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“Boom——”

Several hours later, the Purple Shadow Secret Realm ended, and a void portal suddenly appeared in mid-air, like a black hole vortex.

“Whoosh whoosh whoosh——”

Many cultivators from Purple Shadow Mountain drove their magic artifacts, flying swords, and spiritual birds into the portal to leave.

You could see that many people were injured.

Only the disciples of the Four Great Immortal Sects were relatively unharmed.

“Sss sss sss——”

At this moment, the Ghost Face Soul Devouring Spider and Hui God Worm alerted Lu Chensha, indicating that a figure had a familiar presence.

“It’s this person!”

Lu Chensha instantly realized the person was the disguised Shangguan cultivator who had escaped.

Even though he masked his figure and appearance.

His aura was remembered by the Ghost Face Soul Devouring Spider and Hui God Worm.

“Kill!”

The three stepped on their flying shuttles and swiftly rushed to attack the figure.

“Hmm!?”

Other cultivators saw this scene and were all shocked and surprised.

They didn’t expect that even after the Purple Shadow Secret Realm ended, there were still people killing.

However, upon seeing the formidable presence of Lu Chensha's trio and their killing intent, no one interfered.

"Damn it!"

This Shangguan Family cultivator realized he had been recognized, feeling furious and aggrieved.

As a direct lineage of a Core Formation Noble Family, he had never suffered such humiliation.

But knowing the trio's capabilities, he hesitated not at all, squeezed out a defense talisman, then fiercely struck his chest, using some secret technique to increase his speed, directly rushing towards the portal.

"Black Dragon Thorn!"

Lu Qingyan, who had broken through the second rank of Body Refinement, suddenly stamped her foot, and her form shot out like a black dragon, ripping through layers of air.

"Go!"

Lu Chensha chose to assist Lu Qingyan, deploying Iron Fire Ants to approach the person and directly trigger a self-detonation.

His eight hundred Iron Fire Ants had already lost over three hundred in previous battles.

At this moment, he directly detonated half of the remaining ones.

"Boom boom boom——"

Heavy sounds rang continuously, dimming the light around the Shangguan Family cultivator and causing his Qi-blood to churn, his form unstable.

"Kill!"

Facing Lu Qingyan charging in, this Shangguan Family cultivator also quickly drew his blade, fiercely slashing, using the force to continue towards the portal.

"It's them!?"

"It's Shangguan Fei!"

Instantly, some cultivators recognized the Shangguan Family cultivator.

Others, having previously seen Lu Chensha and his companions fighting the Shangguan Family, felt a chill of shock.

“Brother Shangguan, I will help you!”

A friendly family with the Shangguan Family immediately intervened, releasing flying swords to intercept Lu Qingyan.

“Get out of my way!”

Lu Qingyan advanced fiercely, with unstoppable momentum.

“Clang clang clang——”

Now that Lu Qingyan had broken through the second rank of Body Refinement, her strength in the secret realm belonged to the first tier; a single spear easily deflected the attacking flying swords, continuing her assault on Shangguan Fei.

“Are you sure you want to get involved in our feud with this person!”

Lu Chensha, clad in a green robe, stood on the flying shuttle, coldly eyeing these people, sending Iron Fire Ants and Ironback Mantis toward one of them.

“Which family is this, daring to oppose the Shangguan Family!”

“Why is there only one left of the Shangguan Family? I remember they came with six people.”

This battle attracted the attention of many family forces, all shocked and surprised.

Compared to the Divine Blade Shangguan Family, the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family in the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm was less renowned.

Even though many had heard of Bi Lake Mountain or the names Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge, they did not recognize the Lu Family disciples.

“Poof!”

Shangguan Fei spat out a mouthful of blood under Lu Qingyan’s assault.

Yet his strength was extraordinary; even with her intent to swiftly kill him within this short time, Lu Qingyan managed to achieve that.

“Bang!”

At this moment, he leveraged Lu Qingyan's strike to propel himself, rushing towards the portal.

Not only was Lu Qingyan's palm now covered, but her cheeks also bore patches of dark, mystical scales, her entire form shooting out as her spear straight pierced through his back.

"Buzz!"

At this moment, the portal emanated a pull, causing both to feel dizzy.

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Now outside the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

On the central altar, a massive portal stood, exuding an ancient, enduring aura.

"Whoosh whoosh whoosh——"

One by one, figures flew out from the secret realm.

In mid-air, the Shangguan Family's False Core Immortal's face was as dark as water, fists clenched, staring intently at the portal.

Just then.

"Thump!"

A man and a woman flew horizontally out from the portal.

The woman wore a quiet armor, her spear piercing the man's back.

"Ancestor, save me!"

The man choked in his throat, looking at the heavenly dome, his voice hoarse as he shouted.

"Fei-er!"

Upon seeing this, the Shangguan Family's elder was instantly furious, a thunderous voice resounding throughout the heavens and earth: "Junior, how dare you!"

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"How dare you, young one!?"

The voice, like a thunderous might, rang in Lu Qingyan's ears.

She felt as if struck by lightning, her mind went blank, her body sank heavily, collapsing to the ground, vomiting blood, overwhelmed by a strong sense of suffocation.

The next moment.

“Roar roar roar——”

The Flood Dragon roared.

An overwhelming Qi-blood surged like a tide to the sky, akin to a beacon of smoke rising, sweeping through the heavens.

A tall and mighty figure of a man appeared before Lu Qingyan.

His entire form blazed like golden cast, exuding a powerful sense of strength.

His body emitted booming roars, like crashing waves, forming a golden sea around him.

The pressure that made her body heavy and breathless was instantly scattered by this surge of Qi-blood.

“Does the senior bully the young, thinking there is no one in the Lu Family!”

Lu Ping'an's physique fully reawakened, the ground beneath his feet cracking, collapsing, and shattering under the terrifying might of Qi-blood.

It formed a tangible golden Qi force, charging towards Shangguan Jiuyang.

“What's happening!?”

“It looks like someone from Bi Lake Mountain killed someone from the Shangguan Family.”

“Bi Lake Mountain is bold indeed, daring to kill a disciple of the Shendao Shangguan Family?”

“Heh, these Xianmen Noble Families, aren't you aware, we loose cultivators enter the secret realm only to be slaughtered by them, the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family must have been driven to desperation.”

“Tsk tsk, even if killed, it's done, this one was killed with a breath left to escape the secret realm, no wonder this Shangguan Ancestor is so furious.”

“What terrifying Qi-blood and physique! This Lu Family Ancestor is indeed extraordinary!”

“Yes, he doesn’t seem like an ordinary body refining cultivator.”

The cultivators outside the secret realm were all shocked and suspicious, discussing the sudden situation.

They didn’t expect such a scene right after the secret realm ended.

“This is not the place for you to wreak havoc!”

At this moment, the Nascent Soul Immortal from the Heavenly Sword Sect looked at the two and sternly scolded.

His words carried a sharpness, naturally imposing without anger, like a heavenly sword striking the two, causing Lu Ping’an and Shangguan Jiuyang to tremble, their mana and Qi-blood surging turbulently.

This Purple Shadow Secret Realm was under the control and host of the Four Great Immortal Sects.

Now, even though the secret realm had not fully ended, the two were already causing a scene in public, if it weren’t under his sect’s governance, he would have immediately struck them down.

“I lost control of my emotions for a moment, please forgive me, True Man!”

Shangguan Jiuyang quickly made the salute with clasped hands towards the Nascent Soul Immortal from the Heavenly Sword Sect, suppressing his anger.

Even though the Shangguan Family is a Core Formation Noble Family, they dare not be disrespectful before a Nascent Soul Immortal.

“Please forgive me, True Man.”

Lu Ping’an also made the salute with clasped hands to the Nascent Soul Immortal.

“This shall not happen again.”

The Nascent Soul Immortal from the Heavenly Sword Sect withdrew his gaze, and the scene was as quiet as the dead.

“Xiaoyan, how are you?”

Lu Ping’an helped Lu Qingyan up, asking with concern.

“Big brother, I’m fine.”

Lu Qingyan replied weakly.

If it weren’t for her body cultivation reaching the Second Rank, the oppressive aura would’ve shattered all her bones.

But even now, she felt uncomfortable, her Qi-blood reversing, flesh and bones breaking.

“Lu Ping’an, do you dare to fight outside Purple Cloud Gorge!”

At this moment, Shangguan Jiuyang landed, collected the lifeless body of Shangguan Fei, looked at Lu Ping’an, and spoke in a low voice.

Though unclear about the specific situation.

