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Chapter 2533: Emperor's Instruments Collide

With a thunderous roar, the Immortal Qi Palm slammed down by the alluring Enchantress almost crushed the void as it descended towards the Island Master Hall where the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor and Dragon Maiden stood.

If it were any ordinary Immortal Hall, it would collapse and shatter into pieces under this palm.

However, the Island Master Hall of Fire Dragon Island, being the former cultivation place of the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor and the symbol of the island, was naturally different from an ordinary Immortal Hall.

As the Immortal Qi Palm from the Enchantress descended, countless rays of light radiated from around the Island Master Hall, forming a giant light barrier that protected the hall.

"Bang!"

The Immortal Qi Palm smashed against the light barrier like an egg hitting rock, and it collapsed with a boom, scattering Immortal Qi everywhere.

"To attack recklessly, overestimating oneself!"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor laughed coldly.

The defensive array around the Island Master Hall was set up by the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor many years ago, and naturally could not be easily breached by the Enchantress with her high rank cultivation level in the Immortal Emperor Realm.

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor hid in front of the Island Master Hall, intending to leverage the power of the array to temporarily evade the Enchantress's edge.

"Do you think relying on this mere formation can ensure your safety?"

The Enchantress, in red dress, floated in the void. As the light flashed, a five-foot ancient zither carved with the image of the Nine-Headed Bird and its strings like fiery lines appeared before her.

"That ancient zither is..."

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor sensed the imperial might emanating from the zither, his pupils constricting slightly, instantly considering a possibility.

It's said that the Nine-Headed Bird Clan produced an Immortal Emperor hundreds of thousands of years ago, and as the Enchantress mentioned, that Immortal Emperor indeed existed in the same era as the first Island Master of Fire Dragon Island, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor. Whether the two were close allies or parted ways over the Dragon Blood Pool matter remains unknown.

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor had heard that the Emperor's Instruments used by the Nine-Headed Bird Clan's Immortal Emperor was a zither named "Nine-Headed Fire String Zither".

Though he had never seen the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither, upon seeing the zither held by the Enchantress, he couldn't help but relate it to the Immortal Artifact used by the Nine-Headed Bird Clan's Immortal Emperor.

Realizing the zither might be an Emperor's Instrument, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's expression changed, and his heartstrings tightened.

The Enchantress was of high rank cultivation level in the Immortal Emperor Realm, and although she couldn't fully unleash the Emperor's Instrument's power, even a partial power would spell disaster for Fire Dragon Island.

"Master..."

The Dragon Maiden, with discerning eyes, recognized the zither's extraordinary nature and saw her master was quite tense. About to speak, she heard her master urging, "Dragon Maiden, quickly enter the Island Master Hall!"

Before her words were finished, the Enchantress from the Nine-Headed Bird Clan in the void let out a light laugh, her right hand's fingers curled around the strings of the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither, plucking.

"Buzz!"

The string vibrated, and a flame blade shaped like a crescent moon, dozens of feet wide, flew out from the string, tearing through the void, shooting towards the Island Master Hall.

Despite the protective light barrier, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor sensed the boundless immortal power carried by the crescent flame blade, realizing the barrier could not withstand it, his expression showing horror, he suddenly pushed Dragon Maiden.

The Dragon Maiden's figure was involuntarily lifted by a surge of immortal power, flying into the Island Master Hall, and the hall's doors quickly closed.

Knowing the situation was dire, the Dragon Maiden struggled to her feet, rushing to the hall's doors, trying to pull them open with all her might, but the doors did not budge despite her effort.

"Sizzle!"

The ground outside roared, light illuminating all around.

The crescent flame blade emitted by the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither slashed towards the top of the Island Master Hall with unstoppable force, making the light barrier tremble before collapsing.

The attack speed of the crescent flame blade slightly paused, and its immortal power weakened slightly, yet it relentlessly continued to slash down at the Island Master Hall.

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor stood defensively in front of the Island Master Hall, facing the crescent flame blade that cut through the void.

Originally, he had hoped the Dragon Scale Armor suspended above the Island Master Hall might counterattack to relieve the island's crisis.

But now the light barrier was broken, the hall was about to be destroyed, and the Dragon Scale Armor showed no sign of movement, leaving him feeling cold despair.

"Fight!"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, eyes glaring with anger, shouted furiously, flames rising high around him, forming the Immortal Domain, wielding his Immortal Artifact, meeting the crescent flame blade with imperial might head-on with all his power.

"Master!"

"Island Sovereign!"

The disciples of Fire Dragon Island on various smaller Immortal Islands, witnessing the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's determination to face death, cried out in sorrow.

On their respective islands, the protective arrays had been activated, and they could not leave the formations momentarily, unable to join the Island Sovereign in a desperate battle.

"Courting death!"

The Enchantress of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan, a cold smile appearing at the corner of her mouth.

The crescent flame blade from the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither rapidly approached the Island Master Hall, less than a dozen feet away from the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor.

The Dragon Scale Armor hanging above the Island Master Hall's main entrance suddenly burst into brilliance, thousands of red glows shooting in all directions, dyeing the entire void red, a vibrant and magnificent sight.

The rapidly advancing crescent flame blade was intercepted by the red glows emitted by the Dragon Scale Armor. After several breaths of deadlock between the two forces in the void, the crescent flame blade, its power slightly weakened, finally scattered and vanished.

"The legendary Dragon Scale Armor... truly formidable..."

The Enchantress of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan looked at the Dragon Scale Armor, which was emitting radiant red rays and releasing imperial might, her gaze showing a mix of fear and greed.

Hundreds of thousands of years ago, the Immortal Emperor of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan indeed had ties with Fire Dragon Island's Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, thus possessing knowledge of many secrets of the island.

During the hundreds of thousands of years following the era of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan's Immortal Emperor and the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, the clan's strong ones have always coveted the Dragon Blood Pool in secret, while secretly eyeing Fire Dragon Island's treasured Dragon Scale Armor, intending to seize the Dragon Blood Pool and possess the Dragon Scale Armor.

They have waited for this opportunity for hundreds of thousands of years.

Now, with Fire Dragon Island's lineage weakening in power and the Nine-Headed Bird Clan rising with a Female Immortal, who can wield the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither and unleash partial imperial might, the clan that has long lain dormant thought the time was ripe, thus storming Fire Dragon Island.

The alluring Enchantress is now the leader of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan, and the only clan immortal after the Nine-Headed Bird Clan's Immortal Emperor who can wield the Emperor's Instrument, the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither.

She originally believed that her presence would easily annihilate Fire Dragon Island and seize the Dragon Blood Pool and Dragon Scale Armor, yet she had not anticipated the Dragon Scale Armor's formidable power, which exceeded her expectations.

However, the Dragon Scale Armor's might further fueled her desire to possess it.

"Ancestor's protection!"

Having narrowly escaped calamity, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, seeing the Dragon Scale Armor left by his ancestor finally revealing its imperial might, could not help but breathe a sigh of relief.

As the fierce heavenly winds swept through, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor only felt his body drenched in cold sweat.

Chapter 2534: Suppression

"Good!"

"Haha, those damn Nine-Headed Fiend Birds, do you recognize the might of Fire Dragon Island now?"

