

Fortune 851

Chapter 851: Web of Karma, Crown of All Living Beings (Part 2)

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In an instant, as Jiang Fan moved his will, his spiritual sense penetrated through those lines of causality, and he suddenly saw Su Weiwei, Lu Youyou, and numerous disciples from the Taixu Sect.

These people associated with him all had lines of causality.

Through these causal lines, he could perceive where the other party was and whether they were alive or dead.

To be honest, Jiang Fan never imagined he could one day see the mysterious lines of causality, yet all beings connected to him were within his range of perception.

Of course, this was thanks to the power of the Celestial Respect Crown Talisman.

"Unbelievable. No wonder it's also called the crown of all beings."

"It carries the causality of all beings and also bears their power."

"Wearing this crown means bearing the power and causality of all beings."

Jiang Fan was deeply shaken inside.

Once you master the Celestial Respect Crown, you can wield the power of all beings.

Therefore, if you became the leader of a superpower and also mastered the Celestial Respect Crown, you would be nearly invincible within the range of your power, able to leverage the massive might of the entire force.

It's as if you've gathered the power of all beings, unleashing extraordinary destructive force.

"If that's the case, the Celestial Respect Crown Talisman might become the core treasure of the Primordial Talisman Sect in the future."

"As long as the sect leader of the Primordial Talisman Sect masters this talisman, they can wield the power of the entire sect."

"Like gathering the entire sect's power upon oneself."

"In this way, one becomes invincible."

Jiang Fan rubbed his chin.

He realized the potential of the Celestial Respect Crown Talisman, as it was truly extraordinary.

If the talisman alone is so powerful, one couldn't imagine how formidable the actual Immortal Artifact would be.

"I never expected that there would be so many causal ties on me."

"If one wishes to ascend to the Immortal Realm, they must sever the mortal causality ties."

"Otherwise, it would be difficult to escape the mortal world."

"No wonder so many great powers from ancient times chose to establish sects."

"They likely needed to entrust these causal ties to their disciples to manage."

"In this way, they wouldn't hinder their own ascension."

Jiang Fan squinted his eyes.

He felt he had gained a deeper understanding of the Power of Cause and Effect.

For ordinary cultivators, having numerous causal ties is naturally insignificant and doesn't affect much.

But for Mahayana cultivators, it's extremely important.

Because if they can't ascend to the Immortal Realm, eventually they would perish due to their lifespan ending.

Therefore, great powers from ancient times would try every means to rid themselves of the causal ties, readying themselves for ascension.

But now, he was merely a Ninth-Layer Nascent Soul cultivator, still far from ascending to the Immortal Realm.

However, he was on the right path, so there was nothing to worry about.

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Upon thinking this, Jiang Fan moved his will and immediately opened his virtual panel.

[Name: Jiang Fan]

[Life Chart: Great Blessings Equal to Heaven, Attribute: Survive great disasters and receive blessings afterward]

[Lifespan: 50,000 years]

[Spirit Root: Celestial Spirit Root]

[Luck Points: 8 million]

[Wealth: 10 billion spirit stones]

[Cultivation Technique: Soaring Snake Technique, Nascent Soul Chapter (Tier Four Late Stage)]

[Cultivation Technique: Mixed Element Talisman Scripture, Fourth Layer]

[Innate Divine Techniques: Emperor's Gaze, Shrinking Earth into Inches, Palm Wind, Water Control, Soul Devourer]

[Life Talisman: Yin Yang Mandarin Duck Talisman (Great Success), Heaven-Suppressing Ring Talisman (Entry Level), Heaven-Covering Wheel Talisman (Entry Level), Heaven-Destroying Sword Talisman (Entry Level), Heaven-Dominating Blade Talisman (Entry Level), Heaven-Transforming Staff Talisman (Entry Level), Heaven-Dependent Spear Talisman (Entry Level), Heaven-Reaching Bridge Talisman (Entry Level), Heavenly Glory Bracelet Talisman (Entry Level), Celestial Respect Crown Talisman (Entry Level)]

[Realm: Ninth-Layer Nascent Soul (1%)]

[Profession: Tier Four High-grade Talisman Master (80%)]

Apparently, compared to before, he had made significant progress in his cultivation.

Yet, he had only 8 million Luck Points remaining.

Although he gained millions of Luck Points from previous tribulations, he spent a large amount refining the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron and understanding the Celestial Respect Crown Talisman.

This caused him to consume a vast number of Luck Points, leaving him with only 8 million remaining.

But all of this was worth it.

After all, those Luck Points converted into his power; they hadn't disappeared.

"You've already promoted to the Ninth-Layer Nascent Soul."

"So now you should learn how to promote to Divinity Transformation."

"After all, getting from Nascent Soul to Divinity Transformation is extremely challenging."

"During the ancient era, Divinity Transformation cultivators were elite disciples of the sect."

"Not every cultivator could reach Divinity Transformation level."

"It's a whole new realm."

At this point, the Primordial Talisman Pen spoke, knowing Jiang Fan was approaching a whole new realm.

Honestly, it was quite emotional, completely unexpected that this kid was about to promote to Divinity Transformation so soon.

According to its previous estimates, it would take at least seven or eight hundred years to attempt Divinity Transformation.

And that would be under the best circumstances; if not, he might never achieve it.

But who could have guessed—the process was unbelievably smoother than anticipated.

In less than a hundred years, he was about to attempt Divinity Transformation, especially in an era of scarce Spiritual Qi, which was truly inconceivable.

"Is there something different about the Divinity Transformation Realm?"

Jiang Fan curiously asked.

Although he obtained some information on the Divinity Transformation level from the Primordial Talisman Sect, in terms of familiarity, it certainly fell short compared to a teacher like the Primordial Talisman Pen.

Moreover, with the help of the Primordial Talisman Pen, he could avoid many detours.

"Of course, it's different."

"Before Divinity Transformation, cultivation was equivalent to the Qi Cultivation level."

"But upon reaching Divinity Transformation, it's the cultivating spirit level."

"Because to get from the Nascent Soul Realm to the Divinity Transformation Realm, you need to nurture your Primordial Spirit."

"That's a fundamentally different realm, an elevation in the level of life itself."

The Primordial Talisman Pen solemnly stated that the realm above Divinity Transformation belonged to the second stage of the cultivation realm; those before Nascent Soul were just the first stage.

In the ancient era, cultivation before Nascent Soul was merely considered the entry level.

Only by promoting to Divinity Transformation could one truly be deemed to have entered the path of cultivation.

"Nurture the Primordial Spirit?"

Jiang Fan blinked, looking at the Primordial Talisman Pen.

"Yes, the key to promoting from Nascent Soul to Divinity Transformation is nurturing the Primordial Spirit."

"For instance, promoting from Golden Core to Nascent Soul involves the core transforming into a nascent being."

"But from Nascent Soul to Divinity Transformation, it's the nascent being breaking, birthing a primordial spirit."

"You need to cultivate a powerful Primordial Spirit within the Nascent Soul to truly enter the Divinity Transformation Realm."

"It's a qualitative enhancement."

The Primordial Talisman Pen explained.

"How do you nurture the Primordial Spirit?"

Jiang Fan continued to ask.

"First, you need to develop your Nascent Soul to perfection, achieving the highest state of body and mind unity."

"When breaking through, you need to use the power of the soul, continuously refining the Nascent Soul to condense a seed of the Primordial Spirit within."

"But achieving this is incredibly difficult."

"First, the quality of the Nascent Soul must be extremely high, without any impurities, or else, during the refining stage, the Nascent Soul could collapse, and most Nascent Soul cultivators fail at this point, with no hope of Divinity Transformation in their lifetime."

"However, your foundation is extremely solid, the Nascent Soul is perfect; there's no need to worry about that."

"Secondly, you need tremendous soul power. During the breakthrough, the soul power must reach Divinity Transformation level to coalesce the seed of the Primordial Spirit."

"Ordinary Nascent Soul cultivators cannot achieve this, so they require elixir assistance, like the Primordial Spirit Pill. By consuming the Primordial Spirit Pill, they enable their souls to temporarily transform to Divinity Transformation level to help them pass this stage."

"For Nascent Souls of mediocre talent, elixirs are indispensable."

"Of course, some extraordinary geniuses don't need the assistance of the Primordial Spirit Pill; their soul power naturally reaches the Divinity Transformation level, but such geniuses are extremely rare. However, you've already crossed this barrier."