But seeing the corpse of Shangguan Fei and several shattered soul plates on him, he could guess the general situation.

“In the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, life and death are determined by fate, if one’s skills are inferior, accept the defeat gracefully.”

A nearby elderly man with an immortal aura looked over, speaking lightly.

He was a Nascent Soul Immortal from the Qingyun Sect.

With Bi Lake Mountain being under the jurisdiction of the Qingyun Sect, they could be considered half members of the Qingyun Sect.

Allowing them to be bullied would be like slapping the Qingyun Sect’s face.

Moreover, he remembered that Bi Lake Mountain had some connection with Caiyun Peak.

Now, Caiyun Peak had a duo who formed Dual Core Formation, and Yun Wanshang had even reached the Core Formation Late Stage, so he was willing to offer some favor.

“The True Man is right.”

Though Shangguan Jiuyang was a saber cultivator with a domineering personality.

He still knew his manners before a Nascent Soul Immortal.

“If you want to fight, fine, let’s settle it outside Purple Cloud Gorge!”

Lu Ping'an knew that if the matter wasn't resolved today, the Shangguan Family wouldn't simply let it go.

Moreover, with them attacking Lu Qingyan in public like this, as her big brother, he couldn't remain indifferent.

Besides, he wasn't just representing himself now, but the entire family!

If he showed weakness and dared not to fight, it would disgrace the family!

"Good!"

Upon hearing this, Shangguan Jiuyang's eyes flashed with sharp light, and he said, "A battle outside Purple Cloud Gorge, if you defeat me, today's grudge ends here."

After saying that, he carried Shangguan Fei's body back to the Divine Vessel.

As for what would happen if Lu Ping'an lost, he didn't say.

Because if defeated, Lu Ping'an would be a soul slain under his saber, and there was no need to say anything more!

The Nascent Soul Immortal from the Qingyun Sect, watching the situation unfold, frowned slightly.

He could see that Lu Ping'an was not a match for Shangguan Jiuyang, which was why he extended a kindness.

Unexpectedly, Lu Ping'an did not accept it.

"Thank you for your kind intentions, Senior!"

Lu Ping'an immediately made the salute with clasped hands to the Nascent Soul Immortal, expressing his gratitude.

He understood it was meant for his own good.

But after the medicinal bath, his Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art had nearly reached the peak of the Eight Level.

He also had the Blackwater Dragon Spirit Weapon in hand, confident he could fight!

"Hmm."

Bai Yun the True Man shook his head, thinking that after all, youth is easily swayed by emotions.

Yet, he could understand.

Lu Ping'an, as a clan cultivator, achieving such accomplishments at a young age, a bit of pride was quite normal.

"But how many geniuses, due to too much pride, meet premature ends."

Bai Yun the True Man planned to watch a bit later.

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If Lu Ping'an were severely injured by Shangguan Jiuyang, then taking action to rescue him.

This would not only make the Bi Lake Mountain owe him a favor but also avoid losses.

After all, the matter of the pioneering war has already been decided.

The next step is preparation and time management.

And the family under his rule is also one of the main forces of their pioneering war.

Considering this aspect, he doesn't want Lu Ping'an to die at Shangguan Jiuyang's hands.

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"Lu Ping'an, interesting."

The Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family sized up Lu Ping'an, with a slight grin at the corner of his mouth.

Earlier, seeing the Blackwater Dragon Spirit Weapon, he intended to find an opportunity to acquire this weapon's technique.

Now that the Lu Family and Shangguan Family are in conflict, he is naturally pleased.

He could even use their confrontation to observe the true strength of Lu Ping'an, and see if there's any hidden prowess.

"Lu Ping'an, Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family..."

Besides the Beast-Taming Xu Family, many family forces looked towards Lu Ping'an, curious about the source of his confidence to face the challenge.

After all, Lu Ping'an's famous battle was suppressing the Elder Ancestor of the Xuanwu Ridge Sima Family, Sima Tong.

But that battle relied on an ambush with formations.

And Sima Tong's underestimation.

Now in a one-on-one confrontation, it seems impossible to win.

"Does Lu Ping'an have any secret treasure for protection?"

"The Shangguan Family has always been strong and domineering, even if Lu Ping'an does not accept the challenge, Shangguan Jiuyang would intercept him anyway, so why not fight openly and resolve the grievances."

"Lu Ping'an must have some confidence to accept the challenge, but the Shangguan Family is reputed for their Divine Blade, their clan cultivators all refine their own life-commanding Divine Blade, sharp and overpowering, far surpassing cultivators of the same rank!"

"Tsk tsk tsk, Lu Ping'an at such a young age has achieved such success in body refining, if he doesn't die prematurely, it is certain he will break through to Core Formation relying on Third Rank Body Refining."

"If he is willing to bow his head, Bai Yun True Man clearly wants to protect him."

"Such a genius, which isn't filled with pride and confidence."

Many people sighed inwardly, even regretting Lu Ping'an's fate.

No one believes Lu Ping'an is a match for Shangguan Jiuyang.

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"Eldest brother."

At this, Lu Chensha and Lu Mingfeng emerged from the Secret Realm, instantly perceiving the odd atmosphere.

"Are you alright?"

Lu Ping'an looked at them.

"Eldest brother, we're fine."

They shook their heads and then said in a low voice: "Eldest brother, we've caused trouble for you."

"What happened with the Shangguan Family?"

Lu Ping'an led them aside and inquired.

"Earlier in the Secret Realm..."

Lu Chensha immediately revealed the situation within the Secret Realm.

Upon hearing that several Life-Substituting Talismans were used, and Lu Qingze and Lu Yunfei were still unconscious, Lu Ping'an's expression turned colder as he glanced at Shangguan Jiuyang.

"Eldest brother, should we send a message to the family?"

Nearby, Lu Qingxuan looked at Lu Ping'an and spoke.

He knew his elder brother was extraordinary.

But he wasn't sure of the exact strength.

"No need."

Lu Ping'an's broad hand patted his shoulder.

Not long after, Lu Ziyun with three others from Qingzhu Mountain and the Mo Family arrived, bringing the unconscious Lu Qingze and Lu Yunfei.

"You all..."

The Foundation Establishment Ancestor of the Mo Family, seeing his clan disciples mingling with the Lu Family disciples, couldn't help but sweat.

If it were before, he would naturally be pleased.

But just after the Shangguan Family's incident, he was really afraid of being implicated.

With Lu Ping'an right beside, he didn't dare say much, just called the three over.

"Eldest brother, Elder Ancestor!"

Lu Ziyun and the others came forward, addressing Lu Ping'an.

"It's good you're alright."

Lu Ping'an said, then examined the situation of Lu Yunfei and Lu Qingze.

Lu Yunfei's bones were almost entirely shattered, maintained solely by spiritual medicine.

Lu Qingze was similar, with damage to the internal organs.

Not being a doctor, and unfamiliar with treatment,

he could only take out two Second Rank healing talismans from his Storage Bag and conduct treatment on them to prevent prolonged delay and potential sequelae.

Soon after, Lu Chensha, Lu Ziyun, and others went to the Qingyun Sect location to submit the spiritual medicine.

"Hmm, so much!?"

The supervising Qingyun Sect disciple, seeing the spiritual medicine submitted by Lu Chensha and others, was extremely surprised.

Though Bi Lake Mountain and Qingzhu Mountain are two separate entities,

the amount of spiritual medicine clearly exceeded the quota of an average family.

Considering the recent situation with Lu Ping'an and Shangguan Jiuyang, they roughly realized those spiritual medicines were likely obtained from the Shangguan Family.

Regarding this, they didn't comment further.

"Such a fruitful harvest."

Yet the Elder Ancestor of the Mo Family, seeing the harvest of his clan's disciples, was puzzled.

He knew his clan's situation well, only hoping to acquire a few Heavenly Spirit Fruits.

"Elder Ancestor, these are from Bi Lake Mountain..."

A Mo Family disciple promptly explained that most of these spiritual medicines were submitted by the Lu Family through them.

After all, the spiritual medicine submitted by the Lu Family had already exceeded the average level, so they put some in their own quota.

"Sigh."

The Elder Ancestor of the Mo Family sighed, not saying anything further.

Only praying that Lu Ping'an doesn't die at the hands of Shangguan Jiuyang.

Otherwise, if the Shangguan Family implicated his own, it would be troublesome.

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"Bi Lake Mountain, Lu Family!"

At this moment, the Foundation Establishment cultivators of the Jin Family and the Sima Family all fixated on Lu Chensha and others.