"With the protection of the Ancestral Imperial Artifact, no external enemy can destroy Fire Dragon Island!"

"Today, we will make sure you Nine-Headed Fiend Birds come and cannot leave!"

"Dragon Scale Armor is mighty!"

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Seeing the Dragon Scale Armor unleash its power, the disciples of Fire Dragon Island were excited and their morale soared, letting out cheers.

Even the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor couldn't help but show a trace of a relaxed smile at the corner of his mouth.

All the disciples of Fire Dragon Island believed that with the protection of the Dragon Scale Armor, the Nine-Headed Bird Clan could only leave in failure, and Fire Dragon Island would safely weather this crisis.

The Dragon Maiden inside the Island Master Hall extended her Divine Sense to observe the battle outside. When she saw the powerful counterattack of the Dragon Scale Armor, her eyes lit up, and her tightly furrowed brows relaxed.

She had been on Fire Dragon Island for many years and had long heard of the legend of the Dragon Scale Armor. She was filled with awe and a strong curiosity about this Emperor's Instrument left behind by the Immortal Emperor.

She remembered that every time she entered the Island Master Hall and passed beneath the Dragon Scale Armor, she felt an extraordinary and unexplainable sensation, as if she had a resonance with this Emperor's Instrument.

"Ha... you're rejoicing too early!"

Upon hearing the cheers and sneers from the disciples of Fire Dragon Island, the alluring Female Immortal from the Nine-Headed Bird Clan sneered with a mocking expression.

She understood that only by suppressing the Dragon Scale Armor could she destroy all the immortals on Fire Dragon Island; otherwise, everything was just in vain.

She circulated Immortal Law and urged her immortal power, her aura skyrocketing a few degrees, reaching the peak in combat power. Her hands hooked onto the strings of the Emperor's Instrument in front of her, pulled them fiercely, and then quickly released them.

"Buzz!"

Accompanied by a low hum, a Fire Blade imbued with the immortal power of a high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert, carrying a strand of imperial might, once again slashed out, targeting the Dragon Scale Armor.

The hearts of thousands of Fire Dragon Island disciples trembled fiercely along with that low hum.

This time, even the weakest disciple on the island could sense that the power of that Fire Blade was stronger than before.

Moreover, earlier, there was a protective Formation light shield at the Island Master Hall, but this time, the Dragon Scale Armor directly faced the attack from the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither.

The attack of an Emperor's Instrument was too powerful; even the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor couldn't resist, much less the other disciples of Fire Dragon Island, so their only hope was the Dragon Scale Armor.

When that Fire Blade imbued with imperial might slashed towards the Dragon Scale Armor, leaving a black line in the void, despite the confidence of the Fire Dragon Island disciples in the Dragon Scale Armor, they were still anxious and clenched their fists tightly.

Their only hope now was that the Dragon Scale Armor was powerful enough to withstand the attack of the Fire Blade.

The Dragon Scale Armor, as an Emperor's Instrument, was extremely intelligent. Perhaps it sensed the power of the Fire Blade, it flew into the air of its own accord, emitting red beams, also imbued with imposing imperial might, to meet the incoming Fire Blade.

The Fire Blade and red beams collided once again.

This time, although the Fire Blade eventually collapsed and vanished, it had gotten much closer to the Dragon Scale Armor, and the light emanating from the Dragon Scale Armor had greatly dimmed.

"That Female Immortal from the Nine-Headed Bird Clan can control the Emperor's Instrument in her hand, while the Dragon Scale Armor can only counterattack on its own... Over time, the Dragon Scale Armor will likely be suppressed by the opposing Emperor's Instrument!"

The Dragon Maiden pondered in her heart.

Strangely, when the Dragon Scale Armor was in battle, the Dragon Maiden seemed to feel as if there was blood flowing inside the armor, surging and boiling.

At the same time, her own blood was also surging endlessly, feeling a kind of blood lineage connection with the Dragon Scale Armor.

Sure enough, as the Dragon Maiden predicted, the alluring Female Immortal from the Nine-Headed Bird Clan saw some results from this attack, revealing a pleased expression, and continued her assault.

The strings of the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither were continuously pulled and released by her, one Fire Blade after another. Although the Dragon Scale Armor blocked attack after attack, the red beams grew dimmer, and the Fire Blades got closer.

The smile at the corner of the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's mouth had long vanished, replaced by a look of panic.

He knew that when the Fire Blade slashed onto the Dragon Scale Armor, it would be fully suppressed.

Once the Dragon Scale Armor was suppressed, it could no longer protect the disciples of Fire Dragon Island, and then the island's defensive formations would be unable to withstand the prolonged attacks

of the alluring Female Immortal and the strong members of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan, ultimately collapsing, leading to the annihilation of Fire Dragon Island's disciples.

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The continuous string sounds produced during the attack of the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither severely shook the void, and some sound waves even penetrated the Formation light shield of the Immortal Island, causing the hearts of thousands of Fire Dragon Island disciples to spasm, painful beyond bearability, with some of the weaker ones already having blood trickle from their mouths.

"This strike, see if you submit!"

The alluring Female Immortal cried sharply, her eyes flashing with fierce light, finally unleashing her most potent, waits-no-longer attack.

"Thrum!"

The Fire Blade slashed fiercely, breaking through layers of red beams, and landed on the Dragon Scale Armor with a thunderous boom.

The Dragon Scale Armor trembled for a moment, no longer emitting red beams, its light completely dimmed down.

However, it was ultimately an Emperor's Instrument; the Dragon Scale Armor still retained a trace of imperial might. The Nine-Headed Fire String Zither could only suppress it, preventing it from counterattacking, but destroying it was impossible.

"What's wrong?"

"The Dragon Scale Armor no longer shines!"

"Those strong beams of immortal power have disappeared too!"

"Is it no longer protecting us?"

"What should we do now?"

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Dispersed among the islands, the disciples of Fire Dragon Island noticed the anomaly of the Dragon Scale Armor, all stunned, and soon a wave of pessimism spread rapidly.

"Has the Ancestral Imperial Artifact been suppressed just like this?"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor looked at the Dragon Scale Armor, feeling sorrowful, couldn't help but sigh.

"Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, meet your end!"

The icy voice of the alluring Female Immortal reverberated through the void.

Her Nine-Headed Fire String Zither was used to suppress the Dragon Scale Armor, unable to be used, so she flipped her left palm, and in the void, a giant Immortal Qi Palm was formed, slapping towards the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor.

"Dragon Maiden, flee quickly!"

Having lost the protection of the Dragon Scale Armor, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor knew he was no match for the alluring Female Immortal. He shook off the hall door of the Island Master Hall, released the Dragon Maiden, and after hastily leaving her a word, his figure charged into the void, heading towards the falling Immortal Qi Giant Palm.

He wanted to create an opportunity for the Dragon Maiden to escape in time, lest all the disciples of Fire Dragon Island perished, leaving revenge in vain in the future.

Although the Dragon Maiden gained freedom, the bond between master and disciple was deep, how could she bear to flee alone?

"Master, if we die, we die together!"

The Dragon Maiden's figure followed swiftly after the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, rushing towards the Immortal Qi Giant Palm with a determined expression.

"Are you foolish? Well then, let's face this together as master and disciple!"

