!"

One of the peak Immortal Emperor Realm experts summoned an Immortal Essence Big Palm, with five fingers spread out, reaching for the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron.

The peak Immortal Emperor Realm experts knew that an imperial artifact had its own spirit, and if it sensed danger, it would autonomously retaliate.

Although the retaliatory power of an imperial artifact was not as formidable as when wielded by an Immortal Emperor, it still carried a trace of emperor's might, which was extraordinary.

Therefore, the peak Immortal Emperor Realm expert who reached for the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron didn't expect to grab it, and was only cautiously probing. If he found it was unfeasible, he would cease coveting the cauldron.

"Thud!"

The Immortal Essence Big Palm spread its five fingers, grasping the cauldron's body without resistance.

Seeing that the cauldron didn't retaliate, the peak Immortal Emperor Realm expert thought he had a connection with it and couldn't help but be ecstatic.

But in the next moment, he was dumbfounded.

Because no matter how much force he exerted with his Immortal Essence Big Palm, the cauldron remained immovable, as if it were rooted in place.

"I and this cauldron are destined to be unfulfilled!"

After several attempts, consuming a considerable amount of immortal power without being able to budge the cauldron, he felt dejected and had to give up.

"Let me try!"

After the first peak Immortal Emperor Realm expert retreated, the second one immediately stepped forward, reaching for the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron.

To these peak Immortal Emperor Realm experts, immortal artifacts, like immortals, have different "personalities." This cauldron didn't retaliate against their probe, indicating it's a mild-mannered immortal artifact.

If it were Fang Bai's Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, imbued with intense Blood Fiend Qi, ferocity would be unleashed. Any immortal other than Fang Bai who attempted to touch it would certainly face strong retaliation.

However, the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron had already recognized Fang Bai as its master. Aside from Fang Bai, not even an Immortal Emperor could hope to move it.