Based on the spiritual medicine quota submitted by the Lu Family, they've already guessed that their clan's disciples likely perished at the hands of Lu Family disciples.

After all, Shangguan Family disciples had been slain by Lu Qingyan, indicating the exceptional strength of these Lu Family disciples!

"Why does Bi Lake Mountain have so many talents!"

The Foundation Establishment cultivator of the Sima Family clenched fists hidden within sleeves, fingers pale.

If he could act, he wished he could eliminate Lu Chensha and others right now.

The Foundation Establishment of the Jin Family had a similar expression.

But amidst the anger, a wave of desolation and even fear surged within.

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The Lu Family's rise and growth speed is completely unmatched by his Jin Family.

If things continue this way, in ten or twenty years, Bi Lake Mountain will surpass his Jin Family.

By then, Golden Dragon Ridge will only be able to barely survive in front of Bi Lake Mountain.

If there comes a day when the Elder Ancestor has an issue, the only outcome would be annexation.

He looked up at Shangguan Jiuyang standing in the sky.

Now, he can only pray for the opponent to kill Lu Ping'an.

As long as Lu Ping'an dies, with only Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge holding down Bi Lake Mountain, their family can begin to counterattack.

As cultivators gradually came out from the Secret Realm and handed over Spiritual Medicine, it was the time when various family forces recruited cultivators and purchased Spiritual Medicine.

Yet, because of Lu Ping'an and Shangguan Jiuyang's issue, not many cultivators were willing to join the Lu Family.

Even though many Loose Cultivators previously saw the spectacle of Lu Ping'an's Flood Dragon pulling the carriage and came to inquire.

But upon knowing their conflict with the Shangguan Family, they immediately chose to give up.

"Humph, truly people without discernment."

Lu Ziyun said with some annoyance.

Among everyone present, there were barely any who favored their family, making her, as the sister, a bit worried about her big brother.

However, seeing Lu Chensha, Lu Qingyan, and Lu Qingxuan all calm and composed, she said nothing.

"In such matters, it's human nature."

"Once our big brother wins over the Shangguan Family later, there will naturally be many Loose Cultivators drawn to join us."

Lu Qingxuan in a flowing green embroidered robe said with a smile, not at all distressed.

Since his big brother said he was confident, he naturally chose to believe.

"Qingxuan is right."

Lu Chensha chuckled softly.

He understood that Lu Ping'an could use the Blackwater Flood Dragon Dao Soldier, and had absolute confidence in him.

This confidence not only came from Lu Ping'an himself, but also from the trust in his father.

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Although no one was willing to join Bi Lake Mountain, in terms of purchasing Spiritual Medicine, the price offered by Bi Lake Mountain was nonetheless decent, attracting many willing to sell.

After the busy exchange, Lu Ping'an took out several Talismans from the Storage Bag and handed them to Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, and others.

To prevent anyone from launching a sneak attack during his match against Shangguan Jiuyang.

"Let's go."

He glanced at Shangguan Jiuyang who had been staring at him and spoke.

Soon after, the Blackwater Flood Dragon roared, pulling the Spirit Boat, flying swiftly outside Purple Cloud Gorge.

"How audacious!"

Seeing this, Shangguan Jiuyang's eyes glinted fiercely, immediately maneuvering his Spirit Boat to depart.

"Let's go, watch the show."

Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family chuckled lightly, his mount letting out a long cry, also flying outside Purple Cloud Gorge.

"Lu Ping'an..."

Elder Ancestor of the Wang Family watched the scene, his eyes slightly narrowing, immersed in thought.

Then his Kirin Horse pulled the Jade Carriage, leading his family disciples to join the spectacle.

Besides them, many Foundation Establishment Cultivators from other family forces also went to watch the battle.

"Little Jiang."

True Man Bai Yun of Qingyun Sect glanced at Lu Ping'an, then commanded a disciple to go observe, reporting any situation back to him.

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A quarter-hour later.

Outside Purple Cloud Gorge.

Lu Ping'an settled Lu Chensha and others aside, guarded by three Blackwater Flood Dragons.

Then, hovering in the air, he looked at Shangguan Jiuyang approaching from the sky and said, "Let it be here..."

In his words, a suit of silver shimmering metal Armor appeared on his tall and burly figure, icy and piercing, accentuating his imposing presence.

In his hand emerged a Great Halberd with a dark gleam, as black as ink, like a black dragon coiling.

Now, this battle gear and Great Halberd were naturally not the Middle Grade Spiritual Artifacts of earlier years.

Under Lu Changsheng's reforging, their hardness was nearly as strong as a Magical Treasure.

However, due to Lu Ping'an's low Cultivation Level, the power was less effective compared to a Magical Treasure.

"Lu Ping'an's battle gear and weapon are not simple, at least Top Level Spiritual Artifacts. His Bi Lake Mountain's rise, with such financial strength, he must have encountered great opportunities!"

"His weapon resembles a black dragon coiling, similar to his three Flood Dragon Spiritual Beasts, could this be an inherited Cultivation Technique?"

Among those observing, at least Foundation Establishment Cultivators, some immediately gleaned insights.

"Please,"

Lu Ping'an gestured invitingly.

"Heh."

Shangguan Jiuyang clad in a wide purple robe stood with arms folded, extraordinarily arrogant.

Faced with Lu Ping'an, he didn't even want to directly unsheathe his saber, simply raising his hand to slash, several zhang-long purple Saber Qi charged towards Lu Ping'an, the thunderous energy fierce and domineering.

"Boom——"

Lu Ping'an's Black Dragon Halberd trembled, as if a black dragon baring claws and teeth, colliding with the thunderous Saber Qi, scattering countless sparks, dispersing the Qi.

"Some strength, worthy for me to draw the saber!"

Shangguan Jiuyang sneered coldly, patting his Qi Ocean Core, his entire robe billowing, his pupils glowing with purple brilliance.

"Boom boom boom——"

Within the heavens and earth, it sounded as if thunder roared.

Intense purple lightning spread from Shangguan Jiuyang's body, shaking violently, enveloping the surroundings.

Then appeared an ancient-looking long saber, reddish-purple near black, covered in thunder marks.

It was his Life-bound Magic Treasure—Heavenly Thunder Knife!

Though a Lower Grade Magical Treasure, yet like a Sword Cultivator, from the Qi Refinement stage, he had consistently nurtured and refined it, its power far exceeding ordinary Magical Treasures!

"Black Dragon Slash!"

With a magnificent body, Lu Ping'an didn't wait for the opponent to further strike, his Black Dragon Halberd trembled, revealing a heavy aura like a mountain, and then his physique shimmered golden, slashing towards Shangguan Jiuyang.

"Boom boom boom——"

The Black Dragon Halberd pressed the void to twist, and a surge of what seemed like a vast ocean of Qi-Blood wielded oppressively.

"Buzz buzz buzz!"

Shangguan Jiuyang grasped his Life-bound Magic Treasure, Mana continuously flowing into it, causing it to tremble crazily.

On the saber, thunder marks intertwined, and one hundred and eight bursts of Saber Qi like Thunder Snakes erupted, sweeping mightily, spanning several zhang, filling the heavens and earth with thunder-light Saber Qi.

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"So this is the Shendao Shangguan Family! Such power is simply astonishing!"

"It's rumored that the Shenxiao Thunder Knife passed down by the Shangguan family's ancestor is immensely powerful, a top-level magical treasure. With this knife in hand, the Shangguan ancestor is invincible even at the Core Formation Stage!"

"No matter how strong the Shangguan Family is, they're still a level weaker than the Heavenly Sword Sect. I wonder just how incredible the Nascent Soul Immortals of the Heavenly Sword Sect are."

"Although this Lu Ping'an is extraordinary, it seems his power isn't a match for Shangguan Jiuyang."

The cultivators watching the scene all exclaimed in awe.

In the distance, Lu Chensha, Lu Qingxuan, and others could not bear to look directly at a battle of this caliber.

The mana fluctuations were too intense, and the lightning too dazzling, beyond what they could endure.

"Boom boom boom—"

A hundred and eight saber qis directly engulfed Lu Ping'an.

However, amidst the thunderous echoes, Lu Ping'an broke through the lightning saber qi, fiercely charging towards Shangguan Jiuyang.

"Boom!!!"

The Heavenly Thunder Knife and Black Dragon Halberd collided, unleashing a terrifying tsunami-like wave that rushed in all directions.

Some Foundation Establishment cultivators who stood closer staggered, quickly retreating to avoid being caught in the residual shock.