Seeing the Dragon Maiden not fleeing, evidently sharing the same death wish, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor couldn't help but laugh bitterly, gathering all his strength to counter the falling Immortal Essence Big Palm.

The Dragon Maiden shouted sharply, and the Fire Dragon Whip in her hand swung with full force.

Chapter 2535: The Armor Descends

Accompanied by the thunderous roars, the alluring Female Immortal reversed her hand to unleash the Immortal Essence Big Palm, carrying an astonishing force that obscured the sky like a colossal mountain barreling down.

Underneath the giant palm, the space of a thousand yards was filled with Immortal Qi, nearly materializing with an imposing pressure that was terrifying.

"Ah..."

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor roared loudly, his eyes blazing red, wielding the Immortal Artifact and charging upwards with all his might, colliding fiercely with the descending Immortal Essence Big Palm.

The gap in strength between a mid-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert and a high-rank one was immense. Even though the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor exerted his full strength, he struggled to shake the Immortal Essence Big Palm.

"Boom!"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's strike with the Immortal Artifact against the Immortal Essence Big Palm caused no threat to it, only stirred up a wave like a massive stone thrown into a lake.

Subsequently, his form was rapidly plummeted, falling onto the Immortal Island below under the immense pressure of the palm's immortal power.

Fortunately, as an expert in the Immortal Emperor Realm, his physical body was sturdy enough. Though he fell from such height, with flesh and blood splattering and bones fracturing, suffering significant injuries, he did not perish.

Compared to the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, the Dragon Maiden's cultivation level was weaker. Her Fire Dragon Whip hadn't even touched the Immortal Qi Palm before it shattered inch by inch under its pressure, her delicate body plummeting like a cut string kite.

Despite possessing an Innate Fire Spirit Root and having Bauhinia Immortal Fire within her Qi Sea, making her physical body considerably more robust than peers of similar cultivation level, she was still far from the level of the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor. If she fell onto the Immortal Island, her injuries would be even worse.

Under the pressing force of the Immortal Palm from the alluring Female Immortal of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan, the Dragon Maiden's body erupted with wounds, spraying clusters of fresh blood into the air.

One spray of blood landed on the hovering Dragon Scale Armor in mid-air.

In an instant, as if a fish finding water or a field encountering dew, the initially dim and lifeless Dragon Scale Armor began to shine brilliantly again, illuminating the void for miles.

That aura of imperial power suppressing all immortals emerged once more.

"This..."

The alluring Female Immortal of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan gazed in astonishment at the radiant Dragon Scale Armor, sensing its overwhelming imperial power.

She couldn't comprehend how the Dragon Scale Armor, clearly suppressed by her Nine-Headed Fire String Zither, could suddenly emit such dazzling divine light and release such startling imperial power.

"Ancestral blessing upon Fire Dragon Island!"

Thousands of disciples on Fire Dragon Island, seeing the "resurrected" Dragon Scale Armor, were moved to tears.

Then, they noticed the Dragon Maiden's rapidly descending body being caught by a red glow emitted from the Dragon Scale Armor, and as if attracted magnetically, she swiftly approached the armor in mid-air.

"It seems the Dragon Maiden's blood fell on the Dragon Scale Armor, reactivating its imperial power... Legends say the Dragon Scale Armor contains the blood of the Nine Heavens Dragon Emperor... Could the Dragon Maiden possess the Nine Heavens Dragon Emperor's bloodline?"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor watched the Dragon Maiden rapidly closing in on the Dragon Scale Armor, a sudden realization striking him, his eyes glowing with a peculiar light.

"Clang..."

As the Dragon Scale Armor drew closer to the Dragon Maiden's body, its light grew intense and even emitted a joyful chime.

The alluring Female Immortal of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan snapped out of her daze, sensing impending danger and attempted to intervene, but it was too late.

As soon as the Dragon Scale Armor touched the Dragon Maiden's body, its light exploded, forcing all present immortals to shield their eyes.

A moment later, as the immortals uncovered their eyes, they were astonished to find the dragonfly-wing thin Dragon Scale Armor now adorning the Dragon Maiden.

The fiery armor perfectly highlighted the Dragon Maiden's svelte and graceful form, accentuating her exquisite curves.

Radiating divine brilliance from her skin like snow and wind, she gleamed translucently, the red glow from the armor illuminating her peerlessly beautiful face.

The legendary Dragon Scale Armor merged flawlessly with the Dragon Maiden as if tailored perfectly for her.

Despite the grievous injuries that left her unconscious in mid-air, the moment the armor clad her, she healed instantaneously, her captivating eyes snapping open, targeting the alluring Female Immortal of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan a thousand yards away with sword-like sharpness, Immortal Qi swirling around her as her battle intent soared.

At this moment, the Dragon Maiden, draped in fiery armor with her black tresses flowing, clenched her fists like a Goddess descending upon the world.

The alluring Female Immortal of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan, despite her high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation level, found herself suppressed in presence.

"Yes... yes... indeed, the Dragon Maiden carries the Nine Heavens Dragon Emperor's bloodline, the Dragon Scale Armor has chosen her... Ancestral blessing upon Fire Dragon Island! Ancestral blessing upon Fire Dragon Island!"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor murmured to himself, tears streaming, trembling with excitement.

The disciples of Fire Dragon Island knew the legend of the Dragon Scale Armor and believed its attachment to the Dragon Maiden was the will of the ancestors, intending her to save Fire Dragon Island from crisis.

Therefore, thousands of disciples gazed at the Dragon Maiden with fervor and worship, erupting with thunderous cheers.

Conversely, the Nine-Headed Bird Clan's arrogance diminished significantly with the Dragon Scale Armor on the Dragon Maiden.

"What of wearing the Dragon Scale Armor? You may have an emperor's instrument, but so do I! Your cultivation level is far weaker than mine; I can still suppress you!"

The alluring Female Immortal's expression grew cold, stepping across the void, advancing toward the Dragon Maiden.

The Dragon Maiden stared at her coldly, her countenance like frost, silent and unmoving.

Currently, the Dragon Maiden was quietly enduring the overwhelming immortal power surging into her, sensing the astonishing changes occurring in her body.

Suddenly, her body lightly trembled, her internal energy soaring crazily to the peak, then transforming into a powerful shockwave spreading outwards.

Within mere moments of the Dragon Scale Armor merging with her, the Dragon Maiden's cultivation level surged under the armor's immortal power, ascending one minor realm, reaching the fifth rank Immortal King Realm.

"Hmm?"

The alluring Female Immortal paused, her brow slightly furrowing, but soon sneered internally, thinking, "Advancing at this moment, her realm is unstable, her combat power weaker than before. Hmph, let's see how she'll fight me!"

She clenched her right fist, Immortal Essence condensed into a massive ten-yard fist, crushing through a thousand-yard void, hurtling toward the Dragon Maiden.

"Even though the Dragon Maiden advanced, she's still only in the fifth rank Immortal King Realm, far inferior to the Female Immortal of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan; how is she her adversary?"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's eyes widened, holding onto hope that the Dragon Scale Armor would exert its power to protect the Dragon Maiden from harm.

"The Dragon Maiden must win!"

Senior Sister Li, closest to the Dragon Maiden, clenched her fists in anxiety, gathering her breath and shouting.