"Thus, there's no problem without the Primordial Spirit Pill."

The Primordial Talisman Pen reflected.

For ordinary Nascent Soul cultivators, the most critical barrier had already been effortlessly crossed by Jiang Fan.

Because Jiang Fan's spiritual power had reached the Divinity Transformation Perfection level, which was excessively extraordinary.

This is why, in ancient times, many sects liked to recruit cultivators with naturally strong soul power, as such cultivators could easily overcome many bottlenecks.

Compared to other cultivators, they had a much higher chance of breakthroughs.

Chapter 852: The Three Divinity Transformation Trials and the Primordial Spirit Pill

"To advance to the Divinity Transformation stage actually requires a Primordial Spirit Pill? No wonder the Southern Continent has so long been without a Divinity Transformation Cultivator."

"It's probably because they lack the Spirit Medicine needed to refine the Primordial Spirit Pill, making it difficult to advance to Divinity Transformation."

Jiang Fan stroked his chin.

He knew the Southern Continent was resource-poor, especially lacking in high-tier cultivation resources.

That's why for so long, it hasn't been able to produce a Divinity Transformation Cultivator.

If there's no Primordial Spirit Pill, Nascent Soul Cultivators in the Southern Continent can't even get past the first barrier, let alone the second.

Of course, if someone had monstrous talent, they could still overcome this step even without a Primordial Spirit Pill.

Unfortunately, no such monstrous Cultivator has appeared on the Southern Continent in millennia.

Or rather, such a monstrous Cultivator is a rare sight in ten thousand years.

Even if such a genius exists, they may not grow to the Nascent Soul level.

"You're right, the Southern Continent's resources are too scarce, making it hard for Divinity Transformation Cultivators to emerge."

"The reason the Void Secret Realm has so many Divinity Transformation Demon Cultivators is that it contains Tier Five Spirit Medicine needed to refine the Primordial Spirit Pill."

"The environment imposes too much restriction on Cultivators."

The Primordial Talisman Pen also strongly agreed with this point.

It felt that if there were no Gate of the Void, perhaps Jiang Fan would also be stuck at the Nascent Soul level.

After all, the Southern Continent's cultivation resources alone are insufficient to support a Divinity Transformation Cultivator's emergence.

However, now that Heaven and Earth Spiritual Qi is reviving, perhaps the Southern Continent will undergo great changes in the future.

"The main ingredient for the Primordial Spirit Pill is the Primordial Spirit Flower."

"This is a Tier Five Spirit Medicine, which cannot be found in the Southern Continent at all."

"But it can still be found in the Western Continent and the Void Secret Realm."

"Moreover, I also have the elixir recipe for the Primordial Spirit Pill, so refining the Primordial Spirit Pill is not too big of an issue."

Jiang Fan raised an eyebrow.

Although he does not need the Primordial Spirit Pill, just because he doesn't need it doesn't mean his Dao Companion doesn't need it or his disciples don't need it. In the future, many cultivators of the Primordial Talisman Sect will still need a large number of Primordial Spirit Pills to advance to Divinity Transformation.

"Normally, refining the Primordial Spirit Pill requires a Tier Five Alchemist."

"After all, refining elixirs is not an easy task, and the number of Tier Five Alchemists is very limited."

"However, the Ten Thousand Transformations Pill Furnace has evolved into the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron, which is an Immortal Artifact and has the ability to automatically refine elixirs."

"With the power of the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron, refining the Primordial Spirit Pill is probably an easy task."

The Primordial Talisman Pen said with great emotion.

It never imagined that the Ten Thousand Transformations Pill Furnace would evolve, and furthermore become a legendary Immortal Artifact.

It can even automatically refine elixirs.

It's practically a natural Grandmaster Alchemist.

To have obtained the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron is equivalent to having obtained the strongest Alchemist in the world.

Few would believe such a thing if you were to tell them.

"Master, leave it to me, it's just Alchemy, a piece of cake."

"The abilities of other Magical Treasures indeed pale in comparison."

"But even a nail or a piece of toilet paper has its use."

The Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron said smugly.

It remained the strongest Magical Treasure of its master, with other Magical Treasures like the Demon-Vibrating Bell or the Primordial Talisman Pen merely serving as concubines, not holding a candle to itself.

Previously, it truly underestimated itself.

Indeed, the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron is the strongest Magical Treasure in this world; even the Human Emperor Sword is only on par with it, and in terms of assistance to its master, the Human Emperor Sword can't compare to it.

"Pfft."

Upon hearing this, the Demon-Vibrating Bell and the Exquisite Tower seethed in anger; this fellow was clearly relishing in triumph.

Yet they were helpless, as this fellow had ascended to become an Immortal Artifact, making comparisons impossible.

Who could have thought that its true form would be an Immortal Artifact? It's simply absurd.

"After condensing the Primordial Spirit Seed, what further challenges will there be?"

Jiang Fan inquired.

He didn't think that condensing the Primordial Spirit Seed would be the end; there would surely be more challenges ahead.

"Indeed, there are three barriers to advancing to Divinity Transformation."

"The first is the Primordial Spirit Barrier, which requires condensing the Primordial Spirit Seed."

"The second is the Heart Demon Barrier; when you condense your Primordial Spirit, it attracts Outer Celestial Demons and Heart Demons. If you can't overcome the Heart Demon Barrier, the Heart Demon will devour your Primordial Spirit, leading to death and the dispersal of the Dao."

"The third is the Celestial Tribulation Barrier. When advancing to Divinity Transformation, it triggers the Divinity Transformation Thunder Tribulation. Previously, those Nascent Soul Demon Cultivators experienced this; only by overcoming the Thunder Tribulation can one advance to Divinity Transformation.

Moreover, a Thunder Tribulation is not merely a disaster but also an opportunity. By overcoming the Thunder Tribulation, one can obtain a large amount of Qi of Creation, which greatly facilitates the evolution of your Primordial Spirit."

The Primordial Talisman Pen explained.

There are only three barriers to advancing to Divinity Transformation, but each barrier is incredibly challenging.

Even a Cultivator with monstrous talent might overcome the first barrier but may fall at the second or third barrier.

If it weren't for this, a place like the Southern Continent would not have gone millennia without producing a Divinity Transformation Cultivator.

"Why exactly are Divinity Transformation Cultivators so powerful, far surpassing Nascent Soul Cultivators?"

Jiang Fan stroked his chin, curious.

He had never encountered a Divinity Transformation Cultivator.

Not because he can't meet them, but purely because his Seeking Fortune and Avoiding Evil ability steered him clear of encountering Divinity Transformation Cultivators.

Thus, naturally, he never faced too much danger.

Yet this left him not very familiar with Divinity Transformation Cultivators.

"The reason Divinity Transformation Cultivators are so formidable is naturally because of the Primordial Spirit."

"Once the Primordial Spirit is nurtured, they possess the Divinity Transformation Law Domain, and Divinity Transformation Cultivators can achieve Soul Fusion with Heaven and Earth."

Chapter 853: The Three Divinity Transformation Trials, Primordial Spirit Pill (2)

"It can be said that Divinity Transformation Cultivators' control over the Power of Heaven and Earth is more than ten times stronger than that of Nascent Soul Cultivators, like a deity, controlling the area within a ten-mile radius under the dominance of the Divinity Transformation Law Domain."

"With a single palm strike, the region within a ten-mile radius would be devastated."

"At the same time, Divinity Transformation Cultivators can also perform Primordial Spirit Emergence, briefly leaving the body to travel a million miles, and even possessing the ability to take over bodies for rebirth, which is much stronger than that of Nascent Soul Cultivators."

"Even if not taking over a body, just leaving behind a single Primordial Spirit could survive for a long time, not quickly dissipating into the Power of Heaven and Earth like Nascent Soul Cultivators."

The Primordial Talisman Pen described the various abilities of Divinity Transformation Cultivators. In some respects, Divinity Transformation Cultivators already equate to ordinary deities in the Mortal World; their mastery of power is beyond mortal imagination.

This is also why in the current era, Divinity Transformation Cultivators stand at the pinnacle of the Void Realm.

Only by birthing a Divinity Transformation Cultivator can a faction become the overlord of a continent.

"Divinity Transformation Cultivators are indeed unfathomable."

Jiang Fan couldn't help but feel emotional.

Undoubtedly, in terms of both combat and life-preserving abilities, Divinity Transformation Cultivators are much stronger than Nascent Soul Cultivators.

The two are simply not on the same level of beings.