Yet as the two clashed, many saw that Lu Ping'an, wielding the Black Dragon Halberd, faced Shangguan Jiuyang's offensives without losing ground at all.

"Hundred Refinements Battle Armor!"

Lu Ping'an activated the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art. The silvery battle armor appeared to be draped with a layer of golden battle clothes, as he boldly charged at Shangguan Jiuyang.

He wielded the Black Dragon Halberd, swinging it continuously, creating such a powerful force that the void kept collapsing with roaring sounds.

As for Shangguan Jiuyang's offensives, he ignored most except for a few.

"How could this be possible!? How is his physical body so strong!"

A cultivator shouted in disbelief.

Even a body refining cultivator shouldn't be able to confront the powers of a magical treasure directly, right?

Moreover, the Shendao Shangguan Family is renowned for their aggressive assaults!

"This physical body..."

The False Core Patriarch of the Beast Taming Xu Family observed the scene, his eyes narrowing slightly.

The Xu Family is famous for beast taming, cultivating numerous demon beasts at home.

It's well known that demon beasts are famous for their formidable physical bodies.

Yet at this moment, he couldn't find many spiritual beasts that could match Lu Ping'an's physique.

Even those that barely compare didn't have such a fierce offensive stance as Lu Ping'an!

"This young man not only possesses the method for cultivating Dao soldiers but also has a top-level body refinement legacy!"

The Xu Family's Elder Ancestor mused to himself, his eyes flickering with a trace of greed.

"Boom!!!"

Lu Ping'an and Shangguan Jiuyang clashed again fiercely, causing a nearby mountain peak to collapse.

"Damn it!"

Shangguan Jiuyang's expression was sour.

Lu Ping'an's power far exceeded his expectations.

If this continues, even if he manages to defeat Lu Ping'an, he would end up severely injured and pay a significant price!

Yet, in such a public setting, failing to swiftly defeat Lu Ping'an would be utterly embarrassing to him.

"Boom!"

The dry-land thunder boomed, Shangguan Jiuyang's magical treasure vibrated, saber qi pierced the sky, erupting terrifying thunder blade light that slashed towards Lu Ping'an.

His aura also surged several notches instantaneously.

"This Shangguan Elder Ancestor is actually using a secret technique to augment his strength."

Someone noticed this scene and exclaimed.

Bear in mind, Shangguan Jiuyang's power was already above Lu Ping'an, yet now he resorted to strength-enhancing secret techniques.

Such techniques invariably cause some side effects regardless.

"And there are puppets!"

As Shangguan Jiuyang slashed towards Lu Ping'an, somehow four metal puppets, each holding a long knife, appeared beside him.

"These are the Shangguan family's Hundred-Battle Dao Soldier Puppets, each comparable to a top-level second rank entity!"

"It seems this Shangguan Elder Ancestor truly intends to kill Lu Ping'an here!"

"Such means are hardly respectable!"

"Victory or defeat, what does respect have to do with it!"

"Alas, this not only tests personal strength but also the family's foundation. We ordinary cultivators don't possess such means to acquire these top-level puppets!"

"With the physical body of this Lu Ancestor, escaping now is actually still possible."

Many people watching the scene discussed it extensively, quite moved.

In their view, Lu Ping'an's strength already surpassed many seasoned False Core Cultivators.

Yet unfortunately, he encountered Shangguan Jiuyang.

"Oh well."

Lu Ping'an also realized that continuing like this, it was difficult to defeat the opponent.

Persisting would only deplete his physical strength and qi-blood.

"Roar, roar, roar—"

Several Spiritual Pet Bags in his arms suddenly opened, revealing one Blackwater Flood Dragon after another.

In the distance, three Blackwater Flood Dragons pulling a Spirit Boat also soared into the sky.

"What is this!? Dao Soldier!"

"Those three flood dragons are not ordinary Spiritual Beasts but Dao Soldiers!"

"How is this possible, the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family hasn't been founded for long, yet they possess so many dao soldiers!"

"Nine second-rank dao soldiers, seventy-two top-grade first-rank dao soldiers! This cannot be cultivated in just a few decades!"

"This isn't a matter of time, but of money! To cultivate so many dao soldiers, at least hundreds of thousands of Spirit Stones must be spent!"

The cultivators present watched this scene, their expressions changing drastically.

Dao Soldiers are a hallmark of a family's foundation!

A family like the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family is seen as a nouveau riche family by most.

How could they possess such foundational things as Dao Soldiers?

"Blackwater Dragon Spell, Blackwater Flood Dragon Battle Formation!"

Lu Ping'an paid no attention to others' exclamations, holding the Dao Soldier Talisman, operating the Black Dragon Codex.

"Roar, roar, roar—"

Eighty-one Dao Soldiers were neatly arranged, the Blackwater Dragon Spell automatically operating within them, qi mechanisms merging and gradually forming a massive flood dragon shadow.

The flood dragon shadow was about ten zhang tall, very solid, emanating a late-stage second-rank imposing aura, winding around Lu Ping'an.

At the same time, Lu Ping'an's qi-blood roared and rumbled, his body rising a few feet, and his magic aura ascended step by step, from Foundation Establishment Fourth Layer to Foundation Establishment Sixth Layer Peak.

At this moment, Lu Ping'an felt empowered, an unprecedented vigor within him.

"Boom!"

He threw the Black Dragon Halberd, then his fists erupted with golden light, charging directly towards Shangguan Jiuyang.

"Boom, boom, boom—"

The terrifying, domineering qi-blood and flood dragon shadow soared into the sky, stirring the winds and clouds, exuding a rough and wild imposing aura.

"Clang!!!"

Shangguan Jiuyang's long knife cleaved, blocking the Black Dragon Halberd akin to a roaring black dragon, his arm numbing.

Staring at Lu Ping'an resembling a deity or demon, his eye twitched fiercely, a sense of unease welling up.

Suddenly realizing that fighting Lu Ping'an was a wrong decision.

Yet he did not hesitate to retreat, hands forming incantation gestures, the Heavenly Thunder Knife erupted with purple thunder blade qi, cleaving towards Lu Ping'an.

Four Hundred Battles Dao Soldier Puppets also attacked Lu Ping'an.

"Clang, clang, clang—"

The saber qi fell on Lu Ping'an as if causing no harm, while he directly punched out, exploding a Hundred Battles Dao Soldier Puppet standing in front.

"What a physique!"

Shangguan Jiuyang's eye twitched again, activating a top-level Second Rank Defense Talisman, roaring furiously, continuing his engagement with Lu Ping'an.

However, after several rounds, he could no longer cope and was overwhelmed by Lu Ping'an's close range, beaten back steadily.

"Boom!"

Lu Ping'an punched out, the flood dragon atop his head immediately diving down, engulfing Shangguan Jiuyang, shattering the body-protecting magic barrier, his figure flying backward.

Then another punch followed, qi energy surged violently, the flood dragon roared, causing Shangguan Jiuyang to spit essence blood, his aura rapidly declining.

Shangguan Jiuyang had just used some sort of secret technique, but when severely injured by Lu Ping'an, he suddenly seemed deflated, his momentum completely gone.

"Daoist, do you yield?"

Lu Ping'an looked at Shangguan Jiuyang, speaking solemnly, not continuing the attack.

If possible, he could press the advantage, having some confidence in defeating the opponent.

But doing so would completely ignite enmity between his family and the Shangguan Family.

"Daoist, your strength is extraordinary, I yield."

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All the cultivators watching were stunned, eyes wide open, their expressions shocked and incredulous.

Before the magic duel, none of them thought Lu Ping'an could win!

At most, they speculated that Lu Ping'an had some secret treasure or hidden trump card, capable of just a little maneuvering.

No one expected that Lu Ping'an would win.

And he won completely, with energy to spare.

If he were willing to pay a price, he might even be able to kill Shangguan Jiuyang.

Contending, defeating, and killing are three different concepts.

Each level represents a difference in strength!

The fact that Lu Ping'an could defeat Shangguan Jiuyang, even relying on Dao soldiers and Shangguan Jiuyang being somewhat careless, is undeniable proof of his strength!

"This, this, this...."

"The Shangguan patriarch actually lost!"

"Is this the power of Dao soldiers? It's terrifying!"

"I suspect this Lu Ping'an, like Azure Phoenix Immortal from the past, has gained an unparalleled opportunity and cultivated his Dao soldier demon sprouts well!"

"Bi Lake Mountain patriarch Lu Changsheng, in just a few decades, rose from being a son-in-law to establish the Lu Family of Bi Lake Mountain, becoming a great fate-holder, and now his son also has this unparalleled opportunity. Does heaven favor the Lu Family?"