The Dragon Maiden watched the impending massive punch from the alluring Female Immortal of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan, her pupils slightly contracting with utmost solemnity.

She took a deep breath, lifting her arms overhead, clenching her fists tightly.

Between heaven and earth, the Immortal Fire Qi, as if summoned, rushed toward her fists.

A strand of imperial power from the Dragon Scale Armor also merged into the rapidly growing Fire Immortal Qi at her fists.

Two clusters of flames flickered in her eyes.

Chapter 2536: The Strongest Strike

When the flamboyant demoness's fist of immortal qi approached, the Dragon Maiden raised her eyebrows high, exclaiming softly, and abruptly smashed down the fists held aloft above her head.

"Furious Flame Fist!"

Her cherry lips parted slightly, and she gently uttered these three words.

Furious Flame Fist was a fire system secret technique originally created by Fang Bai in his previous life and later passed on to the Dragon Maiden.

Although this secret technique was the simplest among those created by Fang Bai, it still belonged to the Emperor Rank. Coupled with the aid of the Dragon Scale Armor, its display now carried a hint of emperor's might, rapidly and endlessly swift.

"Boom!"

The Flaming Fists unleashed by two female immortals collided in the void.

Despite having the high rank cultivation level of the Immortal Emperor Realm, the flamboyant demoness of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan suffered loss in this clash without the aid of the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither emperor's instrument, staggering hundreds of feet back under the rebounding force from the flaming fists, her face slightly pale.

"Well done!"

Seeing the Dragon Maiden seize the upper hand, thousands of disciples scattered across the nine islands of Fire Dragon Island cheered enthusiastically, each extremely excited.

Only Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor and a dozen of high-level members from Fire Dragon Island knew that the Dragon Maiden's advantage was simply because the opponent hadn't harnessed the power of the emperor's instrument.

"The fire system secret technique used by the Dragon Maiden now was not taught by me; I wonder where she learned it. Could it be from some encounter during previous training?"

Seeing the flaming fist unleashed by the Dragon Maiden, its power far exceeding the secret techniques he taught her, faintly carrying some Taoist Rhyme, Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor was shocked and puzzled.

Though the Dragon Maiden had the assistance of emperor instruments, her cultivation level was still too weak, unable to exert even a fraction of the emperor instrument's power, making victory in this duel far from easy.

"Wearing the Dragon Scale Armor, her battle strength actually enhanced to such an extent, capable of contending with me... Nevertheless, this is the limit."

The flamboyant demoness coldly said, raising her hand to summon the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither floating in the distant void.

"Fire Dragon Island has produced such a prodigy like you, if given another hundred years, I would no longer be your match. Then it would be hopeless to occupy the Dragon Blood Pool."

The flamboyant demoness gently stroked the strings of the Nine-Headed Fire String Zither, speaking slowly.

"Hence... Today, you must die!"

With these words, her ten fingers flew across the strings, continuously plucking them, as waves of Fire Blades converged densely, attacking towards the Dragon Maiden.

Knowing the Dragon Maiden had activated the formidable bloodline of the Dragon Scale Armor, she was a fierce adversary, and allowing her to live would spell future calamity; thus, she bore an intensely strong intent to kill.

The Dragon Maiden understood that her success or failure linked the fate of thousands of disciples from Fire Dragon Island, gritting her jade teeth, her fists unleashed wave after wave of flaming fists.

The flamboyant demoness, battling with the aid of emperor's instruments, saw her combat strength soar, claiming the advantage from the outset.

Under her relentless attack pressure, the Dragon Maiden's figure continuously retreated. Without the protective Dragon Scale Armor, she would have been injured again, perhaps even fallen.

The cheers of the Fire Dragon Island disciples ceased, each silent and somber, faces showing worry.

"Despite the assistance of the Dragon Scale Armor, the Dragon Maiden's cultivation level is still too weak!"

Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor had hoped the Dragon Maiden, activating her blood with the Dragon Scale Armor, could reverse the battle, but finding the outcome unchanged, he felt a deep sadness and silently sighed.

The Dragon Maiden, retreating gradually in combat, had arrived above the Island Master Hall.

If she retreated further, the Island Master Hall would be directly exposed to the flamboyant demoness's attacks.

The Island Master Hall is a symbol of Fire Dragon Island; its destruction would be a devastating blow to the spirit of thousands of Fire Dragon Island disciples.

"Mentor, I want to activate my potential and use a more powerful secret technique. If the opponent gets wounded, you can seize the opportunity for an all-out attack. Fire Dragon Island's victory hinges on this!"

The Dragon Maiden suddenly transmitted to Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, her delicate face revealing a determined look.

"Dragon Maiden, don't..."

Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, hearing this, was aghast, immediately yelling to stop her.

If he sacrificed to protect her, the Dragon Maiden wearing the Dragon Scale Armor might still have a chance to escape, but if she activated her potential, facing the subsequent side effects and significantly reduced combat strength, there would be no possibility of escape.

However, the Dragon Maiden had resolved her mind, amidst Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's stopping shout, she began fiercely stimulating her inner immortal power and igniting her fighting spirit.

Her eyes turned bloodshot, the aura around her body becoming violent, her battle strength soaring.

Her right palm swiftly turned over, forming a complex and profound palm blossom, then suddenly striking out like lightning.

Thousands of large flaming palms emerged from thin air, attacking from all directions towards the flamboyant demoness of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan.

If Fang Bai were here, he would know that the Dragon Maiden was using his transmitted fire system secret technique, "Palm Burning Ten Thousand Immortals."

This fire system secret technique was at a much higher tier than the flame fist, its power incomparable.

But with the Dragon Maiden's cultivation level, to effectively unleash the power of this secret technique, she could only activate her own potential.

The Emperor Realm high rank secret technique attack, combined with the emperor's might of the Dragon Scale Armor, made the Dragon Maiden's palm strike exceed the defense of high rank strong practitioners in the Immortal Emperor Realm.

"How is that possible!"

The flamboyant demoness never expected the Dragon Maiden to unleash such a powerful strike.

Amidst the attacks of thousands of large flaming palms, the flamboyant demoness felt immense pressure and severe crisis, her face drastically changed.

If she activated her own potential, she could easily withstand the Dragon Maiden's attack.

But she wouldn't do so, as it would severely reduce her combat strength, subsequently allowing Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor to easily take her life.

Therefore, she could only rely on the emperor's instrument to fully resist the Dragon Maiden's strike, hoping not to be gravely injured.

"Clang!"

"Clang!"

"Clang!"

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The flamboyant demoness's hands flashed, quickly plucking the zither strings, as dense Fire Blades like rain met the attacking flame palms from all directions.

Despite most of the flame palms being countered by her Fire Blades, a fair number of flame palms still shattered the Immortal Domain formed around her, falling upon her.

The flamboyant demoness's body was sturdy; suffering just one palm attack wouldn't hurt her, but at least several dozen flame palms landed on her, cracking her internal organs.

"Puff!"

The flamboyant demoness spat a mouthful of fresh blood, unexpectedly suffering significant injuries, her combat strength directly halved, her figure swaying precariously, almost tumbling from air into the sea.

"Nine-Headed Fiend Bird, die!"

With a cultivation level reaching that of Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, adept at seizing opportunities, he saw the flamboyant demoness had been wounded, knowing such a chance was fleeting, shouted furiously with grief, merging his body with an immortal artifact, launching his lifetime's strongest attack.