Once one steps into the Divinity Transformation level, the power undergoes an upheaval.

Even large numbers of Nascent Soul Cultivators find it difficult to contend with a Divinity Transformation Cultivator.

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At this moment, a message instantly entered the deepest parts of Jiang Fan's consciousness sea.

"True darkness is about to descend. You think that by exterminating the demon cultivators on the Southern Continent, you can quell the calamity and restore peace to the Southern Continent. But this is merely wishful thinking; beings can never grasp their own fate, especially on the brink of doomsday in the Void Realm.

Those demons, lying in slumber, will soon be awakened. The demon closest to you is in the Yiling Secret Realm, though it's been sealed by the realm itself, receiving help from mysterious powers and is about to break free. Once this demon breaks free, the entirety of the Southern Continent's beings will face extinction."

"Fate will grant you hints."

"Fate Hint One: Escape; the demon that is about to awaken is terrifyingly powerful. Only by leaving the Southern Continent can you survive; the fate of the countless beings here has little to do with you. Why risk your life against such a formidable demon? This is not merely fleeing but a strategic withdrawal."

"Fate Hint Two: This demon is called the Soul-Devouring Nightmare Demon, its form like elusive mist, feeding on cultivators' fears and nightmares. It can infiltrate a practitioner's dreams, trap them in endless illusion realms, and devour their soul. Those targeted by it often wither away slowly in their sleep.

During the Ancient Era, it used its ability to devour souls and manipulate nightmares, killing countless cultivators and beings, causing endless slaughter in the Void Realm, and was almost undefeated.

But it was ultimately sealed by numerous Great Powers in the Yiling Secret Realm. Over the long ages, its power has weakened to the extreme.

Yet even so, it's not a creature that ordinary beings can kill. Fortunately, you possess fate hints to perceive its weaknesses, giving you a slight chance to kill it.

However, its weakened state is brief. You must kill the Soul-Devouring Nightmare Demon before it regains its power; your opportunity is but a fleeting moment. Once missed, there will be no second chance.

So you better immediately head to the Yiling Secret Realm. Don't give this demon a chance to restore its power; otherwise, your only option would be to escape, as far as you can."

Sensing this message, Jiang Fan narrowed his eyes.

He hadn't expected to have a fate hint appear at this moment.

Undoubtedly, ever since obtaining the Immortal Artifact Human Emperor Sword, it seemed like he'd stirred the hornet's nest; the terrifying presences concealed in the Void Realm are awakening one by one.

And one wave after another, not allowing you any time to even catch your breath.

Fortunately, he possesses fate hints. Otherwise, how would he know that so many dangerous existences have already awakened in secret?

If he realized it later, it would probably be too late.

"So it's the Yiling Secret Realm that's having problems."

"But indeed, that place is sealed with a terrifying demon."

Jiang Fan also remembered coming to the Yiling Island Group back in the day, at that time to avoid the magic disaster within the Profound Celestial Sword Sect's borders, thus arriving at the Yiling Islands Group.

As a result, he also entered the Yiling Secret Realm, gaining many fortunes and obtaining a token that allowed free access to the realm.

However, according to his previous plan, he would need to ascend to the Divinity Transformation level before reentering Yiling Secret Realm to eliminate the demon.

The problem is plans can't keep up with changes; time is running out now.

If he doesn't go to the Yiling Secret Realm to stop it, the ancient demon will break free.

Then, not just the Yiling Island Group will suffer, but the entire Southern Continent's beings will too.

Perhaps this is what the mastermind wants to witness.

The adversary desires devastation, weakening the Human Race's power.

"By the way, the Yiling Island Group seems to be ruled by a mysterious Nascent Soul."

"However, this doesn't pose much of a threat to me."

Jiang Fan chuckled.

He remembers clearly why he fled the Yiling Island Group; because a mysterious Nascent Soul suddenly arrived, bringing immense disaster to the locals.

Back then, he was merely a small Foundation Establishment cultivator; facing such a terrifying Nascent Soul existence, he wasn't at all an opponent, and had no choice but to flee to survive.

But now times have changed, mere Nascent Souls are of no concern.

Even if he went back to the Yiling Island Group, that person couldn't threaten him.

It's uncertain whether the mysterious Nascent Soul Cultivator is still residing in this island group or not.

But this time he's going to the Yiling Island Group to resolve the ancient demon issue.

Whoosh!

With that thought, Jiang Fan, without hesitation, immediately opened the Gate of the Void.

Earlier, he had left some spatial coordinates in the Yiling Island Group, allowing him to arrive at any moment.

No time would be wasted.

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Meanwhile, in the Yiling Secret Realm.

It is controlled by the Array Spirit Burial and the Top-grade Celestial Spiritual Treasure Divine Wood Sword.

Only through their joint forces was the demon sealed for countless years.

Otherwise, the adversary might have long broken free.

"Damn it, for some reason, the power of the Soul-Devouring Nightmare Demon has suddenly increased?"

"Our powers are unable to seal it anymore."

"What's going on? What happened?"

Array Spirit Burial exclaimed in panic.

It had never encountered such a situation, for normally, with the demon being sealed for so long, its power should've weakened, lacking any means to replenish its power.

Who could have expected the demon's power to suddenly surge, nearing the point of breaking free from the seal?

Initially, it wanted to find another cultivator to eradicate the demon. Before the cultivator could arrive, however, the demon might have already broken free and fled, causing an unprecedented crisis.

Once the demon escapes, it'll be the first to suffer.

After all, its power is fixed within the Yiling Secret Realm, unable to leave.

Thus, it absolutely cannot allow the adversary to escape, otherwise it'll be its demise.

"No need to worry."

"The demon cannot escape."

"I still possess some power."

"If the demon truly intends to break the seal, I will strike it heavily."

"Then you continue to reinforce the seal; it is impossible for it to leave here."

The Top-grade Celestial Spiritual Treasure Divine Wood Sword spoke confidently.

Though its power now is much reduced compared to its peak, it believes the Soul-Devouring Nightmare Demon is in the same state.

If at the critical moment, it delivers a fatal blow, it will certainly wound the demon heavily.

If the demon truly escapes, who knows the extent of the disaster it will cause?

During the Ancient Era, there were numerous Great Power cultivators who managed to seal the Soul-Devouring Nightmare Demon.

However, in the current era, cultivators are far too weak.

Trying to vanquish the demon is almost impossible.

Therefore, under any circumstances, it must not escape, or it would be a catastrophic wipeout for all beings.

Chapter 854: Return to the Yiling Secret Realm, Guided by Fate

At the same time, in the Yiling Island Group.

Currently ruling this sea area is Daoist Shi Tai, a Fifth-Layer Nascent Soul cultivator, and he is also a Supreme Elder of the Nascent Soul Sect, Sunset Valley, on the Southern Continent.

The daughter of Red Whale Daoist, Yu Ruolin, was once a True Disciple of Sunset Valley.

However, during an expedition to an Ancient Cave Mansion, Yu Ruolin obtained the greatest treasure of the mansion and then vanished without a trace, returning to the Yiling Island Group.

But how could Daoist Shi Tai tolerate such a thing? So he set out from Sunset Valley, relentlessly pursuing Yu Ruolin, trying to find traces of this former True Disciple of Sunset Valley.

Unfortunately, Red Whale Daoist fled with Yu Ruolin, and even now, their whereabouts remain unknown.

No one knows where this father and daughter have gone.

This left Daoist Shi Tai seething with anger.

The opportunity that should have landed in his hands was snatched away by others.

For this reason, Daoist Shi Tai stayed in the Yiling Island Group for decades, hoping to find any clue about Yu Ruolin, even though this place was unsuitable for a Nascent Soul cultivator to practice, he was unwilling to leave.

Of course, another very important reason he didn't want to leave was because he heard about the existence of the Yiling Secret Realm.

It's said to be a Mystical Transformation Realm.

Once, Daoist Yiling relied on the opportunities within this realm to soar instantly, even hoping to advance to Divinity Transformation.

Sadly, he eventually met an untimely death.

If he too could obtain the opportunities of the Yiling Secret Realm, perhaps his cultivation could advance further.

So he quietly waited in this sea area, waiting for the Yiling Secret Realm to open again.

After all, as a Nascent Soul cultivator, he had a long lifespan and could afford to wait.

"Hmm? What's going on? Could it be that the Yiling Secret Realm has opened?"

