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Chapter 2671: Most Welcome

Afterward, for some time, disciples scattered across the Immortal Realm found the contact information left by Fang Bai and gradually made their way to the Emperor's Palace.

When those disciples saw the Palace Master and fellow disciples, they were naturally overjoyed and excited. Some of the disciples, overwhelmed by feelings of love and sincerity, couldn't help but weep openly as they recalled the hardships of a millennium and the fallen comrades.

Fang Bai knew that there might still be some disciples of the Emperor's Palace in the Immortal Realm. If he were to spread the news of the Emperor's Palace's rebuilding to the nine heavenly domains of the Immortal Realm, the disciples would certainly return, but it would also surely attract attacks from several top forces.

The top forces, which had gathered all their strength a millennium ago to finally destroy the Emperor's Palace, have yet to completely eradicate the remnants of the Emperor's Palace. How could they tolerate the reappearance of a new Emperor's Palace in the Immortal Realm?

Especially if they learned that the new Palace Master was the reincarnated War Emperor from years ago, they would spare no expense and exhaust all possibilities to destroy the Emperor's Palace.

Currently, the Emperor's Palace has only over ten thousand disciples, with less than half as many Immortal Emperor Realm experts as during its peak. Even with Fang Bai, a Quasi-Emperor comparable to an Emperor Realm expert, and the support of the Qilin Immortal Emperor, Bixie Immortal Emperor, Tempest Immortal Emperor, and Thunderflame Immortal Emperor, they still couldn't match the top forces.

Although the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor and Flying Swan Immortal Emperor are nowhere to be found, their ranks still include the Dragon Taming Emperor, Myriad Sword Immortal Emperor, Red Lotus Immortal Emperor, Qingtian Immortal Emperor, Ice River Empress, and Thunder Immortal Emperor.

The strength of these six top Immortal Emperors is slightly superior to the five Immortal Emperors on the Emperor's Palace side, not to mention their tens of thousands of disciples holding a comprehensive advantage against the ten thousand disciples of the Emperor's Palace.

Therefore, before fully preparing for war with the top forces, Fang Bai does not plan to release the news of the Emperor's Palace's rebuilding.

Fang Bai hopes the Emperor's Palace can secretly accumulate strength, remaining silent until one day it shocks the Immortal Realm with its emergence.

Once everything in the Emperor's Palace settled, Fang Bai often ventured out for months or even years, and each time he returned, he brought back countless cultivation resources.

Fang Bai deposited these cultivation resources underground near the Emperor's Palace, as reserves for the disciples' daily cultivation needs.

Even though he had transformed the Emperor's Palace into a place comparable to any cultivation holy land in the Immortal Realm, Fang Bai always felt something was missing.

"If the area around the Emperor's Palace could be as pure and dense as the Immortal Qi within the Five Elements Space Ring, the disciples' cultivation progress would greatly speed up..."

He recalled the treasures within the Five Elements Space Ring, and his heart suddenly stirred.

He dug a deep pit behind the main hall of the Emperor's Palace and injected some Water of Life from within the Five Elements Space Ring into it.

Next, he transplanted portions of the World Tree and Peach Immortal Tree, cutting off branches and leaves, to either side of the Water of Life.

Nourished by the Water of Life, the World Tree and Peach Immortal Tree quickly took root and grew at an astonishing pace.

In just a year, the Peach Immortal Tree grew to a height of several meters, with peach blossoms blooming on every branch.

Meanwhile, the World Tree surpassed the height of the Emperor's Palace main hall and expanded its branches and leaves from the mountain where the main hall stood, spreading in all directions.

Fang Bai knew that both the World Tree and Peach Immortal Tree would initially grow quickly, but later on, they would slow down.

However, these two Immortal Trees grew faster than other Immortal Trees in the Immortal Realm until one day they would be just like in the Five Elements Space Ring, with the Peach Immortal Tree bearing fruit and the World Tree enveloping the entire Emperor's Palace, at which point their growth would stop.

The peach blossoms of the Peach Immortal Tree emitted a refreshing fragrance, spreading for thousands of miles around.

The Immortal Qi released by the World Tree continuously flowed out, pure and dense, enveloping the entire Emperor's Palace.

Bathed in the fragrant air and rich Immortal Qi, all disciples of the Emperor's Palace felt rejuvenated, and even their cultivation progress noticeably quickened.

Some disciples had seen the Peach Immortal Tree before, but none had seen the World Tree. When they gazed upon the World Tree, they couldn't help but feel a sense of reverence and worship.

"It is said that the World Tree is a supreme treasure birthed at the beginning of heaven and earth, and there is only one in the entire Immortal Realm. The World Tree can continuously release Immortal Qi, nurturing countless cultivation resources, benefiting all living beings. Yet for some unexplained reason, the World Tree vanished, resulting in drastic changes in the Immortal Realm's environment, and a scarcity of cultivation resources..."

The Qilin Immortal Emperor exclaimed in awe and joy upon seeing the World Tree.

In fact, neither Fang Bai nor the Qilin Immortal Emperor had ever seen such a supreme treasure from the dawn of creation, but they had heard of it; Fang Bai dared to conclude that he had acquired part of

the World Tree only after discovering that chopped wood had grown into a sky-reaching tree, continually releasing Immortal Qi.

"The World Tree rooted in the Emperor's Palace symbolizes the prosperity of the Emperor's Palace! I even want to move my guards here!"

"Quite the same for me!"

Tempest Immortal Emperor and Thunderflame Immortal Emperor gazed at the World Tree after its rise behind the main hall of the Emperor's Palace, sensing the rich Immortal Qi around them, their eyes glowing brightly.

Fang Bai chuckled, saying, "If you two Immortal friends wish to come, I would certainly welcome you!"

Meanwhile, the Qilin Immortal Emperor and Bixie Immortal Emperor, upon seeing the World Tree, decided never to leave the Emperor's Palace.

For those focused on breaking into the Great Emperor Realm, many are the cultivation holy lands in the Immortal Realm, but where could compare to the Emperor's Palace where the World Tree exists?

Moreover, Fang Bai, the undefeated War Emperor in his previous life, harbors countless Immortal Technique Secrets; discussing and exchanging with him yields far greater benefits. Where else could such an opportunity be found?

"Both the Tree of Life and the Water of Life are legendary supreme treasures of the Immortal Realm. Cultivating beside them might inspire some insights!"

Among the Immortal Emperors, the Qilin Immortal Emperor was the oldest and most senior, so he knew a great deal. After saying this, he headed to the World Tree and beside the Water of Life to begin his cultivation with closed eyes.

Bixie Immortal Emperor, Thunderflame Immortal Emperor, and Tempest Immortal Emperor also found this reasoning sound, so they too sat beneath the World Tree, entering the cultivation state.

With four Immortal Emperors in seclusion, no disciples dared to approach, fearing they would disturb them.

Even Fang Bai decided to take Xia Chenyu and other Immortal companions far from the main hall of the Emperor's Palace.

"I wonder how Li Yu is doing now."

That day, after explaining some Immortal Technique Secrets to Xia Chenyu and other Immortal companions, Fang Bai suddenly thought of Lu Liyu, who had been abducted by the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, and sighed lightly.

Hearing this, Xia Chenyu and the other Immortal companions were saddened.

They reunited with Fang Bai at the Emperor's Palace, no longer suffering the pangs of love while being apart in different places. They indulged in romantic play and laughter all day. But Lu Liyu, often unheard from, left them feeling both ashamed and worried.

"Now that the Emperor's Palace is stabilized, why don't we go find Li Yu!"

Xia Chenyu mused for a while and then said to Fang Bai.

Fang Bai already had a plan in mind, saying, "In a while, I'll leave the Emperor's Palace to search for Li Yu. As for you all... stay here and focus on your cultivation. Once the Qilin Immortal Emperor and the others finish their cultivation, you can learn from them and will certainly benefit greatly. I hope that soon, each of you can become an Immortal Realm Empress and lend me a helping hand!"

Chapter 2672: Saving Empress Linglong

Before leaving the Emperor's Palace, Fang Bai gathered tens of thousands of disciples in the square in front of the main hall, and gave them some instructions.

"After I leave, the Emperor's Palace will be jointly managed by the Qilin Immortal Emperor, Bixie Immortal Emperor, Tempest Immortal Emperor, and Thunderflame Immortal Emperor. All matters should be handled according to their arrangements..."

Fang Bai's gaze swept over the tens of thousands of disciples, then landed on the four Immortal Emperors, and he smiled at them in greeting.

Among these four Immortal Emperors, apart from the Bixie Immortal Emperor, the other three were all well-known Emperor Realm experts of the Immortal Realm, seasoned and experienced. With them guarding the Emperor's Palace, Fang Bai had no worries even if he left.

"Palace Master, rest assured, leave everything here to us."

The Qilin Immortal Emperor cupped his hands, representing the commitment of the other three Immortal Emperors.

Under Fang Bai's sincere invitation, the four Immortal Emperors agreed to serve as honorary Palace Masters of the Emperor's Palace.

As Fang Bai was the leader of the Emperor's Palace, the four Immortal Emperors felt it improper to address him by name directly, so they followed the other disciples and addressed him as Palace Master.