The Dragon Maiden forcefully unleashed the "Palm Burning Ten Thousand Immortals" secret technique; with each palm strike, her immortal power seemed instantly drained, leaving her extremely frail, and the side effects of activating her body's potential manifested now, her vision dimmed, and she plunged toward the ground.

Just before losing consciousness, she caught a glimpse of a flowing light shot from the distant sea sky, and seemed to hear an extremely familiar voice beside her ear.

"Dragon Maiden, I am here!"

Chapter 2537: Ruined by You

The Dragon Maiden didn't know how long she had been unconscious for, but when her consciousness returned, a familiar scent wafted to her nose.

"Fang Bai..."

The Dragon Maiden instinctively called out, then opened her eyes and found herself lying in Fang Bai's warm and sturdy embrace.

"Awake?"

Fang Bai's hand gently stroked the Dragon Maiden's tender and rosy cheek, his voice as gentle as a spring breeze in March.

The Dragon Maiden softly replied "Mm," moving her body slightly, readjusting her position to continue comfortably lying in Fang Bai's arms.

"Slap!"

With a light sound, Fang Bai's hand suddenly landed on the Dragon Maiden's buttocks.

The Dragon Maiden exclaimed "Ouch," leaping up from Fang Bai's embrace and clutching the spot that was hit, complaining to Fang Bai: "We just met and you hit me... Why!"

Fang Bai put on a serious face and said, "To activate your body's potential and fight the opponent desperately... Do you realize how heartbroken I would be if something happened to you? You tell me, should you be hit?"

The Dragon Maiden argued, "Fire Dragon Island was facing a life-or-death crisis, I..."

Fang Bai waved his hand to interrupt her, sternly saying, "I've told you before, no matter the circumstances, always protect yourself first, then do what you can... Did you do that?"

The Dragon Maiden said, "I..."

Fang Bai snorted, "You were disobedient, so you deserve a hit! Activating your body's potential is extremely dangerous, don't you know that? If I had been a moment late, you and I might have been separated forever by life and death!"

The Dragon Maiden saw Fang Bai seemed genuinely angered, rubbing the hem of her clothes with both hands, bowing her head, and said pitifully, "Oh... I won't do that next time..."

"Next time?"

Fang Bai was both angry and amused, with another "slap," his palm landed once more on the Dragon Maiden's buttocks.

"No... never again... I promise it won't happen again..."

The Dragon Maiden said this, suddenly turned her head and saw the disciples of Fire Dragon Island, including the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, watching from afar with odd expressions.

"You've embarrassed me..."

Under the scrutiny of the crowd, having been slapped in a sensitive spot, even with her carefree nature, the Dragon Maiden's fair face blushed crimson, and she covered her face, turning away to play the ostrich.

Fang Bai looked at her graceful back, grinned, stepped forward and patted her shoulder, saying, "Your injuries haven't completely healed, sit down and adjust yourself. Once you're fully recovered, we'll talk again. I'll go greet the immortals of Fire Dragon Island!"

With that, Fang Bai walked over to the disciples of Fire Dragon Island.

Not long ago, the Dragon Maiden had activated her potential, injuring the Nine-Headed Bird Clan's alluring female immortal, but fell unconscious when she herself collapsed.

Before she hit the ground, Fang Bai arrived in time, holding her body as they descended onto Immortal Island, then channeled a trace of Chaos Immortal Qi into her body.

Meanwhile, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor took advantage of the opportunity when the seductive female immortal of the Nine-Headed Bird Clan was wounded and her combat power severely diminished, launching a full-scale attack.

Unfortunately, his cultivation level was still somewhat lacking, and despite his best efforts, he couldn't claim the life of the alluring female immortal, allowing her to escape.

As the Dragon Maiden's injuries healed, the Dragon Scale Armor automatically detached from her body and flew back to its place.

A thousand breaths later, the Dragon Maiden finally woke from her coma, with her injuries mostly healed.

While Fang Bai was healing the Dragon Maiden, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor and other Fire Dragon Island immortals seemed to notice his unusual relationship with the Dragon Maiden, thus watched from afar without approaching.

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor initially worried that the Dragon Maiden activating her bodily potential would severely affect her future cultivation, feeling deep regret and distress, but seeing her recover quickly under Fang Bai's treatment, with no side effects apparent, was amazed and overjoyed, marvelling at Fang Bai's miraculous methods.

When taking the Dragon Maiden as his disciple, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor had already noticed she wasn't possessing a Primordial Yin Body. When Fang Bai appeared to rescue the Dragon Maiden, he speculated that this young immortal might be the Dragon Maiden's celestial partner.

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor initially thought the Dragon Maiden's aptitude was extremely rare in the Immortal Realm, not expecting Fang Bai to have a celestial age close to that of the Dragon Maiden, yet already half-step Immortal Emperor cultivation, leaving the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor shocked and curious about Fang Bai's origins.

Especially with Fang Bai saving the Dragon Maiden, causing the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor to develop great goodwill towards him.

Seeing Fang Bai walking over, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor hurriedly greeted him, followed by a dozen Fire Dragon Island higher-ups.

"Greetings, Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor."

Though they were still several meters apart, Fang Bai clasped his fists and said.

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor was taken aback, not expecting this young white-robed immortal to recognize him, while he had no knowledge of Fang Bai's identity, feeling somewhat embarrassed.

"May I know the respected name of the immortal friend..."

As they drew closer, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor also clasped his fists towards Fang Bai, looking puzzled as he asked.

"Haha, my celestial title is Wushuang Immortal King!"

Fang Bai boldly announced.

"Wushuang Immortal King..."

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor racked his brains, unable to recall such a figure in the Immortal Realm, could only give a dry laugh and say, "I've heard of your esteemed name!"

Fang Bai glanced back at the Dragon Maiden, saw she had already entered her cultivation state, and said, "The Dragon Maiden and I are celestial partners, separated after ascending from the lower realm, losing contact, searching for years, and finally meeting today. Over the years, the Dragon Maiden has greatly benefited from your care!"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor thought to himself that it indeed was the case, silently thinking that the Dragon Maiden had chosen well to find such a remarkably talented male immortal as her celestial partner from the lower realm.

"The Dragon Maiden is my disciple, caring for her is only natural, you needn't be so polite!"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor waved his hand and said.

He carefully observed Fang Bai, found Fang Bai surrounded by Fire Immortal Qi, extremely pure, surprisingly possessing an Innate Fire Spirit Root, feeling greatly astonished and growing fond of the talent.

"If we could bring this immortal into Fire Dragon Island, pairing with the Dragon Maiden, then Fire Dragon Island would gain two strong individuals, like adding wings to a tiger!"

Thinking of this, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's heart itchingly approached Fang Bai asking, "May I know which sect the Wushuang Immortal King originates from?"

Fang Bai replied, "I have no sect or gate, a loose cultivator!"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor was overjoyed, directly asking, "Would the Wushuang Immortal King be willing to join my Fire Dragon Island?"

He considered Fang Bai's half-step Immortal Emperor level although possessing an Innate Spiritual Root, his battle prowess shouldn't be inferior to a true Immortal Emperor Realm expert, if willing to join Fire Dragon Island, offering a position as a steward, it would be acceptable.