"Eighty-one Dao soldiers are already so terrifying. If there were five hundred, wouldn't they be able to counter-attack True Elixir cultivators?"

"Bi Lake Mountain, Lu Ping'an! This person is probably the number one below True Elixir!"

"Only the Four Great Immortal Sects or the Beast Taming Xu Family's False Core Immortal, commanding spiritual beast Dao soldiers, could battle him!"

"This Lu Ping'an's cultivation technique inheritance is clearly coherent with the Dao soldiers, far superior to others. If given another hundred years to grow, he might become the second Azure Phoenix Immortal!"

"The rapid rise of Bi Lake Mountain is probably related to this Lu Ping'an!"

These people looked at Lu Ping'an, exclaiming quietly.

Their eyes all revealed respect, reverence, envy, and fear.

"Big brother!"

On the mountaintop, Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, and others saw this scene, extremely excited.

Even though they had confidence in Lu Ping'an.

When the two fought, they were somewhat worried.

Now that big brother strongly suppressed the Shangguan patriarch, they were excited beyond words, a wave of pride and honor surged in their hearts.

"Is this the power of Dao soldiers?"

Lu Chensha's eyes revealed a look of longing.

In the Beast Technique, there were methods for raising Dao soldiers.

If he could cultivate a team of his own Dao soldiers...

But as soon as the thought arose, recalling the resources spent by his father to cultivate the eighty-one Blackwater Dragon Spirit Weapon, Lu Chensha dismissed the idea.

His current expenses for nurturing spiritual beasts were supported by his parents, there was no spare money to cultivate Dao soldiers.

"When my Iron Fire Ants reach ten thousand, I suppose their power won't be inferior to Dao soldiers."

Lu Chensha comforted himself in this way.

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"About the affairs of the secret realm, I don't wish to say much. If your Shangguan Family continues to hassle, my Bi Lake Mountain is willing to accompany!"

Lu Ping'an looked at Shangguan Jiuyang, his voice resounding like a bell.

He did not deliver a fatal blow, not wishing to escalate enmity, and because none of his own were killed, yet he had slain their disciples.

Lu Qingyan especially had killed in front of Shangguan Jiuyang.

In such circumstances, he understood the other's anger.

But in the cultivation world, contests inherently tread on bones, there is no so much right or wrong to speak of.

"In the battle of the secret realm, life and death are determined by fate!"

Shangguan Jiuyang's face was pale, and he said this.

Even though he was unwilling, under such circumstances, it was impossible to continue to pester.

Moreover, if he dared to persist, Lu Ping'an in front of him was willing to kill, and even if he didn't die, he'd be crippled.

"That's good."

Lu Ping'an put away the Black Dragon Halberd in his hand, sighing slightly.

He had witnessed the cruelty of the cultivation world many times, yet each time he saw it, he felt many emotions.

He looked at all the cultivators watching, and with a gracious smile inclined his fists and said, "This magic duel delayed your time."

"If you have leisure time, feel free to come to my Bi Lake Mountain for tea, and if there's any family business cooperation, you are also very welcome."

These people came from various family forces in Jiang Country.

If he could get close to even one or two, negotiate business cooperation, it would greatly benefit his family.

Although Lu Ping'an did not participate in family affairs, he knew a thing or two from witnessing them.

"Of course, of course!"

"Lu Daoist is truly too polite!"

"If there's time, I will definitely come to visit!"

"I've heard that your esteemed father excels in both pills and talismans, and the family is famed for puppets. My Li Family just happens to have such needs... I will definitely come to visit when the time comes!"

The onlooking cultivators immediately cupped their hands, their expressions respectful and serious, in stark contrast to before.

Previously, Lu Ping'an was viewed by them as a quasi-third-rank body refiner, incomparable to a true False Core Immortal.

But now, his divine skills and tactics had already surpassed most False Core cultivators, almost becoming the number one below True Elixir, truly demanding their respect.

"I am Wang Muyun, I greet Lu Daoist."

At this time, the patriarch of the Wang Family, pulled by three scaly horses with a jade carriage, approached with a gentle smile and cupped his hands.

"Greetings, Senior Wang."

Though Lu Ping'an had False Core combat prowess, he remained very humble before these False Core Immortals.

"Lu Daoist, my Five Elements Wang Family has many aspects that could cooperate with your esteemed clan. Could I send someone later to Bi Lake Mountain to visit and discuss further?"

Wang Muyun said with a smile.

His family's Core Formation patriarch had limited lifespan remaining, thus these years, they maintained good relations with various families, even marrying into alliances.

This was all to arrange a future path for the family.

Now that Lu Ping'an showed his prowess, possessing true qualifications for Core Formation, his Wang Family naturally was willing to invest, even providing timely help.

Moreover, Bi Lake Mountain and the Beast Taming Xu Family were both under Qingyun Domain, he was also willing to take this chance to annoy the Xu Family.

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As for whether they would offend the Xu Family and the Shangguan Family, the Wang Family did not care at all.

If their family ancestor falls, these two families will definitely suppress them in secret, so whether they offend them or not has long been irrelevant.

"You're welcome at any time."

Lu Ping'an had also heard about the situation of the Five Elements Royal Family.

But since the other party approached so politely, he naturally wouldn't refuse.

"Alright."

Wang Muyun chatted with Lu Ping'an for a few moments, exchanged tokens, and then whispered, "Lu Daoist's use of Daoist soldiers may very likely arouse the coveting of the Beast Taming Xu Family, you have to be very careful."

“Moreover, the Xu Family absolutely does not want to see your family rise, so you must be very cautious. If you encounter any trouble, Lu Daoist can also send me a message.”

Even though the Wang Family ancestor now has little life left, his Qi-blood is weak, and his battle strength is inferior to the Xu Family ancestor and the Shangguan Family ancestor, among Nascent Soul Cultivators, he is considered the weakest.

But precisely because of this, no Nascent Soul Cultivator is willing to fight a life-and-death battle with the Wang Family at this time.

They are all waiting for the Wang Family ancestor to pass away.

In the past, the Xu Family ancestor went to Five Elements Mountain and shattered the mountain gate, completely relying on the power of spiritual beasts and Daoist soldiers.

“Thank you, senior, for the reminder, junior understands.”

Lu Ping’an replied in a deep voice.

Even though their family has not yet had a direct conflict with the Beast Taming Xu Family, as their family rises, sooner or later, they will have to face them head-on.

“Alright.”

Wang Muyun nodded with a smile, thinking to himself how his Wang Family didn’t produce such a prodigy.

Otherwise, why would they have fallen to such a state?

But thinking about the current mess of his family, he couldn’t help but sigh.

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“Lu Daoist is so extraordinary at such a young age, Xu admires you. Our two families are under the Qingyun Domain, and we could get closer. You are welcome to visit me at Dragon Head Mountain if you have time.”

At this time, the False Core Patriarch of the Beast Taming Xu Family also stepped forward and said to Lu Ping’an with a smile.

Although not long ago, he was still thinking of ambushing Lu Ping’an.

But the superficial courtesy still had to be performed.

“Thank you, senior, if I have time, I will certainly visit!”

Lu Ping'an still clearly remembered that thirty years ago, his father fought and killed the second ancestor of the Xu Family here, he said with cupped fists.

"Hmm."

Xu Yinglong was not as enthusiastic as the Wang Family ancestor, he smiled and nodded, then rode his spiritual beast, taking his family disciples back.

Preparing to report Lu Ping'an's situation to the family.

This Lu Ping'an's growth speed was too astonishing; he could no longer be allowed to remain.

If he continues to grow, there might truly be hope for him to become the second Azure Phoenix Immortal!

But thinking about Bai Yun Immortal's attitude just now, he felt slightly troubled.

The Xu Family did not want Bi Lake Mountain to rise.

But Qingyun Sect seemed very willing to have another Core Formation Noble Family to check the Xu Family.

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At this time, many cultivators saw the Beast Taming Xu Family, Shangguan Jiuyang, and others leaving, and immediately stepped forward to make small talk and acquaintance.

They couldn't bring timely help, but were happy to offer compliments.

Of course, it was mainly because Lu Ping'an was very gentle and seemed amiable.

Not far away, a man in a Qingyun Disciple's magical robe looked at Lu Ping'an, somewhat puzzled.

A while ago, Bai Yun Immortal instructed him that if Lu Ping'an was seriously injured or in danger, he should hold the token to step in and then inform him.