Suddenly, while cultivating, Daoist Shi Tai abruptly awoke in the Quiet Chamber, as he sensed the Spiritual Qi of the entire sea area beginning to boil.

A terrifying and mysterious power swept across the Nine Heavens and Ten Lands.

Even he felt bouts of unease.

Boom~~

In an instant, Daoist Shi Tai's expression changed. He suddenly saw a terrifying monster appear in the sky, resembling a jellyfish, with countless transparent tentacles growing, and its body covered in dense black runes, as if infested with parasitic worms, along with many patches of black slime.

In the next second, countless transparent tentacles stretched out in all directions.

One of them was hurling towards him.

"What's happening?"

Daoist Shi Tai tried to resist, but it was to no avail. The tentacle easily pierced through all his defenses and struck his body.

He felt as fragile as an ant.

At that moment, he felt as if he had returned to his younger days before beginning cultivation, when he was so weak that any Qi Cultivation Stage cultivator could kill him.

With a loud boom, his gaze instantly became dull, his soul seemingly plunged into an endless Illusion Realm, and he collapsed to the ground, his pupils turning white, and the energy in his body slowly dissipating.

The transparent tentacle was greedily devouring Daoist Shi Tai's soul.

In fact, it wasn't just Daoist Shi Tai. All living beings in the Yiling Island Group were the same.

At the same time, they collectively fell into a deep slumber, their bodies entwined by the transparent tentacles.

This sea area also went silent at this moment, without any sound.

It was as if it had transformed into a deathly still sea, eerily quiet.

Even if a needle were to drop to the ground, it would be audible.

Faintly, one could almost hear the sound of the monster chewing.

Boundless white mist also covered this sea area, seemingly isolating it entirely.

This place had become the hunting ground for the monster.

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Whoosh!

At that moment, the Gate of the Void opened, and a figure appeared on one of the islands in the Yiling Island Group.

The newcomer was Jiang Fan.

After receiving the message from the fate prompt, he arrived at this sea area immediately.

Boom~~

At once, his Spiritual Sense spread in all directions, covering an area of tens of thousands of kilometers.

In that moment, Jiang Fan also saw humans lying asleep on the ground.

Whether mortal or cultivator, they lay lifelessly, with smiles of happiness on their faces.

It was as if they were having sweet dreams.

"So this is the power of the Soul Devourer Dream Demon?"

"It has just escaped and is already so terrifying."

"If it regains some of its power, that would be trouble."

Jiang Fan's pupils contracted.

If it weren't for the power of the fate prompt, he might still be wondering what had happened to this sea area.

But knowing about the existence of the Soul Devourer Dream Demon, he naturally understood that such an eerie scene must have been caused by that Ancient Demon, which had just escaped, its power weakened to the extreme.

That's why it needed to devour the souls of countless living beings to restore its strength.

Fortunately, he arrived just in time.

If he had been a moment later, and the Soul Devourer Dream Demon had devoured enough soul energy, he might not have been a match for it, and escaping would have been his only option, to temporarily avoid confrontation.

But that would mean that no living beings on the Southern Continent could survive.

"Living person, there's a living person here."

"Ga ga, such a powerful soul, such a delicious soul aura."

"Eat him, quickly eat him."

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"As long as I consume this human, I will definitely recover some of my strength."

In an instant, the endless white mist nearby began to churn, eerie and terrifying voices echoed in the void, as if they were whispers. These sounds weren't heard by the ears but directly transmitted to the soul's depths.

Even if one only listened for a few words, they would be driven completely mad.

Causing one's sanity to continuously decline, twisting the soul.

"Damn it."

Suddenly, Jiang Fan felt his soul being attacked by an unknown force, as if someone was driving a nail into his soul, filling him with immeasurable pain.

It was as if some mysterious force was twisting his five senses, pulling his soul.

Aiming to drag him into an illusion realm.

Celestial Respect Crown Talisman!

In a flash, Jiang Fan activated a Life Talisman on him, and instantly a golden crown appeared, resting on his head, covered with countless mysterious runes.

The moment the Celestial Respect Crown appeared, it immediately helped him block out the endless whispers.

It seemed like countless soul attacks were isolated outside the crown.

An invisible energy enveloped every corner of his body, forming a soul barrier.

This allowed him to remain clear-headed in such a bizarre environment.

"Celestial Respect Crown Talisman?"

"How can a human possess an Immortal Realm Spirit Talisman, how is it possible?"

From deep within the void, a voice, both shocked and angry, rang out, unable to believe that merely a mortal cultivator could possess the Immortal Realm's Thirty-Three Celestial Spirit Talisman, which was completely beyond imagination.

"As long as you attack me, karma will be generated."

"Causing the formation of a karma line."

"Your true form has nowhere to hide."

At this moment, Jiang Fan's eyes revealed a hint of terrifying light.

Through the power of the Celestial Respect Crown, he saw a thick karma line extending far into the void.

And this was precisely the power of the Celestial Respect Crown Talisman.

If a connection is made with him, karma is formed.

In this way, wherever the enemy appears, it would be impossible to hide from him.

Using the power of the karma line, he can find where the enemy's true form is located.

He saw this karma line extending towards the Yiling Secret Realm.

Without a doubt, the true form of this ancient demon still resided within the Yiling Secret Realm.

Although the opponent indeed broke free, it was not completely free.

This was undoubtedly the best time to defeat this ancient demon.

If it were truly completely free, then it would be suicidal to come to this place.

After all, facing a fully freed ancient demon, coming here would be purely seeking death.

But if it was the weakest, he still had a sliver of hope of defeating it.

Boom~~

With this thought, Jiang Fan did not hesitate and immediately took out the Yiling Token from himself.

This was the token he obtained when he previously entered the Yiling Secret Realm.

As long as he activated this token, he would instantly be transported into the Yiling Secret Realm.

Whoosh!

After Jiang Fan activated this token, his entire body was enveloped by a burst of void energy.

In the next second, he appeared on a massive island within the Yiling Secret Realm.

The entire Yiling Secret Realm was constructed from different floating islands.

Last time, he only visited one of these floating islands.

However, he hadn't been to most of the floating islands.

This time, he arrived at the largest and most central island of the Yiling Secret Realm.

Here lies the sealed true form of the ancient demon, the Soul Devourer Dream Demon.

The moment he appeared, Jiang Fan saw a massive demon, at least a few hundred meters long, resembling a jellyfish, entirely black, with countless transparent tentacles growing from it.

Its body was covered with dense, dark, eerie runes, oozing drops of thick black liquid.

Just looking at it could drive one insane.

Especially those eerie, dark runes, which seemed to come alive.

Just looking at them, these runes would madly bore into the depths of your soul, corrupting it.

However, at this moment, the ancient demon's body was bound by dark golden chains, the very power sealing the Soul Devourer Dream Demon.

But these sealing chains already showed signs of breaking.

If it struggled a bit longer, it would break free from these restraints and completely escape the seals of the Yiling Secret Realm.

When that happens, it will start a killing spree, annihilating all life here.

"Jiang Fan? Is that really you, Jiang Fan? How could you return to the Yiling Secret Realm now?"

"Wait, your cultivation has already reached the Ninth-Layer Nascent Soul?"

"Is it true or false, how could you breakthrough so quickly?"

At that moment, a voice suddenly sounded, it was the Array Spirit Burial of the Yiling Secret Realm speaking.

The moment Jiang Fan entered the Yiling Secret Realm, as the array spirit of the secret realm world, it naturally noticed immediately.

At the same time, it recognized his identity.

He was the divinity transformation seed it selected during the last opening of the secret realm.

Initially, it thought Jiang Fan might take a long time to return to the Yiling Secret Realm.

Who could have thought, in just a few decades, he'd return once more.

To its astonishment, this kid had already become a Ninth-Layer Nascent Soul cultivator.

Such a cultivation speed is unbelievably fast.

In the ancient era, it might not have been a big deal, after all, spiritual Qi was abundant in those times, nurturing endless cultivation resources, with ten-thousand-year-old spirit medicines everywhere.

But now, with resources desperately scarce, it's nearly impossible to reach the Ninth-Layer Nascent Soul so quickly.

So, seeing Jiang Fan again left it incredibly shocked, not knowing how he achieved it.

"What a pity, your timing is unfortunate."

"To have chosen this moment to return to the Yiling Secret Realm."

"Not knowing what changes occurred, I am now powerless to seal this ancient demon."

The Array Spirit Burial said helplessly.