He expected Fang Bai to consider for a while before responding, but surprisingly, Fang Bai nodded immediately, "No problem, I'll be a tribute elder on your Fire Dragon Island!"

"..."

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's face was stunned and then he smiled wryly, thinking he was planning on granting him a steward position, but his appetite was significant, wanting to be a tribute elder.

Usually, tribute elders of the Immortal Sect and Immortal Gate, have a "specialty," either knowledgeable in Alchemy or Artifact Refining, or skilled in formation setup, or proficient in Beast Taming Art... If Fang Bai truly possessed a specialty, granting a tribute elder title was fine, otherwise, it was somewhat forced and perhaps difficult for other elders to be willingly convinced.

Chapter 2538: Using the Palm as a Furnace

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor opened his mouth, not knowing how to respond to Fang Bai at the moment.

He knew that immortals like Fang Bai, who were young and highly talented, often had high aspirations. If he directly refused, it might make Fang Bai unhappy.

But if he agreed outright, it would seem a bit hasty.

"Well..."

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's mind raced, thinking about how best to respond to Fang Bai.

"I can perform alchemy!"

Fang Bai seemed to understand the dilemma in the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's heart, smiled, and said, "So... there shouldn't be a problem for me to become an Elder of Tribute, right?"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor raised an eyebrow doubtfully and said, "Immortal Friend... do you really know the Alchemy Dao?"

His doubts stemmed from Fang Bai's young immortal age, as even if Fang Bai knew the Alchemy Dao, he feared Fang Bai might only be a novice, with the ability to make true Immortal Pills still in question.

Fang Bai extended his left hand, and a cluster of flame rose from his palm; then he extended his right hand, where a blue aura swirled.

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's gaze fell on the swirling blue aura in Fang Bai's right hand, exclaiming, "You... you are actually a Dual Attribute Innate Spiritual Root of fire and wood!"

He had thought Fang Bai was the same as the Dragon Maiden, possessing an Innate Fire Spirit Root, but witnessing the pure and dense Wood Immortal Qi gathered in Fang Bai's right palm, he realized he had misjudged.

This Fang Bai possessed two types of Innate Spiritual Roots within him, far exceeding his expectations.

Moreover, having both fire and wood Innate Spiritual Roots, if he ventured into alchemy and received guidance from an alchemist, he could very likely become an outstanding alchemist.

Suddenly, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's eyes brightened, and he couldn't suppress his excitement.

If Fang Bai could truly refine Immortal Pills and was willing to join Fire Dragon Island, it would be crucial for the island's future glory, so why not offer him a position as Elder of Tribute?

"Currently, I can refine Immortal Pills below the high Immortal Emperor level."

Fang Bai said humbly.

Actually, if Fang Bai were willing, he could also refine high Immortal Emperor-level Immortal Pills. However, refining pills of that level really consumes too much effort, so Fang Bai would not easily make them.

Also, the disciples of Fire Dragon Island generally didn't have strong abilities. Lower or middle Immortal Emperor-level Immortal Pills were sufficient as auxiliary aids for their daily cultivation.

"Well... Immortal Friend Fang, could you demonstrate your alchemy technique?"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor thought that seeing is believing. If Fang Bai could really make Immortal Emperor-level Immortal Pills, then making him an Elder of Tribute would be well-deserved, and all disciples on Fire Dragon Island wouldn't have any objections.

Fang Bai also understood that, in terms of logic and emotion, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's request was not excessive. He smiled slightly and said nothing, letting the flame in his left palm continue to burn, while several alchemy ingredients appeared in his right hand.

"He intends to refine a lower Immortal Emperor-level Creation Pill..."

Even though the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor did not understand the Alchemy Dao, upon seeing the ingredients Fang Bai took out, he knew what kind of Immortal Pill Fang Bai was going to make.

The Creation Pill was among the Immortal Pills with exceedingly high refinement difficulty. Even an outstanding alchemist dared not claim absolute certainty in its successful creation.

If Fang Bai could refine an Immortal Emperor-level Creation Pill, then refining other Immortal Pills would pose no problem.

In the distance, the gaze of several thousand disciples of Fire Dragon Island all focused on Fang Bai with anticipation in their eyes.

Among the several thousand disciples of Fire Dragon Island, not one was an alchemist. The Immortal Pills used for cultivation had to be sought from Immortal City on Land, tens of thousands of miles away. If Fang Bai truly was an alchemist, it would indeed be a blessing for them.

"Phew..."

The flame in Fang Bai's left palm suddenly grew, and then his right hand lightly shook, the alchemy ingredients breaking into segments and floating into the flame in his left palm.

The ingredients rolled continuously in the flame and soon turned into a liquid medicine...

"Refining pills without a pill furnace..."

Seeing Fang Bai's refining process, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's eyes widened in disbelief.

From what he knew, alchemists in the Immortal Realm almost all used pill furnaces to refine Immortal Pills, and as a type of Immortal Artifact, the higher the grade of the pill furnace, the higher the success rate of refining pills.

Yet this Fang Bai refined Immortal Pills right in his palm, indicating that his alchemy technique had reached the legendary highest realm of using the palm as a furnace, something difficult for notable alchemists in the Immortal Realm to achieve.

Further surprising the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor was that other alchemists refining an Immortal Emperor-level Creation Pill would take at least three to five days for success, but after only two hours, the medicinal liquid showed signs of solidifying.

Such rapid alchemy speed was unheard of by the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor. He thought if Fang Bai could succeed in alchemy, it would truly be a miracle in the Alchemy Realm.

As the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor pondered here, Fang Bai had already struck a Pill Condensation Technique into the flame in his right palm.

The scent of herbs filled the air, and Immortal Qi pervaded.

After the flame disappeared, five lower Immortal Emperor-level Creation Pills appeared in Fang Bai's palm, spinning round and round.

"Incredible... incredible..."

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor stepped up to Fang Bai, staring big-eyed at the Creation Pills in his palm, muttering in excitement, his face flushing red.

"Fire Dragon Island Master, I wonder if my alchemy technique can please your eyes?"

Fang Bai said with a smile.

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor said, "Pleasing... very pleasing... I was really ashamed to have doubted your alchemy technique just now!"

His gaze suddenly passed over Fang Bai, towards behind him, showing joyful surprise as he asked with concern, "Dragon Maiden, are you okay now?"

Fang Bai turned around, looking at the Dragon Maiden gracefully walking towards them, smiling.

"Master, I'm fine now!"

The Dragon Maiden responded to the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor before lightly biting her lip and facing Fang Bai, her beautiful eyes glistening with affection, unlimited sentiment.

Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden hadn't seen each other for years, and now meeting again on this Immortal Island, their hearts were filled with indescribable joy, their gazes intertwined, saying everything without words.

"This Fire Dragon Island is isolated overseas, remote... Dragon Maiden, you really made it difficult for me to find you! Come, let me have a good look at you!"

Fang Bai said, opening his arms to the Dragon Maiden.

They hadn't seen each other in years, and had only exchanged a few words briefly. The Dragon Maiden had then gone to adjust and heal, and now that she was completely fine, they naturally had many words to exchange.