Now, with the four Immortal Emperors guarding the palace and tens of thousands of disciples capable of joining forces to form an array, along with the layered offensive and defensive great formation set by Fang Bai, no sect's force could challenge them.

Even if the six major forces joined forces and attacked with all their might, the Emperor's Palace could hold its ground for a while.

Moreover, in this life, with the Five Elements Space Ring, if the six major forces were to attack jointly, the tens of thousands of disciples could instantly enter it to hide, avoiding the tragedy of the Emperor's Palace disciples' mass casualties in the previous life.

On this day, with the farewell of Xia Chenyu, Qin Yaorao, and other immortal partners, as well as the four Immortal Emperors, Fang Bai rode a Wind Roc at the peak of the Immortal Emperor Realm, soaring into the clouds and speeding away.

Fang Bai roamed the nine major Heavenly Domains of the Immortal Realm, continuously seeking information about the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, but since abducting Lu Liyu, the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor seemed to have disappeared from the Immortal Realm, leaving no trace.

Instead, the mysterious Demon Emperor who had attacked Fang Bai in the past frequently appeared in the Immortal Realm.

Strangely enough, the Demon Emperor did not attack ordinary immortals, but targeted Emperor Realm experts of the Immortal Realm.

On his journey, Fang Bai heard that several well-known Emperor Realm experts in the Immortal Realm had been defeated and captured by the Demon Emperor.

For a time, fear spread in the Immortal Realm, and some Emperor Realm experts grew uneasy.

"What is the origin of that Demon Emperor? What does he plan to do by entering the Immortal Realm and capturing Immortal Emperors?"

Fang Bai wondered secretly, sensing that the Demon Emperor's actions surely had a deeper motive.

In the Cultivation Resource Exchange Market at Bluewater Immortal City, Fang Bai narrowly avoided capture by the Demon Emperor, thanks to the self-detonation of a Puppet Corpse and the Five Elements Space Ring.

Now, Fang Bai was eager to know, if he were to encounter the Demon Emperor again in his current Quasi-Emperor state and if both sides were to fight at full strength, what the result would be.

Though Fang Bai believed he might not be the Demon Emperor's equal, he felt confident that if he needed to leave, the Demon Emperor would find it difficult to stop him.

However, Fang Bai's purpose in roaming the Immortal Realm was not to confront the Demon Emperor, so while the Demon Emperor's presence made him more vigilant, he didn't focus on it too much.

"The Forest of Ten Thousand Trees... the Endless Abyss... It's been so long!"

On a certain day, Fang Bai rode the Wind Roc over an endless immortal forest, looking down to see a bottomless ravine stretching tens of thousands of miles, resembling the mouth of a monstrous beast, striking fear into one's heart at a glance.

Thinking of the Empress Linglong self-sealed at the bottom of this Endless Abyss, Fang Bai's heart inevitably surged with excitement.

Years ago, Fang Bai discovered the self-sealed Empress Linglong here. At that time, although there was a trace of life breath in her body, her consciousness was gone. Fang Bai wanted to save her but was helpless, so he had to leave temporarily.

The Water of Life in Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring was extracted from the bottom of the Endless Abyss, and the ice coffin housing the Empress Linglong's body remained submerged in the Water of Life, maintaining an eternally unfrozen state.

Now, with his strength comparable to the Emperor Realm, Fang Bai believed he had the ability to rescue Empress Linglong from the ice coffin.

However, whether he could awaken the Empress Linglong from her self-sealed state was uncertain, and he could only take things step by step.

When the Wind Roc flew above the Endless Abyss, Fang Bai expanded his Divine Sense, confirmed the location of the cave where Empress Linglong's ice coffin lay, and then leapt down.

The Endless Abyss was over ten thousand feet deep and dark like Endless Space, but posed no challenge to Fang Bai at this moment.

He drifted like a feather to the bottom of the Endless Abyss, and upon landing firmly, he traced array runes in the air with his hands, then struck the Concealment Formation he had set up years ago when he left. With a wave of spatial fluctuation, a gigantic Immortal Cave appeared before him.

Fang Bai took a deep breath, calmed his excited emotions, and stepped into the cave.

Inside the cave, Immortal Stones illuminated a peaceful and bright space, filled with pure and rich Immortal Qi due to the Water of Life.

A coffin of ice, a foot in length, quietly floated amidst the Water of Life. Within the ice coffin, Empress Linglong's eyes were gently closed, her cheeks slightly flushed, and her expression serene, as if simply asleep.

"Linglong... I've come to take you away..."

Standing ten feet away from the ice coffin, Fang Bai gazed quietly at Empress Linglong lying peacefully within, sensing the faint life breath in her body, murmuring as he stepped forward.

Around the ice coffin were several layers of Emperor Rank Formations set by Empress Linglong before her sealing; without knowledge of the Array Path, even an Emperor Realm expert couldn't approach.

Of course, many of Empress Linglong's formations were taught by Fang Bai, allowing him to easily dismantle them.

Array runes emerged between Fang Bai's moving fingers before striking the successive Immortal Arrays surrounding the ice coffin. In just a dozen breaths, all formations protecting the ice coffin were cleared.

Standing beside the ice coffin, Fang Bai looked closely at Empress Linglong's ravishing face through the clear ice cover. Remembering their loving adventures from a millennium ago made his nose tingle and eyes warm.

Fang Bai raised his left hand gently, and the ice coffin floated aside.

The next moment, Empress Linglong's body, soft and warm, fell into Fang Bai's embrace, still carrying a hint of warmth.

Fang Bai channeled Chaos Immortal Qi from his Qi Sea into Empress Linglong's body, attempting to break her inner seal and awaken her using the Chaos Immortal Qi.

However, despite the passing time, while Empress Linglong's life breath grew stronger, the blood in her body began flowing like a regular immortal's, and the Immortal Qi in her Qi Sea rapidly revived, she remained with eyes gently shut, not waking from her sleep, as if she'd lost her soul.

"What... is going on?"

Chaos Immortal Qi was Fang Bai's greatest hope to awaken Empress Linglong, but its ineffectiveness left him deeply disappointed.

Chapter 2673: Upheaval at Tianyin Temple

A few days later, Fang Bai placed all the Water of Life from the Immortal Cave into the Five Elements Space Ring, then put Empress Linglong back into the ice coffin, immersing it in the Water of Life.

During these days, Fang Bai tried various methods, expended a large amount of Chaos Immortal Qi, yet still could not awaken Empress Linglong, leaving him helpless and forcing him to give up temporarily.

He decided to place Empress Linglong within the Five Elements Space Ring, and when he becomes stronger in the future, he would try again to see if he could awaken her.

Fang Bai believed that regardless of the reason why Empress Linglong couldn't be awakened, as long as her life essence remained unextinguished, he would eventually find a way.

Leaving the Immortal Cave, flying out of the Endless Abyss, he summoned the Wind Roc and rode it, once again wandering among the nine heavens.

Although this time he brought Empress Linglong out from the Endless Abyss, he could not awaken her, and couldn't even find the reason, which inevitably made Fang Bai feel disheartened.

The following years, Fang Bai aimlessly roamed the Immortal Realm, during which he found countless Immortal Pills, wishing to awaken Empress Linglong from her slumber, but all ended in failure.

Fang Bai even tore through the void, entered Endless Space, adventuring to find several pieces of Starshine Stone, attempting to use the strand of Divine Power contained within to activate Empress Linglong, but apart from adding some Immortal Qi to Empress Linglong's Qi Sea, there was no other effect.

"Is there really no way?"

Trying all kinds of methods fruitlessly, Fang Bai couldn't help but feel a bit anxious.

One day, Fang Bai arrived at the Tianyin Mountain Range, bordering the Transcending Heaven Domain and the Demon Realm, intending to meet the Great Luo Immortal Emperor, the monastery master of Tianyin Temple.

As one of the longest-living Immortal Emperors in the Immortal Realm, the lifespan of the Great Luo Immortal Emperor even surpassed the Qilin Immortal Emperor, in terms of experience and knowledge, Fang Bai considered himself inferior.

Fang Bai came seeking the Great Luo Immortal Emperor to see if he had a way to awaken Empress Linglong.

After returning to the Immortal Realm, Fang Bai had visited Tianyin Temple once, and had fought alongside the immortals of Tianyin Temple against the Demon Clan's invasion. At that time, the Great Luo Immortal Emperor was already aware of his soul transfer rebirth and return to the Immortal Realm.

However, what Fang Bai never expected was that, upon arriving at Tianyin Temple, he saw a desolate scene of collapsed temples and shattered mountains, searching with Divine Sense within thousands of miles radius but could not see any trace of the Great Luo Immortal Emperor or the arhats of Tianyin Temple.

"What on earth happened here? Which force destroyed Tianyin Temple?"

Standing before the nearly flattened main hall of Tianyin Temple, Fang Bai wore a solemn expression and murmured.

Tianyin Temple was backed by the Great Luo Immortal Emperor and supported by many mighty arhats, their overall strength comparable to the top forces of the Immortal Realm, and they protected one side of the realm ensuring peace against demon clan invasions, hence revered by all immortals.

Fang Bai really couldn't imagine which force, for what purpose, could demolish Tianyin Temple.

Judging from the dire scene, including the Great Luo Immortal Emperor, the arhats of Tianyin Temple were likely in serious jeopardy.