If it weren't for the sudden anomaly with the ancient demon, it would have been overjoyed to see Jiang Fan's rapid cultivation progress, believing he would definitely complete the task.

If he could achieve divinity transformation, he might even seize the opportunity to slay this demon.

But now, the fact that he came to the Yiling Secret Realm, precisely when the ancient demon was escaping, was purely seeking death.

It just proves that human plans can't match the whims of fate.

Boom~~

At this moment, a message entered the depths of Jiang Fan's conscious sea.

"You chose to come to the Yiling Secret Realm, but the terror of the Soul Devourer Dream Demon is beyond imagination. Even in its weakest state, it's not something that can be easily killed. If not handled properly, it might even counter-kill you. Fortunately, you have destiny hints to see this demon's weakness."

"Destiny Hint One: Don't be fooled by the Soul Devourer Dream Demon's terror; it actually received severe injuries in the ancient era. Once split in two by a Peerless Sword Immortal's strike, leaving an indelible scar inside. Even after countless years, this sword mark remains, with the wound faintly aching.

This is your only hope of defeating it. If you strike this scar, you can invoke the terrifying sword intent to obliterate the Soul Devourer Dream Demon, killing it completely."

"Destiny Hint Two: Of course, you could stubbornly think this is opportunistic, wanting to face the Soul Devourer Dream Demon one-on-one. After a few moves, you'll be killed by it, with your soul completely consumed, earning praise from the demon — hoping more worthy opponents would come."

Scar?!

Receiving this message, Jiang Fan squinted slightly, letting his spiritual sense pierce through the demon in front of him, and he indeed sensed a scar inside the jellyfish-like body.

Originally, he thought it was just a physical pattern.

But without the destiny hint, he would've never imagined it was a scar.

It's also the demon's most fatal weakness.

If the Soul Devourer Dream Demon's injuries fully recovered, this fatal weakness might disappear.

But since it just broke free, recovering such injuries is impossible.

Therefore, this is his only opportunity to kill the Soul Devourer Dream Demon.

If he misses this chance, it's highly likely that in the future, it will be challenging to kill it.

Even if possible later, the cost would be extremely severe.

Chapter 856: Destiny Bestowed, Emperor's Judgment!

"Foolish human."

"You actually came to me seeking death."

"You're practically courting disaster."

"However, your soul is quite delectable. If I could consume your soul, my cultivation would surely recover."

At this moment, the Soul Devourer Demon saw Jiang Fan before it.

It immediately burst into laughter, feeling very pleased.

The human cultivator before it was merely at the Ninth-Layer Nascent Soul level.

Perhaps in this era, he would be considered a rather powerful cultivator.

But to me, he's nothing more than an ant.

Even at my weakest moment, this ant could never be my match.

After all, the gap in our positions is simply too vast.

It's likely that with just a thought, this boy would fall into a dream realm and be left at my mercy.

"Kid, you should leave immediately; you shouldn't be here now."

"I will do my utmost to hold the opponent off."

"In the future, when you advance to the Divinity Transformation Level or even higher realms, come back to deal with this demon."

"But as for now, you're far from ready."

The Array Spirit Burial sighed.

It quickly made up its mind, regardless of anything, it needed to stop this demon.

After all, the talent of this human cultivator was astonishing—he was the hope of this world to withstand the demons' onslaught in the future.

He absolutely cannot meet such a tragic end here, dying at the hands of a demon.

This would undoubtedly be a great loss to this world, a result it could not bear to witness.

"There's no need to flee."

"This demon must die today."

Jiang Fan calmly looked at the Soul Devourer Demon and took out the Immortal Artifact Human Emperor Sword.

To truly slay this demon, the power of this divine sword must be used.

Now his cultivation had advanced to the Ninth-Layer Nascent Soul realm, and his Primordial Magical Power had increased significantly.

This allowed him to draw out even more power from this Immortal Artifact.

At this moment, the vast Primordial Magical Power within him surged into the Human Emperor Sword, causing a faint golden light to radiate from it, with countless golden mystical runes flowing along its blade.

Destiny bestowed!

In an instant, Jiang Fan activated the first ability of the Human Emperor Sword. When the sword was used, it was as if he gained the protection of the Heavenly Dao and the destiny of the Human Race, receiving an augmentation from the Heavenly Dao.

He could leverage the power of destiny to explosively increase his own power.

Boom~~

At the moment the Human Emperor Sword was activated, the firmament shattered with a thunderous roar, and myriad golden lines poured down from beyond the nine heavens like chains of fate, meticulously wrapping around Jiang Fan.

In the blink of an eye, the accumulated destiny of the Primordial Talisman Sect surged from all directions like a mighty torrent, causing mountains and rivers to quake and the earth to roar wherever it passed.

At this moment, Jiang Fan's aura soared continuously, his previously calm magical power surged like a stormy tide, its powerful force sending ripples through the void, as if it had been elevated to the Divinity Transformation Level.

Golden runes spread densely around his body like stars, shining with mysterious and ancient light, each one containing the strongest power of laws in heaven and earth.

His body was enveloped in dazzling golden light, and as the light intensified, it gradually outlined a towering Human Emperor's phantom.

The phantom stood upon the land, clad in the sun and moon, its majestic aura subduing heaven and earth as if a true Human Emperor had crossed time and space to descend upon this battlefield.

Simultaneously, a vast painting of rivers and mountains slowly emerged, with majestic mountains and flowing rivers, people living and working in peace and contentment, symbolizing the prosperity and flourishing of the Human Race and the manifestation of the Human Emperor's authority.

"Wait, is this real or fake."

"The Immortal Artifact Human Emperor Sword!"

"This guy is the Child of Destiny, this is the Human Emperor."

Witnessing this scene, the Array Spirit Burial was utterly stunned. It felt the incomparably overpowering force, as if being pressed into submission, becoming the other's subject.

The power of this Immortal Sword was simply beyond imagination.

Even though the gathered destiny was relatively sparse, the destructive power it could unleash was already terrifying.

Emperor's Judgment!

The next instant, Jiang Fan swung the Human Emperor Sword in his hand, unleashing the second ability of this Immortal Artifact. The sword's radiance was capable of locking onto an enemy's aura, ensuring a direct hit.

No matter how the enemy evaded, they would inevitably be struck.

This was akin to a tracking ability based on cause and effect.

Thud!

A resplendent sword light pierced the sky; it embodied the supreme power to adjudicate all things, leaving space shattered and time seemingly halted wherever it passed.

The sword light zipped through like a golden lightning bolt with an earth-shattering momentum, aimed straight at the Soul Devourer Demon.

"The Immortal Artifact Human Emperor Sword?"

"I didn't expect you humans to get hold of this Immortal Artifact."

"But you are far too weak to unleash even a fraction of this sword's power."

"Daring to swing the sword at me is simply courting your own demise."

"Today, not only will you perish here, but even the Human Emperor Sword will be mine."

"Wait, no, that's not right."

"You're not trying to kill me, but aiming at the scar on my body."

"Damn it, how did you know about the scar left on me?"

The Soul Devourer Demon, upon seeing this, initially displayed a disdainful expression. Although the power the Human Emperor Sword could unleash was extremely threatening, killing it was deemed impossible.

However, it quickly sensed something was awry.

The sword light was locked firmly onto a sword scar within its body.

This scar was inflicted during the Ancient Era when a Peerless Sword Immortal struck it, leaving a stubborn sword scar that persistently ached, flaring up intermittently.

Chapter 857: Fate's Blessing, Emperor's Judgment! (Part 2)

It originally thought this was one of its greatest secrets, completely unknown to anyone.

Yet this human cultivator had already seen through it.

This made it feel utterly shocked and terrified.

It let out a thunderous roar, trying to struggle and escape, but found its actions firmly confined by an invisible force.

At this moment, under the guidance of the sword light, the sword mark began to tremble violently, like a lit fuse, instantly detonating the long-accumulated internal injuries of the demon.

Boom~

An invincible sword intent was triggered, as if a peerless Sword Immortal had revived, unleashing terrifying sword intent might, completely detonating within the Soul-Devouring Demon.

Only a sky-shattering roar was heard, and the body of the Soul-Devouring Demon began to fall apart.

First, fine cracks appeared at the sword mark, spreading rapidly across its body like a spider web, and then its body shattered like broken glass.

Countless fragments of flesh and black demonic qi scattered in all directions, and under the illumination of the golden light, the demonic qi emitted a series of hissing noises, quickly dissipating like remnant snow under the scorching sun.