At this moment, the Dragon Maiden's eyes had only Fang Bai, and seeing him open his arms, regardless of the spectators, she flew into Fang Bai's embrace, tightly hugging his body, whispering, "Fang Bai... why didn't you come to find me sooner? Do you know, every morning and evening, I would stand on the highest peak of the Immortal Island, looking towards the distant horizon, hoping to see your presence... waiting for this day was so bitter!"

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor looked at their hugging in front of thousands of disciples from Fire Dragon Island, feeling an unspeakable awkwardness, unsure whether to retreat or continue staying.

Chapter 2539: Dragon Blood Pool Opens

Under the watchful eyes of everyone, Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden shared a moment of affection, then hand in hand, they walked together to the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor.

"Master, actually, Fang Bai not only knows alchemy but also artifact refining, formations, and the beast taming art. He is entirely capable of being the Elder of Tribute!"

The Dragon Maiden earnestly said to the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor.

During the previous battle with the Nine-Headed Bird Clan, if not for the Dragon Maiden wearing the Dragon Scale Armor, unleashing her body's potential and injuring the glamorous Female Immortal, Fire Dragon Island would have been in grave danger.

Although Fire Dragon Island escaped a calamity, its overall strength is too weak; if the Nine-Headed Bird Clan were to invade again in the future, it would still be a big problem.

So, for Fire Dragon Island to remain peaceful for a long time, its overall strength must be elevated to deter other immortals.

The Dragon Maiden knew Fang Bai's abilities and knew that his arrival was a rare opportunity for Fire Dragon Island.

Although Fang Bai's cultivation level is not yet as high as the upper echelons of Fire Dragon Island, he is absolutely more capable in teaching disciples than the higher-ups of Fire Dragon Island.

Moreover, Fang Bai can help Fire Dragon Island tame some Immortal Birds and Immortal Beasts, arrange some Offensive and Defensive Great Formations, and refine and create some high-rank Immortal Pills and Immortal Artifacts... It can be foreseen that if Fang Bai becomes the Elder of Tribute for Fire Dragon Island, the island's overall strength will see a significant boost in a short time.

Upon hearing the Dragon Maiden's words, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's first reaction was that his disciple was praising her immortal companion.

Being able to refine pills and artifacts, understand formations and beast taming art, his immortal companion in the Dragon Maiden's words is almost an omnipotent immortal, a rarity in the Immortal Realm, except for that war emperor who once traversed the Immortal Realm, invincible.

An immortal as talented and brilliant as the War Emperor only appears once every eon in the Immortal Realm, and although the Dragon Maiden's immortal companion is a Dual Attribute Innate Spiritual Root, which is extremely rare in the Immortal Realm, how could he compare to the War Emperor?

However, upon further thought, his disciple has always been honest and straightforward, never likes to boast or show off; her saying such things in front of everyone may suggest that Fang Bai really has talents beyond alchemy.

"Regardless of the other skills, just in the field of alchemy alone, Immortal Friend Fang can serve as the Elder of Tribute for my Fire Dragon Island..."

The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor said with a smile.

With Fang Bai as the Elder of Tribute, Fire Dragon Island won't need to travel hundreds of thousands of miles to an Immortal City on Land to request pill masters to refine elixirs, saving time and effort and preserving significant cultivation resources.

The Dragon Maiden saw the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor seemingly not believing her words; she didn't bother to say more, knowing that when Fang Bai showcased his true skills, he would understand her words weren't false.

Originally, as the Elder of Tribute for Fire Dragon Island, one qualifies to dwell alone in an Immortal Hall, but Fang Bai refused the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's arrangement, choosing instead to live in the Dragon Maiden's Immortal Residence.

Fang Bai agreed to become the Elder of Tribute for Fire Dragon Island as a repayment for taking care of the Dragon Maiden over the years. Once Fire Dragon Island has enough self-defense capability with his help, he will leave with the Dragon Maiden.

Fang Bai knows that Fire Dragon Island values the Dragon Maiden greatly and will not easily let her leave, but Fang Bai is fully confident, believing that as long as he shows enough sincerity, he will win over the higher-ups of Fire Dragon Island.

Actually, given Fang Bai's current combat prowess, even if he forcibly takes the Dragon Maiden away, no immortal on Fire Dragon Island can stop him.

In the days that followed, Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden stayed together, endlessly affectionate.

"Unexpectedly, that Emperor's Instrument, the Dragon Scale Armor, actually donned itself onto you. Could it be that you truly have the bloodline of the Nine Heavens Dragon Emperor within you? However... it's said the Nine Heavens Dragon Emperor belongs to the Dragon Clan, and you do not!"

Talking about the Dragon Scale Armor, Fang Bai couldn't help but marvel.

"I find it strange too... I indeed feel a sense of mental connection with that Dragon Scale Armor..."

The Dragon Maiden blinked her eyes and said.

She knew Fang Bai's past life was the Immortal Realm War Emperor, with vast knowledge of Immortal Realm affairs, and asked, "Fang Bai, do you know the origin of the Dragon Scale Armor?"

Fang Bai nodded and said, "It's said that the Dragon Scale Armor was forged by the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, infusing the blood of the Nine Heavens Dragon Emperor tens of thousands of years ago, but whether it's true or not remains unknown... The Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor was the first Island Master of Fire Dragon Island, which you should know. As for the Nine Heavens Dragon Emperor, it's said to be a stunningly talented Immortal Emperor from the Dragon Clan a million years ago. After his fall, his blood transformed into the Dragon Blood Pool..."

The Dragon Maiden said, "Speaking of the Dragon Blood Pool, tomorrow is the day it opens... Fang Bai, by then, you should also go immerse yourself in the Dragon Blood Pool for cultivation. Hmm, master said, the Dragon Blood Pool greatly benefits the cultivation level of Immortal Realm."

"The Dragon Blood Pool is effective for Immortal King Realm experts, but not much for Immortal Emperor Realm experts..."

Fang Bai frowned and mused that it might be abrupt for him to request immersion in the Dragon Blood Pool just after becoming the Elder of Tribute for Fire Dragon Island, and it wouldn't be good if the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor is put in a difficult position.

The Dragon Maiden said, "But you are just a Half-Step Immortal Emperor! Whether it works or not, you should give it a try!"

Fang Bai said, "Alright... However, this matter needs to be discussed with the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor. If he agrees, I'll try it; if he doesn't, then it's alright."

That day, Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden sought out the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor together, raising the matter with him.

"Of course, that's no issue!"

Upon hearing this, the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor agreed enthusiastically.

He was swift to agree, considering it from multiple angles.

First, allowing Fang Bai to immerse in the Dragon Blood Pool indicates Fire Dragon Island's regard for him, further winning his allegiance to the island.

Next, if Fang Bai becomes stronger, his alchemy techniques will also improve, bringing numerous benefits to Fire Dragon Island.

Moreover, Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden are immortal companions, treating Fang Bai kindly ensures more gratitude from the Dragon Maiden.

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In summary, allowing Fang Bai into the Dragon Blood Pool brings countless advantages to Fire Dragon Island without any disadvantages or losses, so why not?

Early the next morning, in the valley behind the Island Master Hall, red clouds soared into the sky, the rich and pure Fire Immortal Qi lingering in the valley.

"The Dragon Blood Pool has opened!"

Experienced disciples of Fire Dragon Island remarked.