Expanding his search range, Fang Bai finally discovered traces of several Tianyin Temple arhats in a secret realm tens of thousands of miles away from Tianyin Temple.

Among these arhats, Fang Bai was quite familiar with two: the Roaring Arhat and the Golden Palm Arhat, both of high rank in the Immortal Emperor Realm, and had fought alongside Fang Bai against demon clan invasions.

Though the secret realm was protected by a Concealment Formation, it couldn't hide from Fang Bai's Fiery Eyes. Once Fang Bai unlocked the formation and entered the secret realm, the arhats became greatly astonished.

Fortunately, the Roaring Arhat and the Golden Palm Arhat recognized Fang Bai and knew his true identity from their master, the Great Luo Immortal Emperor. Seeing it was him, they couldn't suppress their excitement.

"What happened to Tianyin Temple over there... What about your master?"

Fang Bai didn't waste words, and upon seeing the arhats of Tianyin Temple, he immediately asked directly.

As the Roaring Arhat and others heard him mention Tianyin Temple and their master, they couldn't help but burst into tears.

"One year ago, a Demon Emperor suddenly appeared at Tianyin Temple... After a fierce battle with our master, he was injured and captured, and Tianyin Temple was destroyed during their battle... The arhats of Tianyin Temple also perished in that battle, leaving only a few of us surviving by chance..."

Roaring Arhat said beating his chest in grief, overwhelmed with sorrow.

The other arhats shed tears.

"Demon Emperor..."

Upon hearing Roaring Arhat mention the Demon Emperor, Fang Bai couldn't help but think of the Mysterious Demon Emperor he once clashed with, though he didn't know if the demon emperor who destroyed Tianyin Temple was the same one.

However, considering the notorious brutality and bloodthirstiness of the Demon Clan's experts, the fact that the Demon Emperor chose not to kill the Great Luo Immortal Emperor but only abducted him bears some resemblance to the one that had recently stirred chaos in the Immortal Realm, causing unrest among Emperor Realm experts.

"Please, War Emperor, stand up for us..."

Roaring Arhat sensed an aura similar to their master emanating from Fang Bai, knowing that this former Emperor's Palace Master, who swept across the Immortal Realm with extraordinary talent, might have already ascended to the Emperor Realm, hence they all knelt down in great ceremony, hoping that Fang Bai would rescue their master.

They knew if their master were alive, Tianyin Temple could be rebuilt, but if their master fell at the hands of the Demon Emperor, Tianyin Temple would vanish forever.

Fang Bai gestured with both hands for them to rise, saying thoughtfully, "Your master and I are close allies, I won't stand aside on his matter... However, the whereabouts of that Demon Emperor remain unknown!"

Roaring Arhat pointed towards the direction of the Demon Realm, saying: "It seems the Demon Emperor headed towards the Demon Realm after capturing our master."

Fang Bai wore a solemn expression, then pondered slightly and said, "Entering the Demon Realm is even more perilous... Don't worry, I will head to the Demon Realm, hoping to rescue your master."

"Thank you, War Emperor. Please do be cautious."

The Roaring Arhat and others expressed their immense gratitude and once again bowed in appreciation.

They knew, once an immortal enters the Demon Realm, upon exposure, it would prompt an onslaught by the demon clan's experts, hence even the powerful immortal emperors wouldn't dare venture into the Demon Realm lightly.

And Fang Bai's venture into the Demon Realm for the sake of the Great Luo Immortal Emperor was truly benevolent.

"My trip to the Demon Realm, I fear I won't be able to return shortly, if you have nowhere to go, you may proceed to the area around the Heavenly Cave in the Chengtian Domain. The new site of the Emperor's Palace is there. After I rescue your master, I will bring him directly to the Emperor's Palace to reunite with you."

Before leaving, Fang Bai handed a jade token to the Roaring Arhat and others. With this token in hand, they could enter the Emperor's Palace without obstruction.

The Roaring Arhat and others accepted the token with a thousand thanks and departed.

"Demon Realm..."

Fang Bai turned his gaze towards the direction of the Demon Realm, then his figure transformed into a stream of light, crossing the Tianyin Mountain Range, heading towards the Demon Realm territory.

After entering the Demon Realm, his aura transformed, appearance altered, his white robe became a black shirt, pupils as red as blood, surrounded by demonic qi... To the eye, he appeared as a pure demon clan expert, not even a Demon Emperor could discern any flaws.

Chapter 2674: Heaven Devouring City

In the Demon Realm, shrouded in evil qi, a dim yellow haze envelops the surroundings, resembling the Underworld.

It is said that the Demon Realm originally didn't exist, and there was no mention of the Demon Clan. Later, powerful warriors from the Immortal and Demon Realms, in their cultivation seeking rapid progress, lost their true nature and became cruel and bloodthirsty, which led them to be rejected by the Immortal and Demon Realms and flee to their remotest territories, establishing the Demon Realm.

Subsequently, more and more powerful individuals who were rejected by the Immortal and Demon Realms entered the Demon Realm.

These warriors mostly fell into deviation during cultivation, losing their true nature, becoming ruthless and bloodthirsty, with blood-red pupils and bodies filled with evil qi, and were thus labeled as the Demon Clan by the Immortal and Demon races.

Compared to the survival of the fittest in the Immortal and Demon Realms, the Demon Clan goes even further.

Throughout the Demon Realm, violence and slaughter are rampant, blood and evil qi permeate the air, and ordinary immortals entering it may not even survive if not outright attacked by Demon Clan experts; they might fall prey to hallucinations caused by the blood and evil qi, leading to dire consequences.

Which is precisely the reason why the Immortal and Demon races rarely venture into the Demon Realm.

As the number of Demon Clan members grew steadily, the emergence of powerful warriors became more frequent. In that era, millions of years ago—most conducive to immortal cultivation—several extraordinary Great Emperor Realm experts arose.

Under the leadership of Demon Clan Great Emperor Realm experts, the Demon Clan rapidly devoured territories of the Immortal and Demon Realms, growing in strength and power, establishing an adversarial balance with the Immortal and Demon clans, with an increasingly significant threat to them.

Therefore, not long after, the Three Realms War erupted—a fierce conflict prolonged over ages.

The battle was devastating beyond measure; countless strong warriors from all three clans fell, and even the Great Emperor Realm experts vanished, resulting in a massive change in the world's environment—Immortal Qi thinning, cultivation resources scarce, and no more Great Emperor Realm experts emerging since then.

However, it was this war that drained the Essence Energy of all three races, making them incapable of mutual invasions and leading them to a period of recuperation and nourishment.

In these millions of years, though conflicts between the three races occasionally occurred, a true war never erupted.

Fang Bai was not unfamiliar with the Demon Realm. In his previous life, after achieving the status of Immortal Emperor, he ventured into the Demon Realm multiple times, slaying numerous Demon Clan experts, and acquired countless cultivation resources.

This time, he transformed into a Demon Clan expert and ventured deep into the Demon Realm. With the ability to rival Emperor Realm experts, he no longer needed to be overly cautious.

Having practiced the Heaven Devouring Art of the Demon Clan Great Emperor, Fang Bai could freely alter his aura, making it hard even for Demon Clan Emperor Realm experts to detect any flaws.

Thus, even within the Demon Realm, he remained unfazed.

His trip to the Demon Realm was not only to find the Great Luo Immortal Emperor captured by the mysterious Demon Emperor but also to investigate whether the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor had brought Lu Liyu into the Demon Realm.

Like the Immortal Realm, the Demon Realm too has the Demon Sect, Demon Gates, and Demon Cities resided by the Demon Clan.

Upon entering the Demon Realm, Fang Bai immediately circulated details of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor's appearance and dispatched a reward notice, stating that anyone who could find or discover traces of the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor would be rewarded with Demon Clan Emperor Rank techniques.

Regarding the mysterious Demon Emperor, Fang Bai knew the identity and appearance he used in the Immortal Realm were fraudulent. Thus, he couldn't offer a reward and had to search gradually on his own.

As for Lu Liyu and the Great Luo Immortal Emperor, Fang Bai believed that locating the mysterious Demon Emperor and the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor would lead him to them.

Whether immortals or the Demon Clan, none could resist Emperor Rank techniques. Consequently, after Fang Bai's bounty announcement, innumerable Demon Clan experts began searching for news about the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor.

Meanwhile, Fang Bai took a prominent stance in the Demon Realm's largest city, Heaven Devouring City, openly asserting his presence, hoping to draw out the mysterious Demon Emperor.

In earlier times in the Immortal Realm, the mysterious Demon Emperor had attacked Fang Bai upon seeing the Emperor's Instruments belonging to the Hundred Flowers Empress. This aroused suspicion in Fang Bai, who speculated that the disappearance of the Hundred Flowers Empress might be related to this mysterious Demon Emperor.

If Fang Bai's speculation was accurate, coupled with the abduction of the Great Luo Immortal Emperor by the mysterious Demon Emperor, there was undoubtedly a conspiracy of staggering proportions.

The Heaven Devouring Demon Emperor was one of the most extraordinary Great Emperors of the Demon Realm, and the Heaven Devouring City, where Fang Bai resided, is reputed to be where that Heaven Devouring Demon Emperor was born.