In just an instant, the Soul-Devouring Demon was completely obliterated.

As the Soul-Devouring Demon perished, the heavenly phenomena gradually calmed, the golden light slowly receded, and the painting of rivers and mountains also slowly disappeared. Only Jiang Fan stood firmly in place, the Human Emperor Sword still shining brightly.

He exuded the majesty of the Human Emperor.

"Dead? Is this Soul-Devouring Demon really dead just like that?"

Seeing this scene, the Array Spirit Burial was dumbfounded, hardly believing the scene before its eyes.

In order to seal this demon and prevent it from causing chaos outside, it didn't know how long it had been working and how much effort it had put in.

It had even prepared for its own sacrifice just now.

No matter the cost, it would not allow this Soul-Devouring Demon to escape.

But now, this human cultivator suddenly appeared, and with a single sword stroke, completely slew the opponent.

The entire body had already turned to dust.

The surrounding vast demonic qi was also dissipating rapidly.

It was as if a long-standing mission had finally come to an end at this moment.

This made it breathe a sigh of relief, yet it also felt a bit lost, feeling that this ending was somewhat too easy.

"It should be dead."

"But not all the credit is mine."

"It actually had severe injuries inside its body."

"If the invincible sword intent inside it hadn't been detonated, it might not have been possible to kill it."

Jiang Fan said in a deep voice.

He could feel the terror of that invincible sword intent just now, having contained the power to tear the firmament apart.

Even after countless years, this sword intent showed no signs of fading.

In fact, all his actions just now were merely to detonate this sword intent and the injuries within the opponent.

If he were to truly engage in direct combat with the Soul-Devouring Demon, he certainly wouldn't be a match.

Estimated within just a few exchanges, he might be killed by this ancient demon and become its food.

But this was unavoidable.

After all, he was currently just a Ninth-Layer Nascent Soul cultivator, whereas the demon's cultivation had long surpassed the realm imaginable, and he couldn't possibly be an opponent for this demon.

To strike while the enemy was at its weakest and seize the opportunity to kill it was already a miracle.

If he hadn't identified the enemy's weakness, it would have been absolutely impossible to kill it.

"The power of the Human Emperor Sword is indeed closely linked to the destiny of the Human Race."

"Currently, the destiny of the Primordial Talisman Sect is just so much."

"But paired with the Human Emperor Sword, it can already unleash a Divinity Transformation strike."

"If the destiny further surges, the power unleashed could be even more terrifying."

Jiang Fan squinted his eyes.

He could feel his body brimming with overwhelming power, holding the Human Emperor Sword.

Even after releasing such a terrifying sword, he still didn't feel too weakened.

On the contrary, he could unleash seven or eight more similar attacks.

All thanks to the augmenting destiny.

Of course, this wasn't his own power, but borrowed from the power of Heavenly Dao's destiny.

So this was what it felt like to be shrouded by destiny.

As the destiny surged, the power of being shrouded by destiny might become even more frightening.

Because of this, he absolutely couldn't allow the Human Race to be weakened by the power of demons.

As if it would weaken his own power.

"After untold years, we've finally killed this Soul-Devouring Demon, it's really great."

"After waiting for so long, we actually encountered the Child of Destiny of this era."

"This is our fortune."

At this moment, another voice rang out.

Appearing before Jiang Fan was a green Wooden Sword, floating in mid-air, its body covered in densely packed mysterious green runes, emitting a faint Sword Aura, as if it was also a Divine Sword.

It looked at Jiang Fan with excitement, speaking in a tone full of emotion.

"And this is?"

Jiang Fan curiously asked.

"Oh, this too is a magical treasure responsible for suppressing the Soul-Devouring Demon—the Divine Wood Sword."

"Over the many years, it was precisely due to the cooperation between me and the Divine Wood Sword that the Soul-Devouring Demon could never break free."

"Without the help of the Divine Wood Sword, the opponent might have long escaped from the seal."

The Array Spirit Burial said with great emotion.

"Since you've already killed the Soul-Devouring Demon, our mission is complete."

"From now on, this Secret Realm World belongs to you."

"And all the treasures accumulated in this Secret Realm World from ancient times to now, they are all yours."

"I hope that after inheriting these treasures, you can resolve all the demons in the Void Realm."

The Divine Wood Sword said solemnly.

"Indeed, for us, these treasures are of little use anymore."

"Since you obtained the Human Emperor Sword, you are probably the Child of Destiny of this era, embodying the destiny of heaven and earth."

"If you obtain these treasures, it will be like adding wings to a tiger."

"Even ascending to Divinity Transformation wouldn't be a big problem."

The Array Spirit Burial said with delight.

After all, the many treasures in the treasury were meant to attract cultivators into the Yiling Secret Realm to eliminate the demons of this Secret Realm World, but now that the Soul-Devouring Demon is dead.

This also means that no new demons will ever be born in this Secret Realm World again.

As long as a little time is spent, all the demons in this Secret Realm World can be resolved.

So leaving such a number of treasures didn't have much meaning, it would be better to hand them over to Jiang Fan.

"Treasures? Where are the treasures?"

Jiang Fan rubbed his chin, inquiring.

He thought that perhaps his opportunity this time was in the treasury of the Yiling Secret Realm.

"Oh, it's at the deepest part of the palace on this island."

"I'll lead the way, follow me."

The Divine Wood Sword said.

Boom~~

At this moment, a message instantly entered into the depths of Jiang Fan's consciousness sea.

"Remember, demons are extremely cunning and hard to kill. You may think you've killed the demon, but they always find another way to survive, and the Soul-Devouring Demon is no exception.

In the Ancient Era, it once suffered a strike from a Sword Immortal, and although it was supposed to die, it survived using a false body, narrowly escaping the Sword Immortal's grasp. The same holds true now.

On the surface, it seems the Soul-Devouring Demon only recently broke free, but in fact, it quietly split off a soul fragment countless years ago, silently escaping the seal.

It used the power of the Illusion Technique to alter the memory of the Array Spirit Burial, disguising itself as the Artifact Spirit of the Divine Wood Sword, secretly gathering strength. If you believe what it said, you'll fall into the Soul-Devouring Demon's trap, leading to your untimely demise."

"Fate Warning One: You know nothing, and following the Divine Wood Sword into the treasury of the Yiling Secret Realm, you fall into the Soul-Devouring Demon's trap, get killed, and your soul is utterly devoured, turned into fodder for the demon."

"Fate Warning Two: You can use the power of the Demon-Vibrating Bell and attack the Divine Wood Sword with the Demon-Vanquishing Power. Although the Soul-Devouring Demon still lives, it merely retains a soul fragment and is in an extremely fragile state. The power of the Demon-Vibrating Bell can easily kill it.

You act suddenly, which utterly surprises the Soul-Devouring Demon. It never expected you to see through its true form. Remember, you only have this one chance. If the Soul-Devouring Demon escapes, it will never appear before you again.

You also won't be able to trace its trajectory, as it is extremely insidious and cunning, devouring the souls of all living beings in secret. When it reappears, countless lives will perish at its hands."

Upon receiving this message, Jiang Fan's pupils contracted, never having expected that the Soul-Devouring Demon was still alive, disguised as the Artifact Spirit of the Divine Wood Sword, even escaping the detection of the Array Spirit Burial.

Chapter 858: Finally Crossing the Tribulation, Gaining a Second-Grade Opportunity

"Demons are actually this cunning?!"

"And they have so many life-saving abilities."

Jiang Fan remained expressionless, showing no emotions to avoid letting the other party detect anything.

He had encountered far too few demons, with no real understanding of the extent of their abilities.

Originally, he thought that by destroying the demon's physical form, he had killed the Soul Devourer.

Unexpectedly, the other party still had a split soul.

And it had transformed into the Artifact Spirit of the Divine Wood Sword.

If it weren't for a hint from fate, he might not have noticed this at all.

No wonder in the Ancient Era, so many great forces faced repeated setbacks.

The enemy could alter memories and conceal identities; no one knew if those around them were enemies or friends.

Be slightly careless, and one would fall into an ambush.

How could one possibly achieve victory under such circumstances?

However, since he had uncovered the enemy's identity, it was no longer worth mentioning.

Boom~~

Thinking of this, without a second thought, Jiang Fan immediately took out the Demon-Vibrating Bell from his person.

He infused it with the boundless Primordial Magical Power from his body, fully activating this Magical Treasure.