Fang Bai, the Dragon Maiden, and nine other elite disciples of Fire Dragon Island gathered in front of the Island Master Hall, then under the leadership of the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor and over ten high-levels, they flew towards the back valley.

In the huge valley behind the mountain, the Dragon Blood Pool spanning a thousand feet bubbled and sounded, the blood-red pool water continuously roiling and boiling like hot water, the concentrated Fire Immortal Qi filling the air, coloring a vast portion of the void.

For the Dragon Maiden and other disciples of Fire Dragon Island, it was their first time seeing the legendary Dragon Blood Pool. Although the boiling lava-like pool water made them fearful, the excitement and enthusiasm in their hearts far outweighed the fear.

Chapter 2540: Entering the Pool

Whenever the Dragon Blood Pool opens, the Fire Dragon Island disciples who have the opportunity to soak and cultivate within it mostly advance in rank, and even those who do not advance will significantly enhance their strength.

This is a great fortune, and every Fire Dragon Island disciple who obtains such an opportunity becomes the envy of their peers.

Close to the Dragon Blood Pool, one can sense the pool's waters releasing a unique and mighty power, a power that contains a strand of intimidating imperial majesty and a trace of mystical Taoist rhyme.

"This Dragon Blood Pool is indeed extraordinary! It seems it is transformed from the Nine Heavens Dragon Emperor's blood, not just a rumor!"

Fang Bai's gaze fell upon the Dragon Blood Pool, his eyes glittering with a strange light, thinking that his trip had been worthwhile and should yield great rewards.

In his past life, Fang Bai had heard of Fire Dragon Island's Dragon Blood Pool, but the pool was a forbidden zone on Fire Dragon Island. Despite being capable of claiming the pool due to his power as the Invincible War Emperor, he neither wanted nor deemed it worthy to seize it by force, so he had no chance to witness the Dragon Blood Pool.

At this moment, upon seeing the pool, Fang Bai knew at first glance that his trip was worthwhile.

Originally, according to the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's intention, it would be best for the Dragon Maiden to enter the Dragon Blood Pool after donning the Dragon Scale Armor, as this would protect her body and prevent any harm within the pool.

However, Fang Bai rejected the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's kind offer on behalf of the Dragon Maiden.

According to Fang Bai, tempering in the Dragon Blood Pool without any protection allows the body to endure as much torture and mutilation as possible, making it stronger, achieving the purpose of improving cultivation level and even advancing in rank.

Despite the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's safety concerns, who still suggested the Dragon Maiden wear the Dragon Scale Armor, the Dragon Maiden naturally inclined to listen to Fang Bai, hence she abandoned the armor.

"It seems that as her master, I'm still not as important as her celestial partner!"

Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor sighed inwardly, feeling helpless, as he could only remind the Dragon Maiden to immediately come ashore if she couldn't bear it in the Dragon Blood Pool, not to force it, after all, there will be many opportunities in the future when the pool opens again.

"Soaking and cultivating in the Dragon Blood Pool is both an opportunity and a danger; a moment's carelessness may lead to injury, resulting in strength going backward instead of forward. You must be cautious and careful, and immediately come ashore if anything unexpected happens!"

Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's gaze swept across the faces of the Dragon Maiden and other Fire Dragon Island disciples, speaking solemnly and seriously.

"Yes."

Except for Fang Bai, the other ten Fire Dragon Island disciples unanimously responded with controlled excitement and eagerness on their faces.

"Go ahead!"

Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor waved his hand, signaling Fang Bai and the ten immortals to enter the Dragon Blood Pool.

"Splash!"

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As soon as the words left the Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's mouth, the Fire Dragon Island disciples, eager and ready, promptly leaped into the Dragon Blood Pool.

Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden exchanged glances, then stepped into the air and entered the Dragon Blood Pool together.

The Dragon Blood Pool spans a radius of a thousand zhang, with pool water appearing blood-red yet exhibiting subtle differences: the closer to the pool's center, the darker the color and the thicker the water, with many more bubbles constantly bubbling up.

Fire Dragon Island disciples fortunate enough to enter the Dragon Blood Pool for cultivation know the effects are better in the center, but the risks increase accordingly, potentially counteracting benefits, thus choosing the lighter-colored area for safety to guard against accidents.

Nine Fire Dragon Island disciples entered the pool before Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden, stopping in the light-colored area at the pool's edge, soaking in the water, with only their heads exposed.

Despite being mentally prepared before entering the Dragon Blood Pool, the nine disciples couldn't withstand the instant inundating destructive force once submerged, causing them to involuntarily groan.

However, having received guidance from the Island Master, Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, they dared not circulate their own immortal power to counteract the overwhelming force invading their body, merely gritting their teeth, allowing external immortal power to rampage within, feeling as if thousands of blades and swords were cutting their bodies, enduring unspeakable pain.

Yet, according to descriptions from predecessors who had cultivated in the pool, once through the initial painful stage, one enters a mystical realm, with the physical body undergoing transformation, potentially breaking barriers and advancing in rank.

Thus, despite their faces contorted in pain and bodies convulsing, the nine Fire Dragon Island disciples persisted with clenched teeth.

Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden followed the nine disciples, landing in the Dragon Blood Pool's light-colored area.

Both possessing Innate Spiritual Roots, their bodies far stronger than the other nine disciples, once immersed in the pool, the Dragon Maiden felt only slight discomfort, while Fang Bai instead felt comfort, akin to soaking in a warm spring.

"Soaking in the outer area has little effect; let's head further inside."

Fang Bai sent a message to the Dragon Maiden, then took her hand and slowly walked toward the deeper-colored area ahead.

"As expected of Innate Spiritual Roots, disdaining cultivation at the pool's edge."

Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor, observing Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden after entering the pool, remained composed, continued forward, eyes shining with joy.

However, noticing they did not intend to stop, aiming for the pool's core area, his expression inevitably changed.

The core area of the Dragon Blood Pool is regarded as the most dangerous part, with bodily impact forces exceeding the tolerance limits of ordinary Immortal King Realm experts; no Fire Dragon Island disciple ever dared cultivate there.

Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor once ventured into that area, only staying for several breaths before having to leave, never daring to enter again.

"They're too reckless..."

Though realizing that Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden are not ordinary Immortal King Realm experts, observing their approach to the core area encompassing a hundred zhang radius, Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor's heart couldn't help but tense.

The core area's hundred zhang range, with the deepest water color and highest density, contains endless immortal power, and once bubbles erupt on the surface, they provoke violent fluctuations in the surrounding void.

Under the watchful gaze of Fire Dragon Immortal Emperor and Fire Dragon Island's high-level members, Fang Bai and the Dragon Maiden moved to the core area of the Dragon Blood Pool before halting their advance.

"We shall cultivate here! If you can't endure it, tell me, I'll assist you!"

Fang Bai spoke, releasing the Dragon Maiden's hand, closed his eyes, crossing his legs, and suspending himself in the pool, entering a cultivation state, receiving the pool's immortal power blessing.

The Dragon Maiden imitated, exposing only her head.

The Dragon Blood Pool possess infinite wondrous functions, the pool water's immortal power cleanses immortal bodies, making them sturdier, and once overcoming the initial stage of bodily cleansing, the immortal qi continually pours in, rapidly accumulating in the immortal's Qi Sea, serving as leverage for breaking barriers and advancing in rank.