Later Demon Clan experts named this city Heaven Devouring City to commemorate the Heaven Devouring Demon Emperor.

Heaven Devouring City gathered millions of Demon Clan experts, including Demon Emperors.

Among the multitude in Heaven Devouring City, steeped in evil qi and bloodthirsty atmosphere, if not for Fang Bai secretly cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art to a profound level, he wouldn't have been able to stay within it.

After settling in Heaven Devouring City, Fang Bai contemplated various methods to enhance his strength, aiming for readiness against the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor and the mysterious Demon Emperor in the future.

Due to the difficulty of breaking through to the Emperor Realm in terms of cultivation level in a short time, Fang Bai shifted his focus to Demon Clan experts.

So, over the next period, Demon Emperor Realm peak experts consecutively disappeared within Heaven Devouring City.

Initially, when three or five Demon Emperor Realm peak experts vanished, Demon Clan experts paid little attention. But when the number of missing experts reached several dozens, it finally attracted the attention of millions of Demon Clan members in Heaven Devouring City.

Even though Demon Emperor Realm peak experts are second only to Demon Emperors within the Demon Clan, and there are only a few hundred in Heaven Devouring City, dozens disappearing without clear reason sparked panic among many Demon Clan members, including those high up in prominent Demon Sects and Demon Gates.

Lacking awareness of the events, those missing experts actually fell into Fang Bai's hands.

Fang Bai didn't kill these Demon Emperor Realm experts but subdued them with great power and controlled their minds using the Soul Capturing Heart Refining Technique, ultimately forging them into puppet corpses.

Dozens of Demon Emperor Realm peak experts turned into puppet corpses, combined with the existing puppet corpses in Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring, forming a formidable puppet army.

Under Fang Bai's training, these puppets could arrange ten to twenty kinds of Emperor Rank formations.

When these puppet corpses cooperatively form a major formation, their power is so immense it can rival a true Emperor Realm expert.

Controlling dozens of puppet corpses requires a great expenditure of mental energy and has become Fang Bai's limit.

Though others in the Three Realms understand puppet corpse crafting, Fang Bai alone possesses the unique ability to simultaneously control dozens of them.

As Fang Bai's cultivation level improves, he will be able to control even more puppet corpses in the future.

With the assistance of these powerful puppet corpses, Fang Bai finally felt at ease, securely seated within Heaven Devouring City.

To lure out the mysterious Demon Emperor, Fang Bai simply released one of the Bipartite Dual Swords, a silver sword of the Hundred Flowers Empress.

In the past, in Bluewater Immortal City in the Immortal Realm, Fang Bai displayed this silver sword, prompting the mysterious Demon Emperor's attack.

This time, using the same tactic, Fang Bai hopes the mysterious Demon Emperor will reveal himself.

Chapter 2675: Golden Crow Demon Emperor

Effort unceasing will yield success.

About a month later, in the Demon Dwelling where Fang Bai was staying, two powerful warriors of the Demon Clan arrived together.

These two demon warriors were both at the peak of the Demon Emperor Realm.

Such strength would allow them to dominate in the Three Realms, yet before Fang Bai, they stood with arms lowered, exceedingly respectful, not daring to show a hint of arrogance.

After all, when Fang Bai entered the Demon Realm, he merely transferred his aura without suppressing his cultivation level, so in the eyes of the demon warriors, he appeared as a Demon Emperor.

Compared to the reverence the Immortals of the Immortal Realm had for the Immortal Emperor, it seemed the demon warriors of the Demon Realm feared a Demon Emperor even more.

This was because the Immortal Emperor, mindful of identity and reputation, would not easily harm immortals.

A Demon Emperor, however, was invariably cruel and bloodthirsty, seeking only personal satisfaction, uncaring whether one was immortal, demon, or monster.

Thus, those two warriors at the peak of the Demon Emperor Realm maintained an extremely humble attitude in front of Fang Bai, speaking cautiously, afraid that a wrong word might anger the Demon Emperor before them and bring about disaster.

"Have you found traces of the Golden Crow Imm... Demon Emperor?"

Upon hearing the news brought by the two demon warriors in front of him, Fang Bai was overjoyed but suppressed his excitement as he asked.

The once Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, having cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art, could no longer be called an Immortal Emperor, so Fang Bai referred to him as a Demon Emperor.

"Yes. Three days ago, near Demon Sound Valley outside Heaven Devouring City, we saw the Golden Crow Demon Emperor... He had been wandering there as if intending to enter Demon Sound Valley..."

One of the demon warriors said.

"Demon Sound Valley?"

Fang Bai frowned slightly, muttering, "What is he doing there?"

Fang Bai was aware of Demon Sound Valley, a perilous location in the Demon Realm tens of thousands of miles from Heaven Devouring City, known for the strange sounds emanating from its depths. Anyone who approached within a thousand feet of the sound source would turn into stone statues and shatter, making it a place demon warriors spoke of with dread, hence the name "Demon Sound Valley."

It is said that ten thousand years ago, a powerful Demon Emperor charged into Demon Sound Valley to see what was making the sound, but never emerged from its depths.

The demon warriors speculated that the Demon Emperor might have turned into a statue and perished.

Since then, no demon warrior dared to approach within a thousand feet of Demon Sound Valley.

When Fang Bai ventured into the Demon Realm years ago, he too had visited Demon Sound Valley but dared not enter it despite his formidable strength.

Fang Bai speculated that the strange sound from the valley's depth was probably due to an extraordinary treasure, and most likely a supreme Emperor's Instrument.

However, what Fang Bai couldn't comprehend was what the Golden Crow Demon Emperor intended to do at Demon Sound Valley. Could it be that he coveted the treasure in the valley's depths and wanted to explore?

Thinking of this, Fang Bai couldn't help but feel tense.

Whether the Golden Crow Demon Emperor lived or died was of no concern to Fang Bai, but Lu Liyu might still be in his hands. If he took Lu Liyu into the valley, wouldn't that be disastrous?

"Is there a female immortal beside the Golden Crow Demon Emperor?"

Fang Bai asked urgently.

The Golden Crow Demon Emperor had no treasured Five Elements Space Ring, so Fang Bai assumed Lu Liyu would have been with him since being kidnapped.

The other demon warrior said, "There is... but..."

Fang Bai's heart tightened, leaning forward and cried, "But what?"

In his excitement, the emperor's pressure erupted instantly, causing the two demon warriors to tremble with fear, promptly kneeling in submission.

Realizing he lost his composure, Fang Bai straightened up, coldly saying, "Speak!"

The demon warrior, who had spoken earlier, said trembling, "It wasn't a female immortal, but... a female demon..."

Fang Bai was stunned and asked, "A female demon? What does she look like?"

The demon warrior thought for a moment before describing the appearance of the female demon in detail. Fang Bai, upon hearing, thought to himself, isn't this Lu Liyu?

But how could Lu Liyu, a well and good female immortal, have turned into a female demon?

"The Golden Crow Demon Emperor kidnapped Li Yu but hasn't harmed her, keeping her by his side. Could it be that he sees potential in Li Yu? Could it be he has passed the Heaven Devouring Art to Li Yu, and after cultivating, she's fallen to the demon path?"

The more Fang Bai thought, the more likely this seemed, causing a mix of joy and worry within him.

The joy was that Lu Liyu was unscathed, even if fallen, once he saved her from the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, his Chaos Immortal Qi could help expel the demonic qi, and she could return to the Immortal Dao.

The worry was if the Golden Crow Demon Emperor took her into Demon Sound Valley, the consequences would be unthinkable. If he was late, he might regret it for life.

At the thought, Fang Bai couldn't stay for another moment. He extended both hands, fingertips touching the Sea of Consciousness between the brows of the two demon warriors, transferring the same Emperor Rank Cultivation Technique into them, then left the Demon Dwelling, tearing through space to enter it.

If they dedicatedly cultivated the Emperor Rank Cultivation Technique, the two demon warriors could gradually purge the demonic qi within. As for whether they could return to the Immortal Dao, it would depend on their fate.

Once Fang Bai entered Endless Space, the next moment he appeared above Demon Sound Valley.

Looking down, upon seeing two figures wandering a thousand feet outside Demon Sound Valley, he breathed a sigh of relief.

The two figures were indeed the Golden Crow Demon Emperor and Lu Liyu, and a few hundred feet behind them were many demon warriors watching.

Those demon warriors dared not enter Demon Sound Valley; most likely they came out of curiosity, wanting a closer look at the valley.

Some demon warriors eyed a potential treasure at Demon Sound Valley, thinking they might be fortunate enough to claim it.

However, with the Golden Crow Demon Emperor there, they dared not approach, only spectating from afar.

Sensing Fang Bai's emperor-level aura, the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, who was focused on Demon Sound Valley, became immediately alert, looking up to meet Fang Bai's sharp gaze.

To avoid alerting the enemy, Fang Bai dared not gaze too long at Lu Liyu. He landed a thousand feet to the left of the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, his gaze also towards Demon Sound Valley, while his peripheral vision was on Lu Liyu standing beside the Golden Crow Demon Emperor.

Many years had passed, and Lu Liyu's beauty remained unparalleled, yet her demeanor had changed dramatically, her beautifully radiant eyes now bloodshot, and demonic qi surrounded her, clearly having fallen deeply into the demon path.