Instantly, countless Demon-Vanquishing Runes on the Demon-Vibrating Bell lit up, resembling a supreme scripture, with faint Daoist sounds emanating from it.

Clang~~ Clang~~

In an instant, the power of the Demon-Vibrating Bell erupted suddenly, striking towards the Divine Wood Sword.

"Brat, what do you think you're doing?!"

The Divine Wood Sword's expression changed dramatically, completely not expecting that this human Cultivator would suddenly attack it.

Could it be that this guy had unraveled its true identity?!

But that should be impossible.

As its split soul had long fused with the Divine Wood Sword, becoming the Artifact Spirit of this Magical Treasure.

Even the Great Powers of the Ancient Era couldn't uncover its identity.

"What's going on?"

The Array Spirit Burial was also stunned, not expecting this human Cultivator to suddenly attack the Divine Wood Sword.

There should be no hatred between them; why was this human Cultivator doing this? What exactly happened?

And even if it wanted to intervene to stop it, it was too late; the guy's speed was simply too fast.

"What am I doing?!"

"Demon, at a glance, I can tell you are not human."

"Dare to deceive me, prepare to die."

Jiang Fan was filled with killing intent, unleashing the full power of the Demon-Vibrating Bell.

Horrific Demon-Vanquishing Sounds erupted, causing ripples in the void, sweeping across the Nine Heavens and Ten Lands, imbued with terrifying destructive power.

Moreover, this was an attack specifically targeting the soul.

With just one strike, it hit the Divine Wood Sword.

"Ah!"

The Divine Wood Sword immediately emitted a heart-rending scream, its originally fragile soul instantly shattering.

At this moment, it could no longer bother to hide itself, or rather, even if it wanted to, it couldn't conceal itself at all.

The originally green Treasure Sword was now invaded by dark energy, turning into a black sword, emanating demonic energy with numerous demonic runes appearing on it.

"Is there really a problem with this Divine Wood Sword?"

"No way, could this be the Demon Sword, what exactly happened?"

The Array Spirit Burial was utterly shaken; it felt that its years of memories had completely collapsed.

Years of life-and-death companionship,

Who could have thought the other party was actually a Demon Sword, imbued with demonic energy?

"Damned human,"

"When exactly did you discover my secrets?"

The Soul Devourer emitted a heart-wrenching scream, trying to find out where exactly it had revealed its flaw.

Clearly, it had disguised itself perfectly.

Even the Array Spirit Burial couldn't detect it, considering it a long-standing life-and-death comrade.

Who could have thought that this human before it could instantly uncover its identity?

This left it utterly baffled, not knowing how its flaw was discovered.

"You don't need to know."

"Just obediently die."

Jiang Fan naturally wasn't foolish enough to answer this question; speaking would inevitably reveal his own secrets.

Only a completely dead enemy is a truly good enemy.

He continued unleashing the power of the Demon-Vibrating Bell, making this Magical Treasure resonate continuously, releasing terrifying Demon-Vanquishing Sounds.

For demons, this was a particularly restraining power.

"You dare to kill me, you won't meet a good end."

"Even if you annihilate me, you definitely won't escape death."

"Wait, I will wait for the day you die."

The Soul Devourer let out a sorrowful roar.

Now, even if it wanted to struggle in its last moments, it was impossible.

In just an instant, its remaining split soul was also completely destroyed, turning into ashes.

With a clang, the black long sword fell to the ground, shattering, completely losing its spirituality.

"Wait, my memories?"

"My memories were altered by this guy?"

"So from start to finish, there was only ever me holding back the demon."

"This Divine Wood Sword was indeed the Soul Devourer in disguise."

As the Soul Devourer died, the Array Spirit Burial's face twisted in pain, and the Illusion Technique imposed on it completely dissipated at this moment, the original memories returning in full.

Amid the long years of suppressing demons, the Array Spirit Burial grew weary in both body and soul, seeing no hope, no future, thus birthing a Heart Demon, wishing for a companion for mutual support.

The Soul Devourer saw this, spending some power to split off a part of its soul.

It also found a Heaven-Reaching Spiritual Treasure long devoid of an Artifact Spirit, then infused its soul into this Magical Treasure, transforming into the Artifact Spirit of this Magical Treasure.

Chapter 859: Final Tribulation Surpassed, Gaining a Second-Grade Opportunity

Then it also cast an Illusion Technique, stirred up the Heart Demon of the Array Spirit Burial, and took the opportunity to alter part of the opponent's memories.

However, even after becoming the opponent's companion, the Soul Devourer did not act recklessly.

Because it knew the seal placed on it was terrifying.

Acting rashly, it would undoubtedly fail.

So it endured, constantly disguising itself, waiting for the opportunity to escape.

"No wonder Daoist Yiling died and couldn't ascend to Divinity Transformation."

"It must be the Divine Wood Sword secretly causing trouble."

At this time, the Array Spirit Burial recalled the oddities bit by bit from past events.

Originally, it thought Daoist Yiling couldn't ascend to Divinity Transformation due to poor Destiny.

After all, similar things had happened too many times before.

Not all talented cultivators succeed; there are far too many accidental factors.

But now it seems that the Divine Wood Sword, or rather the Soul Devourer, must have been secretly manipulating things.

Thus the other party faced destruction.

But because it couldn't discern this, Daoist Yiling died.

And not just Daoist Yiling.

Over the years, many promising Divinity Transformation Seeds fell.

It is estimated all have a significant relation to the Soul Devourer.

Luckily, this human cultivator saw through it; otherwise, it would be condemned even by death.

Boom~~

At this moment, a message shot into the depths of Jiang Fan's consciousness: "You unraveled the Soul Devourer's plot, successfully slayed this Ancient Demon, narrowly escaping a life-and-death crisis, and gained a Second-Grade Opportunity, ten million Luck Points."

Perceiving this, Jiang Fan immediately felt at ease.

No doubt, it wasn't until now that he truly passed this tribulation.

Previously, since the tribulation hadn't been overcome, there was no notification.

Yet he hadn't expected that after defeating the Soul Devourer, he would gain such benefits.

A Second-Grade Opportunity is already a considerable harvest.

But ten million Luck Points is an immense fortune.

This shows how great a calamity this Ancient Demon could have caused.

If not for him, who knows how many lives would have been slaughtered by the Soul Devourer.

This would inevitably have dealt a heavy blow to the Human Race in the Void Realm.

"Master, the Soul Devourer left behind a core."

"I feel I can refine this core."

The Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron suddenly spoke.

It saw that after its master slew the Soul Devourer, the oversized body dropped a fist-sized black crystal, covered with dense black patterns, appearing extremely bizarre.

At the same time, it exuded rich demonic aura and pure soul energy.

"Can refine it?"

"If I'm not mistaken, this might be a demon's core."

"But this Demon Core contains vast Demonic Qi, presumably possessing strong corrosiveness."

Jiang Fan raised an eyebrow.

He also saw the unique crystal left behind by the Ancient Demon's death.

But this is a Demon Core, not something an ordinary cultivator can refine.

If an ordinary cultivator forcibly refined it, they would probably be corroded by the vast Demonic Power, transforming into a new demon.

This is the terror of demons, able to corrupt living beings, possessing pollutant traits.

"If I hadn't evolved into the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron, I might have been helpless against it."

"But now, as an Immortal Artifact, I can refine anything in the world."

"A mere Demon Core is nothing."

The Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron said confidently.

"Alright, give it a try then."

Jiang Fan paused, noticing that there was no trigger from the destiny hint, suggesting that this matter bore no hidden threat, only immense benefits.

So he let the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron act freely, to see what it could achieve.

"Okay."

The Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron was very excited, instantly placing the fist-sized Demon Core into the cauldron.

Boom~~

Instantly, threads of the Qi of Ten Thousand Transformations spread within the cauldron, seemingly containing the conceptual power to refine everything, the Power of Laws, capable of refining anything, including the Demon Core.

At this moment, the demonic aura, Demonic Power, and concepts of demonizing everything inside the Demon Core were all digested and refined before the Power of Ten Thousand Transformations.

In just a moment, the fist-sized Demon Core rapidly shrunk, turning into a glass bead size.

However, all impurities were refined, turning into a crystalline and transparent soul core.

This crystal pervaded abundant soul energy, akin to a ten-thousand-year-old Spirit Medicine.

It is undoubtedly an unparalleled soul treasure.

"It could actually be done?"

"So after killing demons, benefits can indeed be gained."

"Through the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron, even demons can be refined."