But now, since Lu Ping'an had defeated Shangguan Jiuyang, what should he do?

Should he report this?

Lu Ping'an didn't keep engaging in small talk. After a few words, he took the Lu Family disciples back.

Considering his considerable consumption just now, and now that the Blackwater Dragon Daoist Soldiers had appeared in the public eye, he directly commanded the nine Blackwater Flood Dragons to pull the carriage together, accelerating the speed to the maximum.

“Boom boom boom——”

Nine Second Rank Blackwater Flood Dragons soared through the clouds, eerie light flowing as they pulled the spirit boat through the air, stunning other family forces.

Some loose cultivators who had wanted to join Bi Lake Mountain earlier were also full of regret upon seeing this scene.

They didn't expect this Lu Family Ancestor to be so powerful.

“The rise of the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family seems unstoppable!”

“A tree that stands out in the forest is sure to be destroyed by the wind; this Lu Ping'an is too monstrous, someone might not want him to break through Core Formation.”

“In the Cultivation World, changes are constant; only by breaking through Core Formation can one truly step into high rank! Without achieving Core Formation, one remains an ant!”

“If I were this Lu Ping'an, I would abandon the family now and go out to seek Core Formation opportunities. As long as he doesn't die, no one would dare openly act against Bi Lake Mountain, not to mention Bi Lake Mountain is still watched over by Lu Changsheng and his wife, who are equivalent to False Core Cultivators themselves.”

“Alas, I don't envy Lu Changsheng for anything else, just that he has such a good son. I've heard he has another son who joined Yu Country's Jinyang Sect and is also a Nascent Soul Seed of Jinyang Sect!”

“If both sons break through Core Formation, wouldn't that be a dual Core Formation family!”

“Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family, truly favored by the heavens!”

The onlooking cultivators voiced their feelings after seeing Lu Ping'an leave, their voices full of envy and jealousy.

Especially families that had interacted with Bi Lake Mountain, such as the Lingxi Xie Family, Yuan Family of Great Ape Mountain, Mo Family of Tiemu Forest, were filled with emotions, as if dreaming.

Once, Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family was on the same level as them.

But in just how many years, they showcased the legacy of a top-level False Core Family, with terrifying strength!

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Outside the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

"Hmm? Young Jiang, why have you returned, what happened between that Lu Ping'an and Shangguan Jiuyang?"

Bai Yun Immortal saw his disciple return, frowned slightly, and asked.

He had clearly instructed him, as long as Lu Ping'an was defeated, to inform him immediately.

Why had he come back directly?

"Returning to the Elder..."

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The young man called Little Jiang respectfully said.

"What? You said that Lu Ping'an defeated Shangguan Jiuyang?"

Bai Yun Immortal looked surprised.

Although he wasn't very familiar with Shangguan Jiuyang's exact strength, he had some knowledge.

Among the False Core Cultivators, he definitely belonged to the upper-middle tier!

But this Lu Ping'an seemed to have only gained fame in recent years, how could someone of his age defeat Shangguan Jiuyang?

"Hmm?"

In the distance, the Nascent Soul Immortals from the Heavenly Sword Sect, Luoxia Sect, and Spirit Taming Sect heard Little Jiang's words, opened their eyes, and were a bit surprised.

Although Shangguan Jiuyang's strength wasn't impressive in their eyes.

At least he was a well-known False Core Cultivator, famous for many years.

Yet none of them had heard of the name Lu Ping'an.

It was only when the Secret Realm opened that they paid some attention, with a bit of influence.

But now, such an unknown junior actually defeated Shangguan Jiuyang, truly catching them off guard.

Especially the Nascent Soul Immortal from the Heavenly Sword Sect.

"Yes, Elder, this person not only has three Second Rank Flood Dragons but also six more Second Rank Flood Dragons, and seventy-two First Grade top-level Daoist Soldiers."

"It's precisely by borrowing the power of the Dao Soldiers that he managed to defeat Shangguan Jiuyang."

Little Jiang spoke thus, recounting the recent battle.

"Dao Soldiers!"

Bai Yun Immortal squinted his eyes slightly.

Naturally, he saw that Lu Ping'an's Blackwater Flood Dragon was nurtured through some Dao Soldier Secret Technique.

But with just two or three heads, most wouldn't call them Dao Soldiers.

Yet unexpectedly, the other party actually possessed eighty-one heads.

Although not many, for a Clan Cultivator, it was already quite astounding.

"Didn't expect that this old man was really blind."

Bai Yun Immortal self-mockingly smiled.

Earlier, considering the relationship between Bi Lake Mountain and Caiyun Peak, and the matter of pioneering warfare, he thought of lending a hand.

But now, upon hearing Lu Ping'an's situation, his heart had additional considerations.

The Beast Taming Xu Family has had deep family foundations for years, listening for commands but not following orders, causing some influence on the Qingyun Sect.

Although the Qingyun Sect could annihilate the Xu Family, it wasn't possible to do so.

Not to mention the certain price to be paid.

This behavior, if lacking a rightful reason, could cause other families to feel vulnerable like rabbits after a fox's death, subsequently migrating away from Qingyun Domain, unwilling to toil for them.

Now with Bi Lake Mountain's rise, producing someone like Lu Ping'an, if the other party showed favor to the Qingyun Sect, they naturally wouldn't mind supporting him to some extent, using him to counterbalance the Xu Family.

After all, they were somewhat dissatisfied with the Beast Taming Xu Family.

But if the other party was weakened a bit and willing to be obedient, they would be very pleased.

The Nascent Soul Immortals from the Heavenly Sword Sect, Spirit Taming Sect, and Luoxia Sect didn't say anything upon hearing about the Dao Soldiers and the rough situation.

They only noted down the name Bi Lake Mountain and Lu Ping'an in their hearts.

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Twenty days later.

Bi Lake Mountain.

Several Lu Family disciples and cultivators were patrolling and stationed at the mountain gate.

Though no one was expected to invade, this vigilance was still necessary.

Just then, they suddenly saw far in the sky, streaks of flowing light speeding towards them at a rapid pace.

"Roar, roar, roar—"

Only to see faint glowing flashes as nine terrifying black figures cloud-borne approached.

"Hmm? It's big brother!"

"Big uncle has returned!"

"Eh, wasn't there only three Blackwater Flood Dragons at home? How come there are nine now!"

The black figures span two or three zhang long, crowned with horns, fins on their bellies, resembling black Flood Dragons, majestic and fierce.

Lu Family disciples immediately recognized their family's Blackwater Flood Dragons.

A moment later, the Blackwater Flood Dragons landed outside Bi Lake Mountain.

"Big brother, big uncle, greetings to the eldest young master!"

These cultivators respectfully saluted.

"Hmm."

Lu Ping'an nodded, not saying much, and after entering the family, immediately found his aunt to report the situation of the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

Such matters, being significant, Lu Miaoyun couldn't decide on her own, so she sent word to Lu Changsheng.

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Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, Changsheng Hall.

Lu Changsheng was explaining the principles of Yin Yang to Lu Miaoge.

Bing'er was also listening to Lu Changsheng's Yin Yang Great Dao.

Though she didn't understand.

Whenever she heard profound parts, she would let out soft cries in harmony.

I don't know how long it passed, but the yin and yang converged, and the discourse ended.

At this time, Lu Changsheng looked at the Sensing Talisman in the Storage Ring, donned his robe, and took Bing'er to the Lu Family Mansion.

"Shendao Shangguan Family..."

After listening to Lu Ping'an's recounting of the situation, his eyebrows slightly raised.

Unexpectedly, this journey to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm caused so many things to happen.

Before, he had realized that the Jin Family and the Sima Family might take action against his family.

But he didn't expect to encounter the Shangguan Family.

"No matter, next time you face such issues, you can directly send a message to me to avoid any dangers along the way."

Lu Changsheng said calmly.

Although Lu Ping'an's battle with Shangguan Jiuyang barely resolved the matter.

But it also pushed him to the forefront.

In the past, the three ancestors of the Xu Family secretly ambushed a 'Foundation Establishment Cultivator'.

Who knows if the Nascent Soul Immortals of the Xu Family or the Shangguan Family would shamelessly do such a thing too.

After chatting with Lu Ping'an, Lu Changsheng visited Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, Lu Yunfei, and others.

Under the treatment of Elixir Medicines and with Lu Miaoyun and Qu Zhenzhen's care, Lu Yunfei and Lu Qingze's condition was very stable.

In a few days, they might wake up.

But their injuries have been prolonged, already affecting their foundation.

However, for Lu Changsheng, this level of foundation damage is not a significant problem.