"She's surely cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art!"

Fang Bai thought, with some worry, berating himself to rescue Lu Liyu from the Golden Crow Demon Emperor as soon as possible, or the longer she cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art, the harder it would be to purge the demonic qi within.

If she advanced to the Emperor Realm, it would be nearly impossible to extricate her from the demon path.

Fang Bai quickly calculated the odds of successfully rescuing Lu Liyu if he were to suddenly attack.

However, the Golden Crow Demon Emperor seemed wary of him already. If he acted and was discovered by the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, Lu Liyu could end up in mortal danger, leaving him with no choice but to abandon the thought of acting for the time being.

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Chapter 2676: Demon Flute at the Valley's Depth

Inside Demon Sound Valley, flute sounds echoed continuously, resembling decadent worldly music to Fang Bai's ears.

Fang Bai knew that this demon sound was akin to the Cuihun song, more formidable than the Evil Qi in the Demon Realm, capable of invading the Sea of Consciousness unnoticed. Any slight carelessness could lead to a loss of sanity and being dragged into the terrifying illusion of Corpse Mountain Blood Sea.

The weaker Demon Clan experts on the scene had no choice but to block out the sound to defend against the invasion of the demon sound into their Sea of Consciousness.

However, a strong Emperor Realm presence like Fang Bai's naturally had an unmatched ability to resist that demon sound compared to other Demon Clan experts.

Golden Crow Demon Emperor, after lingering at the edge of Demon Sound Valley for a moment, seemed impatient and abruptly grabbed a Demon Emperor Realm Peak expert behind him.

Before the Demon Emperor Realm Peak expert could react, he was already caught in the Demon Qi Big Palm of the Golden Crow Demon Emperor.

"Upper Immortal, why..."

The Demon Emperor Realm Peak expert was shocked and frightened, about to ask why the Golden Crow Demon Emperor was targeting him, when he saw a weird smile appear at the Demon Emperor's mouth. Then, he was tossed forward toward Demon Sound Valley.

"Ah..."

The Immortal Emperor Realm Peak expert knew the horrors of Demon Sound Valley; amidst his screams, he struggled violently in mid-air, trying to halt his movement, but it was to no avail.

His form drew a parabolic line in the air, then fell toward Demon Sound Valley.

As his figure was still hundreds of feet from the valley entrance, the flute sound from the valley bottom suddenly became sharp and swift.

A visible sound wave surged from the valley floor, and when the Immortal Emperor Realm Peak expert's body touched it, he immediately turned into a stone statue, tumbling down at the valley edge and shattered into debris.

Even though countless Demon Clan experts had met the same fate over the years, witnessing the Immortal Emperor Realm Peak expert turn to powder still sent chills down the spines of other Demon Clan experts.

Even Golden Crow Demon Emperor's expression showed a hint of fear.

Yet he didn't leave; instead, he repeatedly reached back, grabbing and throwing several Demon Emperor Realm experts into Demon Sound Valley.

"If the treasure emitting flute sounds is indeed a noble artifact, then sooner or later its magical power will be exhausted, and the demon sound will stop. This Golden Crow Demon Emperor intends to use those Demon Emperor Realm experts to deplete the artifact's magic?"

Fang Bai pondered.

He didn't care about the life and death of those Demon Emperor Realm experts, but he worried if Golden Crow Demon Emperor went mad, he might grab Lu Liyu and throw her as well.

Thus, Fang Bai secretly gathered power, ready to rescue immediately if he sensed Golden Crow Demon Emperor threatening Lu Liyu.

In the blink of an eye, over a dozen Demon Emperor Realm experts were grabbed by Golden Crow Demon Emperor and thrown out, each without exception turning into stone statues under the impact of the demon sound.

Nonetheless, Fang Bai noticed that Golden Crow Demon Emperor's method seemed to be working; the demon sound was indeed weakening steadily.

Furthermore, the thrown Demon Emperor Realm experts no longer turned into stone statues the instant they touched the sound wave but delayed significantly.

For instance, the last Demon Emperor Realm expert thrown, when surrounded by the sound wave, first saw his finger turn to stone, then his hand, arm, followed by his toe, foot, calf...finally, his entire body petrified.

Whereas prior Demon Emperor Realm experts turned to stone instantly under the sound wave's influence, the last one extended over about five breaths.

This discovery moved Fang Bai, and a sinister smile appeared on the face of Golden Crow Demon Emperor.

Despite some Demon Emperor Realm experts worrying about being thrown into Demon Sound Valley, turning into streams of light trying to escape, unless they managed to flee thousands of miles away instantly, escape from the clutches of Golden Crow Demon Emperor was impossible.

Golden Crow Demon Emperor continuously reached out, Demon Qi Big Palms pierced through the air, retrieving dozens of fleeing Demon Emperor Realm experts.

No matter how much those Demon Emperor Realm experts pleaded, their fate of being thrown into Demon Sound Valley and turning into stone statues was inescapable.

By the time the last two Demon Emperor Realm experts were thrown, the impact of demon sound on them had become extremely weak.

The last two Demon Emperor Realm experts thought they were doomed, yet after several breaths, found only their arms had petrified, quickly rolling and crawling away from Demon Sound Valley's range, soon restoring their arms as before.

This discovery secretly pleased Golden Crow Demon Emperor.

"Let's go down and see what kind of treasure lies in Demon Sound Valley's depths!"

Golden Crow Demon Emperor said, flying down into Demon Sound Valley with Lu Liyu.

Demon Sound Valley reaches a thousand feet deep, where even Emperor Realm expert's Divine Sense is affected by the demon sound and can't perceive what's at the bottom, only by reaching there can they discover what keeps emitting the fearsome demon sound.

At the bottom of Demon Sound Valley lay a foot-long black flute on a flat Stone Platform a foot high.

The black flute looked carved from black jade, releasing strange dark light, with swirling Demonic Qi around the flute body.

Even though the flute continued emitting sounds, it no longer affected Golden Crow Demon Emperor and Lu Liyu, who had descended into the valley.

"What a treasure!"

Golden Crow Demon Emperor's gaze fell on the black flute, his blood-red eyes gleaming with delight.

Previously one of the eight top-tier Immortal Emperors in the Immortal Realm, he traveled across the nine major Heavenly Domains, knowledgeable and discerning.

Now as a Demon Emperor, a top-tier Demon Clan expert, he possesses extensive understanding of everything in the Demon Realm.

Despite never seeing or hearing of the black flute before, he immediately recognized it as a highly powerful Emperor's Instrument, even among Emperor's Instruments it's a supreme piece.

Although Golden Crow Demon Emperor possessed an Emperor's Instrument, he knew it was far inferior to the black flute before him; obtaining this black flute would be a massive boost.

"My dear disciple, once I acquire this Demon Flute, I'll gift you my current Emperor's Instrument!"

Golden Crow Demon Emperor spoke, conjuring a Demon Qi Big Palm, swiftly grabbing the black flute.

Though the black flute was a supreme Emperor's Instrument with terrifying power, the rounds of demon sound had depleted its magical power significantly, making this the perfect chance to subdue it.

As his Demon Qi Big Palm reached out, a blood-red light carrying majestic Emperor's Might slashed down.

With a loud "hiss," the Demon Qi Big Palm and the descending blood-red light disappeared simultaneously.

At that moment, Fang Bai's figure descended from above, landing across from Golden Crow Demon Emperor.

"Who are you?"

On top of Demon Sound Valley, Golden Crow Demon Emperor already noticed Fang Bai's presence, knowing he was an Emperor Realm expert, causing some vigilance.

Nevertheless, as a top-tier Immortal Emperor, having refined the Heaven Devouring Art, his strength increased substantially, he didn't regard Fang Bai as a formidable foe.

Once within the depths of Demon Sound Valley, his focus was wholly on the Demon Flute, putting Fang Bai aside.

Yet surprisingly, Fang Bai appeared in Demon Sound Valley's depths, intervening to stop him from seizing the Demon Flute.

Chapter 2677: Lu Liyu's Decision

After Fang Bai landed, he didn't pay any attention to the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, but instead turned his gaze to Lu Liyu behind him.

At this moment, Lu Liyu's eyes were bloodshot, her pretty face filled with evil qi, and demonic qi surrounded her slender figure, a pair of beautiful eyes glaring angrily at Fang Bai.

"She's fallen too deep into demonic cultivation, losing herself; she no longer recognizes me..."

Seeing Lu Liyu look at him with no reaction, Fang Bai couldn't help but sigh secretly.

"Who am I? Ha... Old Golden Crow, you don't recognize me, but I recognize you!"

With a cold laugh, Fang Bai operated the Heaven Devouring Art, his left hand swiftly moved, demonic qi condensed into a big palm, grabbing toward the Demon Flute.

He also saw that the Demon Flute was extraordinary, its power surpassing ordinary Emperor's Instruments, and likely a relic of the Demon Clan Emperor, wanting to claim it for himself.

"Heaven Devouring Art?"

The Golden Crow Demon Emperor felt the powerful demonic force suddenly released from Fang Bai's body and couldn't help exclaiming in surprise, not expecting to encounter another Demon Dao expert here who had cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art.

Before this, the Golden Crow Demon Emperor's Heaven Devouring Art was stolen, so he had been searching everywhere, and now seeing Fang Bai perform the Heaven Devouring Art, he thought it must have been Fang Bai.