Jiang Fan stroked his chin, feeling quite pleased inside.

Knowing the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron had this capability was definitely a huge benefit for him.

If he devoured this Soul Crystal, his soul energy would surely experience significant growth.

Boom~~

Thinking of this, Jiang Fan didn't hesitate, immediately swallowing the Soul Crystal.

The Soul Crystal instantly dissolved in his mouth, turning into strands of soul energy, merging into his sea of consciousness.

Instantly, he felt his soul energy experiencing exponential growth.

Originally, his Spiritual Power had reached the stage of Divinity Transformation Perfection.

Wanting to advance further was impossible in a short time.

But after obtaining the Soul Crystal of the Soul Devourer, the massive soul energy helped him easily break through the bottleneck of his Spiritual Sense.

Bong!

In an instant, Jiang Fan found his Spiritual Sense spreading out, undergoing earth-shattering changes.

Originally, his Spiritual Power only enveloped the heavens and the earth.

But now, it began to penetrate the void, entering a micro state.

Vaguely, he could feel the ubiquitous Void Energy.

"Is this the Spiritual Sense of Refining Void?"

"Can actually sense the void?!"

"No, it's not just sensing the void."

"If the Spiritual Sense evolves further, it might even refine Void Energy."

Jiang Fan's pupils contracted.

He found the range of his Spiritual Sense hadn't expanded, still covering a ten-thousand-kilometer area.

But its capability had grown over tenfold.

Previously, it could only manipulate the Power of Heaven and Earth, but now it could draw upon traces of Void Energy, representing a qualitative leap.

Undoubtedly, this was the Spiritual Sense of the Void Refining Level.

Compared to before, it was on a completely different level.

Once this level of Spiritual Sense is mastered, advancing to Refining Void would have no bottlenecks.

As long as the cultivation was sufficient, stepping into the Refining Void level would happen naturally.

Clearly, the Ancient Demon, the Soul Devourer, had provided enormous benefits through its defeat.

Allowing a breakthrough in his Spiritual Sense bottleneck.

If that demon knew of this, it would likely die from anger again.

"No wonder the Spiritual Sense of Refining Void vastly surpasses Divinity Transformation."

"This isn't something Divinity Transformation Spirit Sense can compare to."

"It's an entirely different dimension."

Jiang Fan squinted his eyes.

As the Spiritual Sense of the Void Refining Level could integrate into the void and become one with it.

Even when spread out, a Divinity Transformation Cultivator wouldn't detect a trace.

They're simply not on the same level.

So a Void Refining Cultivator can freely observe cultivators below their level without those Low-Tier Cultivators detecting a thing.

"Moreover, the energy contained in this Soul Crystal hasn't been fully refined."

"Which means, my Spiritual Power can still continue to grow, and rather quickly."

"Truly, the Demon Core left by the Ancient Demon is akin to Treasures of Heaven and Earth."

"But only the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron is capable of turning waste into treasure."

"For other cultivators, even if they obtained a Demon Core, there's no way to utilize it."

Jiang Fan stroked his chin.

He also realized the unique nature of the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron.

Undoubtedly, even though many Immortal Artifacts exist, they vary greatly in quality and rank.

The capabilities contained within the Ten Thousand Transformations Immortal Cauldron are unmatched by ordinary Immortal Artifacts.

Hence, it can carry out the refining of a Demon Core.

Chapter 860: Gate of the Void Evolves, Curse from the Void

At the same time, in a certain area of the Void Realm.

Along with the fall of the Soul-devouring Nightmare, several of the bizarre beings seemed to sense something, and a satisfied smile appeared on their faces.

"Just as predicted before, one of the revived demons has been killed by the Child of Destiny."

"Originally, we could not locate that Child of Destiny, but as long as a demon is killed, it creates a causal link, allowing us to track him."

"Indeed, indeed, it seems that the Soul-devouring Nightmare died a worthy death."

"We can use the Soul-devouring Deceitful Curse, follow the line of causality to hex this child."

"Once this curse is cast, a black mark forms and follows the causal line, entering the other's soul, gnawing like a worm at the bone. The cursed will endure the tearing pain of their soul day and night, their memories gradually blur, and ultimately their soul dissipates, even the chance of reincarnation is stripped away."

"But to maximize the curse's power and fully hex-kill this Child of Destiny, sufficient sacrifices are needed, otherwise it's hard to kill the other."

"Then I'll offer my life as a sacrifice. Trading my life for the death of a Child of Destiny is certainly worthwhile. To achieve the goal, even sacrificing oneself is necessary."

"The natives of this realm also want to resist us, that's just foolish dreaming, let us destroy their hopes completely. Ultimately, this realm will not escape destruction, no one can stop it."

"A mere Child of Destiny wanting to be arrogant, what a joke."

The bizarre beings discussed it densely, their tone full of disdain.

There's no doubt, they have plotted for a long time for this, aiming to find Jiang Fan's tracks.

Even if sacrificing one of their companions, they don't mind.

On the contrary, each is eager.

There's a fanatical look on their faces.

Even while being imprisoned in the area, they can still unleash some of their powers.

Moreover, they feel killing a yet-to-mature Child of Destiny shouldn't be too difficult.

After all, their bizarre clan has performed similar deeds many times.

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At this moment, in the Yiling Secret Realm.

"Fellow Daoist Jiang, thank you for uncovering the whereabouts of the Soul-devouring Nightmare."

"Without you, I probably wouldn't realize the truth."

"If the Soul-devouring Nightmare had truly broken free from the seal, who knows how many lives would perish."

"Even though it only broke free of the seal briefly, it already caused the death of many human cultivators."

"In the sea area of the Yiling Island Group, a Nascent Soul and numerous Golden Cores have already died."

"Their souls have been completely devoured by the Soul-devouring Nightmare."

Array Spirit Burial spoke with much emotion.

It looked at Jiang Fan with gratitude, if not for this human cultivator revealing the demon's plot.

It feared it would be held accountable for countless deaths.

Fortunately, the worst outcome didn't manifest.

"So many cultivators died in such a short period?"

Upon hearing this, Jiang Fan was taken aback.

Although he knew the danger of the Soul-devouring Nightmare was tremendous, he didn't expect its power to cause so much death in just a brief leak.

If he had been a moment too late, countless human cultivators on the Yiling Island Group would have fallen in their dreams.

At this time, he also learned from Array Spirit Burial the name of the fallen Nascent Soul cultivator on the Yiling Island Group, Daoist Shi Tai, seemingly the Supreme Elder of Sun Valley.

Years ago, this fellow had forced him to flee this sea area.

Unexpectedly, now he silently and miserably died in this place, and all without Jiang Fan acting.

It's certain that Shi Tai's death was significantly unjust.

"This is the terror of the Soul-devouring Nightmare."

"In fact, even in the Ancient Era, it was a forefront-ranked Great Demon."

"Yet it perished in this era, Fellow Daoist Jiang indeed accomplished a great feat."

Array Spirit Burial sighed.

Fighting against the Soul-devouring Nightmare for so many years, it naturally knows the terror of this demon.

Otherwise, in the Ancient Era, many Great Powers wouldn't have acted to seal this Soul-devouring Nightmare.

Indeed, through countless years of array erosion, it gradually wiped away the demon's essence.

Finally reaching this era, Jiang Fan delivered the last blow, which ultimately eradicated it.

If it were in its prime, Jiang Fan likely couldn't have killed this Ancient Demon.

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At this moment, a message suddenly appeared in the depths of Jiang Fan's sea of consciousness.

"Fate always difficult to predict, all beings constantly encountering disaster due to being unable to perceive fate. You think defeating the Soul-devouring Nightmare allows you to relax, but such an action brought even more terrifying risks. Many bizarre beings hidden in the shadows decided to sacrifice a companion and launch the Soul-devouring Deceitful Curse.

This curse's power is extremely terrifying, capable of forming a black mark that strikes along the causal line, you cannot resist even with Refining Void-level Spiritual Sense.

With this curse, they killed many Great Powers in the Ancient Era."

"Destiny cue one: this is an extremely terrifying curse, even Ancient Era Great Powers are easily killed, let alone you, a mere Nascent Soul cultivator, so you have no rescue, prepare to die, now your best option is to leave a testament, let those who come after avenge you."

"Destiny cue two: however, with the destiny cue, you still seek the only glimmer of hope, the power of the Soul-devouring Deceitful Curse is indeed terrifying, but it also has a range? Its coverage is the entire Void Realm.