With the Nine Treasures Ruyi Bone and Miaoge using Taiyi True Water to nourish it, it can be repaired.

"You all performed well on this trip."

Lu Changsheng said to Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, Lu Mingfeng, and the others.

Although it brought quite a bit of trouble to the family, their performance did not disappoint him.

Especially Lu Chensha.

Unexpectedly, he made a contract with a Second Rank Monster Beast, the Ghost Face Soul Devouring Spider, in the Secret Realm, which truly surprised him.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng asked his son to summon the Ghost Face Soul Devouring Spider to check its physical condition.

"Is the foundation so abundant with three contracted Spiritual Beasts? This Beast Technique is indeed interesting..."

Lu Changsheng noticed that Lu Chensha's physical body, mana, and foundation were far superior to those of the same realm.

He wouldn't be inferior to Lu Lingxiao or Lu Wangshu.

"If he, at Foundation Establishment Peak, can contract a True Spirit Pet Beast, wouldn't he be able to directly impact the Immortal Golden Core, even the Great Dao Golden Core?"

Lu Changsheng suddenly thought.

The other's Beast Technique is far from reaching its limit and can still be improved.

And the gap between True Spirit Level Demon Beast and Heavenly Rank Demon Beast is like heaven and earth.

If he contracts a True Spirit Level Demon Beast, his Beast Technique could be elevated to the Profound Mystery Rank, and his talent, foundation, and potential might all gain significant enhancement.

However, Lu Changsheng just thought about it.

Currently, he has True Spirit Level Bloodline Demon Beasts like Mount Sumeru and Golden Peng, not possible to give to others.

Moreover, contracting and taming a True Spirit Level Pet Beast is not that simple.

"You all should focus on cultivation at home next and prepare for Foundation Establishment."

Lu Changsheng said to the four.

He had already prepared the Foundation Establishment Elixirs.

Next, the family will start a wave of Foundation Establishment efforts.

The matters arising from the Purple Shadow Secret Realm are such that the family can no longer remain low-key.

The plan to establish branch families can also be quickly put on the agenda.

Previously, he intended to assign the branch family establishment to his son, Lu Lingxiao.

Now seeing Lu Chensha's situation, he thinks it's more fitting for him to head to the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

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With the end of the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, the events of Lu Ping'an and Shangguan Jiuyang also spread gradually.

This incident caused quite a sensation.

Directly made the name of Bi Lake Mountain and Lu Ping'an famous throughout Jiang Country.

Some even viewed Lu Ping'an as the second Azure Phoenix Immortal!

However, as a young clan cultivator, Lu Ping'an has achieved such accomplishments, and many see him as akin to the early ancestor of the Five Elements Royal Family, a true prodigy of extraordinary talent.

They believe Lu Ping'an, like the early ancestor of the Five Elements Royal Family, possesses a Top Level Spiritual Body!

"The early ancestor of the Five Elements Royal Family was renowned for his Five Elements Physique, and this Lu Ping'an's body is like a dragon, directly confronting the power of Magical Treasures, possibly having some kind of Body Refinement Spiritual Body!"

"Indeed, I heard his whole body shone gold, his Qi-Blood like a beacon, rising to the sky, sweeping the heavens and earth, resembling the legendary Wild War Physique!"

"I think it might be a Vajra Body; remember, the Vajra Body was also strong, comparable to Magical Treasures!"

Many cultivators and forces discussed this matter, making the name of Bi Lake Mountain's Lu Family known beyond the Qingyun Domain to the major forces throughout Jiang Country.

These days, Bi Lake Mountain is bustling with activity.

On one hand, Lu Family disciples celebrate the event, each feeling honored.

On the other hand, many family forces visit Bi Lake Mountain.

Now that Lu Ping'an has shown such amazing strength, these surrounding forces are compelled to visit, congratulating him.

If not, when Bi Lake Mountain or this Lu Family Ancestor rises further, and they realize you didn't offer gifts of congratulations, what if they hold a grudge?

Besides these neighboring family forces, cultivators from further-away forces also come to visit, being guests, looking to form alliances or marriages with the Lu Family.

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"Dao soldiers, defeating the False Core Immortals...."

During these days, Lu Quanzhen stayed mostly in seclusion, spending most of his time on healing and observing the Mysterious Heaven Spiritual Vine.

Seeing the family bustling, he came to understand the situation.

Upon hearing about the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, he was filled with mixed emotions.

Recalling the past, when he and Lu Ping'an entered the Purple Shadow Secret Realm together and fought side by side.

But now, his body is half-crippled and it will take several years to recover.

While Lu Ping'an has already grown to be almost invincible below Core Formation, holding up the Lu Family like a white jade column supporting the sky, and a purple gold beam spanning the sea.

"With father protecting him, it seems that my brother can steadily grow and break through to Core Formation..."

Lu Quanzhen murmured to himself.

Although Lu Ping'an has been pushed to the forefront,

he knows very well, the true Ocean-Calming Divine Needle of their family is still his own father.

With father around, even though Lu Ping'an is gentle and not suited for the cutthroat battles of the cultivation world, he can still proceed forward.

Not dwelling further, he went to Bi Yun Peak, to the Spirit Vein Area, looking at the Mysterious Heaven Spiritual Vine in front of him, and sat cross-legged.

Apart from the Withering and Prospering Technique, he spent these days observing the Mysterious Heaven Spiritual Vine, gaining much insight into withering, prospering, life, and death.

But these insights are still vague, not clear and thorough.

However, he feels that if he can fully comprehend them, he will gain great benefits!

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Heavenly Sword Sect.

“Bi Lake Mountain Lu Ping’an, commanding the Jiao Snake Dao soldiers, defeated the Shendao Shangguan Family, Shangguan Jiuyang...”

Qin Yi looked at the message in her hand, her whole being stunned.

The once simpleton boy has unknowingly grown into a stormy figure in the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm.

And herself...

She bit her red lips with her white teeth.

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Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, at a certain stronghold of the Beast Taming Xu Family.

A tall, red-haired peerless goddess stood quietly on the pavilion.

Her eyes were deep and mysterious, like azure waves, bright and mystical, looking at the jade slip in her hand, with ripples in the depth of her pupils.

Everyone focused on the battle between Lu Ping’an and Shangguan Jiuyang.

Yet, from this information, she noticed a Lu Family disciple named Lu Chensha.

This young man possessed a Second Rank Monster Beast and was the leading figure for the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family in this Purple Shadow Secret Realm, spearheading the pursuit of the Shangguan Family disciples.

“Lu Chensha...”

Xu Ruyin’s red lips were fiercely passionate like fire, softly murmuring, her whole being like a high and noble, inviolable pure phoenix.

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Qingyun Sect.

Caiyun Peak, Caiyun Hall.

“Bi Lake Mountain, Lu Ping’an?”

Yun Wanshang looked at the Qingyun Sect Leader in front of her, her delicate brows slightly furrowed, expressing some surprise.

She did not expect Bi Lake Mountain to cause such a big stir again.

However, the speed of this Lu Ping’an’s growth is too fast, isn’t it?

She remembered a few years ago, this Lu Ping’an could barely contend with Sima Tong of the Sima Family, relying on formation ambush to suppress the opponent.

How has he suddenly become capable of defeating Shangguan Jiuyang of the Shendao Shangguan Family?

Could it be that this young man, like the treacherous Lu Changsheng, has been hiding his true strength?

If so, this whole family is... too opportunistic, isn’t it?

“Indeed, I heard that Lu Changsheng from Bi Lake Mountain serves as an Honored Guest at Caiyun Peak, and you know him well.”

“So, I thought of inquiring if Bi Lake Mountain can be trusted, we might consider supporting them slightly to balance the Xu Family.”

The Qingyun Sect Leader, slender in stature and composed in demeanor, exuded an invisible majesty.

After Bai Yun True Man returned, he immediately reported Lu Ping’an’s situation to him.

After understanding everything these days, he intended to consult Yun Wanshang for her opinion.

“...”

Yun Wanshang’s beautiful eyes carried a trace of peculiar expression.

Others might not know, but she was aware that the true strength of Bi Lake Mountain was not as simple as it seemed.

That treacherous Lu Changsheng not only broke through to Core Formation, but also had a Third Rank Top Level Demon King, making his combat power invincible below Nascent Soul.

Even she might not be his opponent.

In such a situation, supporting Bi Lake Mountain to balance the Beast Taming Xu Family?

It's more likely the other way around, using the Beast Taming Xu Family to balance Bi Lake Mountain!