"Stealing my Heaven Devouring Art and then coming to seize the Supreme Treasure I favor? Courting death!"

Seeing Fang Bai reach for the Demon Flute, the Golden Crow Demon Emperor couldn't let him succeed; with a roar, his right hand also condensed a Demon Qi Big Palm to seize the flute, while his left hand slammed towards Fang Bai.

Ultimately, his strength was slightly superior to Fang Bai's, with Demon Qi Big Palm arriving first and seemingly about to snatch the Demon Flute.

Fang Bai let out a loud shout, his right palm blasting out, meeting the Golden Crow Demon Emperor's incoming Demon Qi Big Palm.

At this moment, his Blood-Drinking Mad Blade also flew airborne, once again slashing out a blood ray, rendering the Golden Crow Demon Emperor's Demon Qi Big Palm into nothingness.

"Boom!"

Almost at the same time, the fists and palms of two Great Emperor Level Experts collided, producing an astonishing shock wave, with Demon Sound Valley trembling violently; if not for the Demon Flute's deterrent force, it might have already collapsed.

Fang Bai groaned, his figure fell backward a hundred zhang, while the Golden Crow Demon Emperor's figure only shook slightly.

"Ultimately, I'm still not a true Emperor Realm expert; my strength is much weaker than his!"

Fang Bai's expression was heavy, and he muttered to himself.

The Golden Crow Demon Emperor initially thought he could overwhelmingly defeat Fang Bai, but didn't expect only to repel Fang Bai without causing any injury, slightly surprising him.

"That Blood Blade... is actually a Supreme Emperor Artifact!"

The Golden Crow Demon Emperor's gaze fell on the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade hovering mid-air, his pupils slightly contracting.

In his eyes, Fang Bai's Blood-Drinking Mad Blade was teeming with killing qi, blood scent pervasive, akin to the Demon Flute in Demon Sound Valley, all being Demon Clan treasures.

This discovery delighted him greatly, immediately stirring killing intent, thinking that as long as he eliminated the Demon Emperor before him, he could obtain two Supreme Emperor Artifacts simultaneously.

"Dear apprentice, go take the Demon Flute and stay put. Master will kill that brat!"

The Golden Crow Demon Emperor said, operating the Heaven Devouring Art, and summoned an Emperor Instrument, initiating an attack on Fang Bai.

He believed the Demon Flute was no longer a threat, let Lu Liyu take it first; after slaying his opponent, he could retrieve it from her hands.

After seizing Lu Liyu in the Immortal Realm, he intended to cultivate Lu Liyu into an Emperor Realm expert, to satisfy his future cultivation needs, thus imparted the Heaven Devouring Art to Lu Liyu.

After Lu Liyu cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art, her strength improved rapidly, faster than the Golden Crow Demon Emperor expected, much to his delight.

Furthermore, Lu Liyu, whose mindset had lost, descended into demonic cultivation, did not develop a rebellious heart as her strength grew, still obedient to the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, not daring to defy any order of his.

Of course, even if Lu Liyu was insubordinate and rebellious, Golden Crow Demon Emperor was confident he could control her.

Unless one day, Lu Liyu's strength matched his.

Naturally, the Golden Crow Demon Emperor wouldn't allow Lu Liyu's strength to threaten him; he planned to extract her blood when she reached the Emperor Realm, refining it into the demonic power he required.

The blood of an Emperor Realm expert with Innate Spiritual Root had immense auxiliary use for the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, possibly helping him aspire to the Great Emperor Realm he dreamt of.

Lu Liyu heard the Golden Crow Demon Emperor's command, twisting her slender waist, she rushed onto the Stone Platform, grabbing the Demon Flute.

And simultaneously, the Golden Crow Demon Emperor and Fang Bai, these two Great Emperor Level Experts collided forcefully.

"Li Yu... hold the Demon Flute and quickly leave, don't give it to the Golden Crow Demon Emperor!"

Fang Bai swung his fists, battling against the Golden Crow Demon Emperor while transmitting sound to Lu Liyu.

During the sound transmission, a strand of Chaos Immortal Force was infused, entering Lu Liyu's ears, making her Sea of Consciousness clear instantly, and the blood color in her eyes vanished subsequently.

In just this instant, Lu Liyu's body trembled slightly, abruptly looking up at Fang Bai.

Though the next moment Lu Liyu's eyes became bloodshot again, her Sea of Consciousness once more occupied by demonic nature, Fang Bai knew this method could still influence her, feeling exceedingly joyful.

Despite the influence being momentary, sometimes it could play a crucial role.

Lu Liyu held the Demon Flute, with two voices engaging in a battle within her mind.

One voice was from the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, instructing her to remain after seizing the Demon Flute.

The other voice seemed incredibly familiar, but she was muddled, not knowing whose this was, telling her to quickly leave with the Demon Flute.

These two voices echoed incessantly in her mind, causing her face to change repeatedly, struggling to decide.

"Why still hesitating? Quickly leave with the Demon Flute!"

Fang Bai transmitted sound again to Lu Liyu, still carrying a strand of Chaos Force in the sound waves.

This time, his transmission made Lu Liyu decide finally, she soared into the sky holding the Demon Flute, transforming into radiant light, disappearing without a trace in an instant.

The Golden Crow Demon Emperor never anticipated, Lu Liyu, who cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art he taught, and always obedient to him, would actually leave with the Demon Flute.

He coveted Lu Liyu's blood upon her becoming an Emperor Realm expert and sought the Demon Flute, eager to pursue Lu Liyu, but Fang Bai kept him tightly entangled, unable to escape, infuriated into shouting "wah-wah".

Seeing Lu Liyu leave, Fang Bai finally breathed a sigh of relief.

As long as Lu Liyu broke free from the Golden Crow Demon Emperor's control, Fang Bai had confidence to find her traces before him and assist her to escape the Demon Dao.

"I'll kill you!"

Knowing that if he didn't quickly kill Fang Bai, once Lu Liyu escaped far, finding her again would be challenging, so the Golden Crow Demon Emperor poured all his strength into launching an attack on Fang Bai.

Suddenly, the Demon Sound Valley was filled with Emperor's might, killing qi pervasive, intense shock waves expanding in all directions, the mountain kept collapsing, stones rolling and falling, quickly filling the thousand zhang-deep Demon Sound Valley.

Chapter 2678: Li Yu Plays the Demon Flute

Fang Bai and the Golden Crow Demon Emperor soared into the vast sky, engaging in an intense showdown between heaven and earth.

After all, Fang Bai was not a true Emperor Realm expert. Facing the Golden Crow Demon Emperor's tempest-like assault, even with the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in hand, he could only struggle to hold on, maintaining an undefeated stance for now.

"Old Golden Crow, this Emperor won't play with you anymore!"

Estimating that Lu Liyu should have escaped tens of thousands of miles away and was temporarily safe, Fang Bai swung his blade to unleash a shocking beam of blood, forcing the Golden Crow Demon Emperor to retreat. Then, with his left hand, he drew a several-feet-long dark fissure in the void and swiftly dove into it.

The next moment, that dark fissure was repaired by the laws of heaven and earth.

The Golden Crow Demon Emperor couldn't fathom that, as a dignified Emperor Realm expert, Fang Bai would disregard his status and dignity, fleeing without hesitation. He was momentarily stunned.

"My dear disciple, I never expected you to develop a greedy heart for the Demon Flute as well! Hehe... In this Demon Realm, at my command, countless Demon Clan experts are at my disposal. You can forget about escaping my grasp!"

The Golden Crow Demon Emperor no longer pursued Fang Bai but glanced in the direction where Lu Liyu flew off, his eyes shining with viciousness, and then tore through the void to chase after her.

To the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in Fang Bai's hand was certainly enticing, but it was far inferior to Lu Liyu and the Demon Flute.

Thus, he abandoned Fang Bai to pursue Lu Liyu.

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Under Fang Bai's transmitted encouragement, Lu Liyu, bewildered and with the Demon Flute in hand, fled at full speed.

After aimlessly escaping for tens of thousands of miles, she slowed down, not knowing where to go, and glanced around, her expression confused.

She looked down at the Demon Flute in her hand, sensing the terrifying and eerie power hidden within this supreme treasure, and her blood-red eyes gradually shot out a strange light, no longer as confused as before.

After being captured by the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, she initially hoped to learn the Heaven Devouring Art from him, quickly advancing to become an Emperor Realm expert, then slay the Golden Crow Demon Emperor and assist Fang Bai.

However, she didn't expect her realm and cultivation level to be too weak. After forcibly cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art, a Demon Clan Emperor's demon art, her mind was eroded by Demonic Qi, losing herself and becoming so muddle-headed that she couldn't recognize friends and family.

Even the Golden Crow Demon Emperor could only suppress Lu Liyu with his immense power, making her fearful and unable to disobey.

At this moment, having escaped from the Golden Crow Demon Emperor's side, the Emperor Realm pressure enveloping her vanished, allowing her to feel a sense of relief.

Without the suppression and constraints of the Golden Crow Demon Emperor, she felt that as long as she diligently cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art in the future, she could eventually become an

Emperor Realm expert, and with the Demon Flute in hand, she could roam freely across the three realms.

She had fallen into the Demon Dao, lost herself, only knowing she needed to cultivate into an Emperor Realm expert, forgetting the original purpose of becoming one.

Occasionally, Fang Bai's image would flash through her mind, and she'd feel it was closely linked to her, but would promptly forget.

"This Demon Flute... how should I use it?"

She fiddled with the Demon Flute in her hand, her delicate brows slightly furrowed.

Just then, several Demon Clan experts flew in from afar and paused as they passed by her.

In the eyes of those Demon Clan experts, Lu Liyu, clad in black with a graceful figure, possessed an enchanting allure, and notably, this female demon surprisingly also had an Innate Spiritual Root.

The few Demon Clan experts came from the same Demon Sect, and they were all at the Demon Emperor Realm. On this journey for training, they hadn't expected to encounter such a captivating female demon like Lu Liyu.

"What a unique and unrivalled beauty of a female demon!"

"She even possesses an Innate Spiritual Root!"

"Cultivation level is only at the initial stage of the Demon Emperor Realm!"

"I, the Demon Emperor, currently have no demonic partner, and this female demon fits the bill!"

"The blood of an Innate Spiritual Root should be quite good. How about we share it?"

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The several Demon Clan experts' eyes gleamed with evil smiles as they slowly moved toward Lu Liyu.

Some were captivated by Lu Liyu's appearance, wanting to become demonic partners and cultivate together.

Others hoped to sip on the fresh blood of this female demon with an Innate Spiritual Root body to enhance their strength.

"Eh? The flute in that female demon's hand seems to be an extraordinary treasure!"

One Demon Clan expert, upon getting closer to Lu Liyu, was drawn to the Demon Flute in her hand.

As he spoke, the other Demon Clan experts also shifted their gazes to the Demon Flute in Lu Liyu's hand.

Although they couldn't discern the grade of the Demon Flute, comparing it to their own magical tools, they realized it was inferior, understanding it to be a treasure of extremely high grade.

"I don't want her body or her blood, just the magical instrument in her hand!"

Among the Demon Clan experts, the highest cultivation level belonged to a tall and slender high-ranking Demon Emperor Realm expert, who pointed at the Demon Flute in Lu Liyu's hand.

In their eyes, with Lu Liyu only being at the initial stage of the Demon Emperor Realm, she was already a lamb to the slaughter.

As they approached, Lu Liyu, who was intently playing with the Demon Flute, slowly lifted her head, her gaze coldly sweeping over them.

"Hand over the magical instrument!"

That tall and slender high-ranking Demon Emperor Realm expert spoke, condensing a Demon Qi Big Palm to grab the Demon Flute from Lu Liyu's hand.

The two minor realm differences made him fully confident, thinking the flute was within easy reach.

Lu Liyu handed the Demon Flute to her left hand and slapped with her right palm.

The two Demon Qi Big Palms clashed in the void, producing a thunderous sound.

Although Lu Liyu possessed the ability to challenge beyond her level and had cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art, her strength far exceeding mid-level Demon Emperor Realm experts, she was still slightly weaker than that high-ranking Demon Emperor Realm expert.

The high-ranking Demon Emperor Realm expert's body only swayed slightly, while Lu Liyu was sent flying backward, blood seeping from the corner of her mouth.

One drop of blood fell onto the Demon Flute in her hand, quickly seeping into the flute's body.

The Demon Flute lightly trembled, releasing a faint black glow, and then a wisp of faint Demon Qi drifted from the flute, merging into Lu Liyu's body.

At this moment, Lu Liyu felt a magical connection between herself and the Demon Flute.

The high-ranking Demon Emperor Realm expert hadn't expected Lu Liyu to withstand his blow and only be slightly injured, making him secretly amazed.

"This female demon has some skill!"

The other Demon Clan experts looked at Lu Liyu in surprise, clicking their tongues in admiration.

"Such a female demon, try taking another palm of mine!"

The high-ranking Demon Emperor Realm expert blushed with rage and embarrassment, his eyes emitting sharp light, as he once again condensed the growing Demon Qi to grab.

His previous palm was merely a casual grab, using seventy percent of his strength, but this time, to avoid losing face, he went all out.

The other Demon Emperor Realm experts believed he wouldn't miss this time, watching with amused and relaxed expressions.

When the Demon Qi Big Palm was several dozen feet from Lu Liyu, she raised the Demon Flute to her cherry lips and gently blew it.

"Wuwu..."

A low, mournful flute sound echoed, sending an invisible sound wave. As the Demon Qi Big Palm met the sound wave, it instantly vanished.

The high-ranking Demon Emperor Realm expert gasped, sensing something was wrong, but before he could react, the sound wave surged toward him.

Chapter 2679: The Eerie Demon Flute

From the sound waves emitted by the demon flute, that high-rank Demon Emperor Realm expert felt the immense imperial might, and in shock, he was dumbstruck.

The next moment, the sound waves engulfed him like surging waves.

He instantly turned into a stone statue, the look of horror on his face frozen in place.

The sound waves continued forward, swallowing several other demon clan experts terrified out of their wits.

"Bang!"

The few demon clan experts turned into stone statues fell from the void into dust.

"This demon flute... is quite powerful..."

Lu Liyu glanced coldly downward and murmured to herself, then put away the demon flute and continued flying forward.

Dozens of breaths later, a crack was torn open in the void above those stone statues, and Fang Bai emerged from it.

"Li Yu can actually control that demon flute now..."

Fang Bai stood suspended in mid-air, his divine sense spreading in all directions, quickly discovering the stone statues below, confirming them as the "work" of the demon flute.

For a moment, he felt both joy and concern.

The joy was that Lu Liyu had the help of the demon flute, so even if he couldn't find her for a moment, she had a degree of self-defense.

The concern was that such a treasure in Lu Liyu's hands would bring her much trouble.

Right now, only by quickly finding Lu Liyu could he ensure her safety.

But what puzzled Fang Bai was that after tracking Lu Liyu's aura to this point, he found that her aura seemed entirely erased, and he couldn't sense it at all.

"In theory, the secret techniques Li Yu uses were taught by me. No matter how well she conceals her aura, I should be able to sense it. But what's happening now? Could it be... related to that demon flute?"

No matter how he thought about it, Fang Bai felt that Lu Liyu's aura suddenly disappearing must have something to do with the demon flute.

After all, any Emperor's Instruments are highly spiritual, and for Lu Liyu to control that demon flute, it suggests the flute may have already recognized her as its master and is actively protecting her, which is a transcendental ability of Emperor's Instruments.

"Li Yu and I, we have a mental connection, and I still don't know her whereabouts. The Golden Crow Demon Emperor would find it even harder to find her!"

Thinking of this, Fang Bai somewhat felt at ease.

The void above his head suddenly rippled, then was torn open by a mighty force creating a pitch-black crack.

Fang Bai knew this was the Golden Crow Demon Emperor following him. With a sneer, he broke the void above with an upward hand, slipped inside, and disappeared from the spot in the next moment.

Fang Bai couldn't sense Lu Liyu's aura, aware that it was nearly impossible to find her on his own.

However, Fang Bai didn't dare to offer a reward to mobilize the demon clan experts in the Demon Realm to help find her, as that would only bring disaster to Lu Liyu who carried the demon flute.

With no alternative, Fang Bai could only release his divine sense to search for Lu Liyu's trail in every place he arrived, and even left Emperor's Palace disciples' unique communication runes in various demon cities, hoping Lu Liyu would remember, see them, and meet him.

What Fang Bai never expected was that while his emperor communication runes didn't attract Lu Liyu, they drew in two disciples from Emperor's Palace who had already fallen into the Demon Dao.

These two disciples were once among the 108 War Generals of Emperor's Palace in the past, both possessing high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation level.

Back then, they escaped pursuit from the top eight powers and entered the Demon Realm to hide. Through a series of fortunate events, they cultivated demon clan techniques and gradually fell into the Demon Dao, becoming members of the demon clan.

Thankfully, while cultivating the demon clan techniques, they didn't rush for progress but advanced gradually, so despite their changed temperament, becoming cruel and bloodthirsty, a thread of clarity remained in their Sea of Consciousness, and they still remembered being Emperor's Palace disciples. Upon seeing the emperor communication runes left by Fang Bai, they understood their meaning.

When they found Fang Bai following the runes, they were astonished to discover he turned out to be a demon emperor, thinking they had been deceived.

Fang Bai, although surprised to encounter Emperor's Palace disciples in the Demon Realm, felt delighted, and after revealing his identity, he unhesitatingly took the two who had entered the Demon Dao into his Five Elements Space Ring.

He believed that since the two Emperor's Palace disciples hadn't deeply fallen into the Demon Dao, the pure Immortal Qi within the Five Elements Space Ring could gradually dissolve the demonic qi inside them, allowing them to regain clarity and return to the Immortal Dao.

Through communication with those two disciples, Fang Bai learned that there should be others among the remaining Emperor's Palace disciples who had fled into the Demon Realm back then.

Therefore, every time Fang Bai arrived at a demon city, he would leave a significant number of Emperor's Palace runes and then stay there for a period of time.

This action indeed brought some results. In just two to three years after Fang Bai entered the Demon Realm, more than twenty demonized Emperor's Palace disciples discovered the emperor runes he left and sought him out, thereafter being received into his Five Elements Space Ring.