"His character... is not bad, he once saved Xi Yue, and has some ties with me, so I let him serve as an Honored Guest at Caiyun Peak."

"If Senior Brother Sect Leader wants to support them a bit, you may arrange it."

Yun Wanshang, in a colorful dress, with a tall figure, spoke calmly and gracefully.

Although she was not clear about the specific situation of Bi Lake Mountain, she was willing to go along with the Sect Leader's decision.

"Alright, in that case, I'll send someone to meet this Lu Changsheng and Lu Ping'an later."

"If it is indeed as the rumors say, with good character and closeness to our Qingyun Sect, if this young man performs well in future pioneering wars, we might even consider bestowing upon him a Coagulation Crystal Elixir."

The Qingyun Sect Leader nodded slightly.

His Qingyun Sect's support for Bi Lake Mountain was mainly focused on Lu Ping'an.

After all, breaking through to Core Formation was necessary to contend with the Beast Taming Xu Family.

"Coagulation Crystal Elixir..."

Yun Wanshang previously understood the matters related to the Yiming Ghost Sect.

She knew that Lu Changsheng had extorted two Coagulation Crystal Elixirs from the Yiming Ghost Sect.

Moreover, given the mysterious nature of the opponent, he might have more than two Coagulation Crystal Elixirs in his possession...

“Yes, Senior Brother Sect Leader, you can make the arrangements.”

Yun Wanshang did not say much more.

Though she was willing to take care of Bi Lake Mountain and assist Lu Changsheng a bit, she would not favor them too much to affect the sect’s interests.

Furthermore, praising Lu Changsheng against her conscience was something she really couldn’t bring herself to do.

After speaking, Yun Wanshang looked at the Qingyun Sect Leader and said: “Senior Brother Sect Leader, I am planning to travel outside for some time, so I intend to hand over the Enforcement Hall to Yi’er.”

“Travel outside...”

The Qingyun Sect Leader was taken aback, immediately understanding that Yun Wanshang intended to seek opportunities for the Nascent Soul stage.

Though the Qingyun Sect was one of the Four Great Immortal Sects in Jiang Country, with a rich heritage, they could at most gather a few Nascent Soul Spiritual Objects.

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There is no way to obtain such rare Elixir Medicines as the Infant Transformation Elixir.

In order to breakthrough to the Nascent Soul, the Sect can only provide assistance, unlike Foundation Establishment and Core Formation, where support can be given directly.

“Sister, it’s only been a few years since you broke through to the Core Formation Late Stage, aren’t you going to prepare for a few more years?”

“Currently, all nations are stirring; it’s highly likely that a war will break out.”

“If a great battle is to begin, with your talent, Sister, you might have an opportunity.”

The Qingyun Sect Leader pondered aloud.

Most cultivators choose to venture out and seek Nascent Soul opportunities after breaking through to the Core Formation Late Stage.

But Yun Wanshang is just over two hundred years old and has plenty of time to accumulate.

Furthermore, in his view, his junior sister possesses the Spirit Phoenix Marrow Body.

If she wishes, she can completely find a True Monarch's personal disciple, or the progeny of a True Monarch, as a Dao Companion to gain support for Nascent Soul resources.

"Even if a war breaks out, it will take time to ferment, and if that time truly comes and the Sect needs me, I will naturally return."

Yun Wanshang spoke in this manner.

Her reason for traveling was partly because her Immortal Golden Core had already been nurtured.

Another reason was being stimulated by Lu Changsheng's situation.

His growth pace was too astonishing.

If she continued cultivating in one place, she might be surpassed by him one day.

"Someday, I will step onto Qingyun Peak and embrace the colorful clouds!"

Three years ago, these were the words Lu Changsheng had said to her, still vivid in her mind, often echoing in her thoughts.

If it were someone else, such words could be seen as a joke.

But the once small Qi Refinement Cultivator has grown to an astonishing extent.

Perhaps, in a few decades, that day will come.

Thinking of that day, Yun Wanshang's heart trembled, she sighed softly, feeling a bit unsure of how to face it.

"Very well, regarding the Enforcement Hall Master matter, it will be as you say, Junior Sister. Is there anything you need to prepare before you leave?"

The Qingyun Sect Leader didn't persuade too much.

It is tradition in these Immortal Sects for most to venture out after breaking through the Core Formation Late Stage, seeking Nascent Soul opportunities, and it's each person's choice.

If Yun Wanshang can obtain an opportunity and breakthrough to Nascent Soul, it would also be a significant joyous event for the Qingyun Sect!

“There’s nothing to prepare.”

Yun Wanshang gently shook her head and said.

Initially, she was a bit worried about Xiao Xiyue.

But now Xiao Xiyue’s heart is all on Lu Changsheng, and the two have even started resolving the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique.

In this situation, she couldn’t be bothered to worry.

Besides, Chu Qingyi is still in the Sect.

But thinking of her disciple Chu Qingyi also being entangled with Lu Changsheng, she felt both headache and irritability.

This was also one reason why she chose to travel for peace of mind.

Seeing both disciples affected by Lu Changsheng, she found it hard to cultivate with a calm mind and needed to travel to relieve stress.

“Very well.”

The Qingyun Sect Leader chatted with Yun Wanshang for a bit before saying his goodbyes.

After seeing the Qingyun Sect Leader leave, Yun Wanshang stood quietly for a long time, then looked towards a courtyard on the mountainside and sent a message, “Xi Yue, go to Bi Lake Mountain...”

Supporting Bi Lake Mountain in this matter was originally not meant to inform Lu Changsheng.

But after thinking it over, she decided to inform him and see what Lu Changsheng thought.

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These days, Bi Lake Mountain is bustling, with people coming and going.

However, such familial trivial matters don’t require Lu Changsheng’s concern, as the family’s sons and daughters can handle them.

At this moment, on Bi Yun Peak’s Summit.

Lu Changsheng, along with his wives Lu Miaoyun, Lu Miaohuan, and Qu Zhenzhen, looked at the Auspicious Tree before them.

During this time, Lu Changsheng had accumulated the Tianyuan Lotus Cave Heaven Spiritual Energy to a certain level.

He planned to transplant Qu Zhenzhen's Life-bound Spiritual Root, the 'Auspicious Tree,' into the Tianyuan Lotus.

Transplanting the Auspicious Tree was also due to its mysterious connection with the Mount Sumeru Tree King, enabling timely response in case of unexpected situations.

"Hiss!"

In Lu Changsheng's hand, the Tianyuan Lotus spiraled up, shimmering with radiant light, gently swaying as if weaving the Dao and principles, with the Qi Mechanism being mysterious.

In the center of the lotus pedestal, waves surged, forming a small vortex, as if connecting to another world.

"Buzz!"

The Auspicious Tree, rooted beside the Mount Sumeru Tree King, suddenly entered the Tianyuan Lotus.

Lu Miaohuan and Lu Miaoyun saw this scene and immediately looked at Qu Zhenzhen with full expectation.

"Zhenzhen, how do you feel?"

Lu Changsheng also asked Qu Zhenzhen with concern.

"Husband, I can still sense the Auspicious Tree, just with an invisible barrier, as if I have already left Bi Yun Peak and am very far away, and my mana is already affected."

Qu Zhenzhen experienced her own situation and said this.

"Okay, Zhenzhen, observe the situation for these days, and if there's anything uncomfortable, tell me immediately."

Lu Changsheng held his wife's hand and spoke gently.

Although he had analyzed that the likelihood of issues was low.

But to be safe, he decided to maintain this state for a while.

After ensuring there were no problems, he planned to take the three women out for some sightseeing.

After all, the three women had practiced the Heavenly Longevity Technique for decades without taking a step out of Bi Lake Mountain.

“Mmm, mmm.”

Qu Zhenzhen, in a pale green silk long dress, with fair skin, a gentle demeanor, and a constant faint smile on her lips, exuded both the fresh purity of a young girl and the enchanting allure of a mature beauty.

Next, Lu Changsheng and Qu Zhenzhen tested the Heavenly Longevity Technique condition.

Now, she could only be a few hundred meters away from Lu Changsheng.

The farther she went, the more severe the decline in mana, and she even felt an invisible restraint.

This situation was similar to usual, only more severe.

Yet as long as she stayed by Lu Changsheng’s side, it wasn’t much of an issue.

“Husband, Fairy Xi Yue has arrived.”

As Lu Changsheng and Qu Zhenzhen tested the effects of the Heavenly Longevity Technique, a Sensing Talisman appeared from Lu Miaoyun’s Storage Bag.