Among these more than twenty disciples, nearly half were once Immortal Emperor Realm experts of Emperor's Palace and belonged among the 108 War Generals.

After the new Emperor's Palace was established, more than twenty of the 108 War Generals were summoned there by Fang Bai, and now, including the over ten from the Demon Realm, their number exceeded forty.

Fang Bai planned that upon returning to Emperor's Palace, based on the over forty old war generals of the palace, he would select dozens of the most powerful current disciples from among the over ten thousand to reorganize the 108 War Generals.

Among the current Emperor's Palace disciples, although many are at the Immortal Emperor Realm, there's a lack of high-rank and peak Immortal Emperor Realm experts. Fang Bai intends to devote all his efforts to teaching and guiding, allowing Emperor's Palace disciples to strengthen rapidly so that the reformed 108 War Generals can overall surpass the war power of the past Emperor's Palace 108 War Generals.

Once the 108 War Generals are truly formed and learn to organize various Emperor Rank battle formations, their combat power would rival any top Emperor Realm expert across the Three Realms.

Thousands of years ago, when the top eight powers attacked Emperor's Palace, the 108 War Generals of Emperor's Palace were not gathered. Otherwise, the top eight powers would have paid a price several times higher to annihilate Emperor's Palace.

Unknowingly, while Fang Bai was searching in each demon city for past Emperor's Palace disciples, Lu Liyu, who acquired the demon flute, was cultivating in a hidden demon realm.

After the demon flute recognized her as its master, Lu Liyu sank deeper into the demon path, with a heightened urge for slaughter. With every demon clan expert she killed, the demonic qi within her body seemed to intensify.

In the demon realm, Lu Liyu sat cross-legged, her fair and delicate face showing an icy expression, the demon flute floating before her, emitting a ghostly black light, constantly releasing wisps of demonic qi. These swirled around her for a moment before being absorbed into her body.

As the demonic qi entered her body, the aura Lu Liyu exuded became increasingly astonishing, and the intense evil qi continuously spread outward, saturating the entire demon realm.

If a demon clan expert were present, they would recognize this as a sign of an impending advancement, and not just a minor one.

Chapter 2680: A Collective Assault

"Boom!"

Accompanied by a thunderous sound, the intense shockwave released from Lu Liyu's body leveled the area within a Baili radius, startling countless demon birds and demon beasts around the Demon Realm.

However, this was just the beginning.

Within mere hundred breaths, another shockwave erupted, several times more violent than before, completely destroying the Demon Realm within a radius of several hundred Baili.

With just one cultivation session, advancing two minor realms, Lu Liyu's cultivation level stepped from the initial stage of Demon Emperor Realm to the high rank of Demon Emperor Realm.

For any strong person in the three realms, this speed could be described as miraculous.

Even Fang Bai here would have to nod in admiration.

After all, the difficulty for Demon Emperor Realm experts to advance is many times greater than for Demon King Realm, with some Demon Emperor Realm experts having to spend hundreds of years to advance just one minor realm.

The great commotion from Lu Liyu's advancement alarmed countless demon clan experts in a Demon City several thousand Baili away.

Those demon clan experts, thinking some treasure had appeared, turned into streaks of light and flew towards this side.

"I thought a treasure appeared, turns out it's a female demon advancing!"

"Judging by the scene, the female demon seems to have advanced twice!"

"From the initial stage of Demon Emperor Realm advancing directly to high rank, this female demon is not simple!"

"She possesses an Innate Spiritual Root!"

"No wonder..."

"The flute floating in front of her releases emperor might..."

"What? That is an Emperor's Instruments?"

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When they flew to the sky above the flattened Demon Realm, the demon clan experts saw Lu Liyu still sitting cross-legged and couldn't help but be secretly amazed.

When an Immortal Emperor Realm Peak expert guessed that the black flute might be an Emperor's Instruments, it immediately caused a commotion among the surrounding demon clan experts, their blood-red eyes showing greed.

A few of the strongest Demon Emperor Realm peak experts rubbed their palms, eager to seize the Demon Flute for themselves.

At that moment, an unexpected change occurred.

The Demon Flute floating in front of Lu Liyu suddenly shrank rapidly and then merged into the Sea of Consciousness between Lu Liyu's eyebrows.

At this moment, Lu Liyu also disengaged from her state and slowly opened her eyes.

"Such strong Evil Qi!"

When Lu Liyu stood up and looked around, the demon clan experts were shocked by the Evil Qi emanating from her.

"Little girl, this Demon Flute has caught my Emperor's eye, hand it over!"

With a strange laugh, a Demon Emperor Realm expert suddenly took action, gathering Demon Qi into a big palm to grab at Lu Liyu.

A few other Demon Emperor Realm peak experts, fearing falling behind, also gathered Demon Qi big palms to grab at Lu Liyu.

The few Demon Qi big palms rushed towards Lu Liyu like mighty waves.

In the eyes of other demon clan experts, Lu Liyu, with her delicate figure and only high rank of Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation level, probably couldn't escape the capture of several high rank Demon Emperor Realm experts, and might even suffer heavy injuries.

However, before the few Demon Qi big palms arrived, Lu Liyu's figure mysteriously vanished, appearing in the sky a hundred zhang above in the next moment.

"Bang!"

The few Demon Qi big palms missed, collided together, and blasted a huge deep pit a hundred zhang in radius into the ground.

"Courting death!"

Lu Liyu's eyes emitted cold light, looking at the few Demon Emperor Realm peak experts who tried to seize her, a flash of black light between her brows, and the Demon Flute appeared out of thin air.

She grabbed the Demon Flute with a delicate hand, placed it beside her lips, her cherry mouth slightly parted, gently blowing.

"Woo..."

The Demon Flute sounded, emitting bizarre sounds transforming into sound waves spreading out, instantly enveloping a few high rank Demon Emperor Realm experts.

The few high rank Demon Emperor Realm experts realized something was amiss upon hearing the flute sound, wanting to avoid the incoming sound waves, but didn't expect the speed of the sound waves to be so fast, drowning them in an instant.

"Help..."

When the sound waves touched their bodies, they found their bodies petrifying at a speed visible to the naked eye, panicking in horror, wanting to scream, but then their consciousness faded into boundless darkness.

"How is this possible..."

The other demon clan experts were dumbfounded, looking at Lu Liyu and the Demon Flute she held in deep fear.

They couldn't believe that such a small Demon Flute just a foot long could have such terrifying power, capable of ending the lives of several demon clan experts with high rank of Demon Emperor Realm in just a sound of flute.

Lu Liyu's cultivation level is just high rank of Demon Emperor Realm, so those demon clan experts believe that what truly brought the downfall of those high rank Demon Emperor Realm experts was the Demon Flute in her hand.

"If not an Emperor's Instruments, how can that Demon Flute be so powerful?"

All demon clan experts thought that way.

So, while fearing Lu Liyu, they looked at the Demon Flute with an even fiercer obsession.

Lu Liyu sensed those feverish gazes but remained fearless and imposing.

Her gaze was icy, her face shrouded in frost, holding the Demon Flute, walking forward, and wherever she went, demon clan experts avoided her.

"We can't let her escape so easily!"

"Her cultivation level isn't very strong, it's just relying on the fierce power of the Demon Flute!"

"As long as her magic depletes, she will have to surrender obediently!"

"Makes sense! Everyone, advance together!"

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The demon clan experts encouraged each other, momentarily reinvigorated, surrounding Lu Liyu from all directions.

Lu Liyu sneered coldly, but continued moving, starting to play the Demon Flute.

The few demon clan experts that bore the brunt were caught in the sound waves, turning into Stone Statues.

But once the demon clan experts go berserk, they ignore life and death. Although a few demon clan experts perished in the sound waves, more demon clan experts rushed towards Lu Liyu.

Each Demon Qi big palm, each demon energy fist, every demon artifact, carrying tremendous power, rained down like raindrops towards Lu Liyu.

Under intense threat, Lu Liyu played the Demon Flute faster and faster, sound waves forming into giant ripples spreading in all directions.

Thus, the demon energy fists and palms were all reduced to nothing by the sound waves.

Each strong Immortal Artifact rebounded toward the sky as the sound waves spread.

Many demon clan experts were drowned by the sound waves, turning into Stone Statues, falling into dust.

Wielding the Demon Flute, Lu Liyu displayed incredible strength that the demon clan strong experts couldn't believe.

However, just as the demon clan experts predicted, Lu Liyu's rapid playing of the Demon Flute caused her magic to deplete quickly, the flute sound gradually waning, and the impact on the demon clan experts becoming increasingly smaller.

"Kill!"

The demon clan experts saw victory within reach and attacked more frenetically.

"Puff!"

An Immortal Artifact hit Lu Liyu's delicate body as her defense showed a flaw, causing her to tremble, spitting a mouthful of blood.

Immediately afterward, several attacks struck her.

She was severely injured, dizzy and disoriented, body plummeting downwards, continuously spitting blood, hair disheveled, clothes torn, appearing extremely tragic.

"Am I about to fall..."

At this moment, Lu Liyu's Sea of Consciousness cleared momentarily, then she felt herself fall into a broad and warm embrace, subsequently losing consciousness.