

## Longevity 201

Chapter 201: 9 Songs of Ambush, the Nursing Woman Bird Comes

Ascending Immortal Island, Bibo Dragon Marsh.

Although the dragons that wrought havoc were gone, the place had become even noisier and more perilous, leaving no room for any life to rest.

Two colossal creatures were engaged in a fierce battle, unleashing various Divine Powers, and the residual power from just a casual blow was fatal to some low-level devils and alien species.

Purely in terms of body size, the Nine-Headed Alligator Dragon undoubtedly had the advantage, compounded by its many Bloodline Divine Powers, the battle was expected to be in its favor.

Regrettably, that wasn't the case.

All eyes were on the other massive being, a Buddha Ape clad in a kasaya, enveloped in Buddha Light. Even in its ferocity, its movements contained the marvelous essence of Buddha's teachings, and anyone who saw it would recognize it as a guardian of ancient Buddha Bird Skill, profound in Buddhist doctrine and insight.

Jiushou himself thought the same.

But being of Buddha or not, the attacks that landed on it did not diminish in power; instead, they became even more painful.

In the midst of the battle, Jiushou remained utterly baffled.

"Why is it like this? This is truly against all reason."

"This Spirit Treasure Cultivator is only at the Foundation Establishment Realm. Even if the Buddha Bird Relic is exceedingly mysterious, how could he wield it, allowing him to borrow the power of such a terrifying Buddha Bird?"

"Even a Buddha's son meticulously nurtured by a great Buddhist monastery would be no more than this, right?"

"How did this boy achieve it?"

Lost in his doubts, Jiushou endured the Buddha Ape's brutal assault on him, trying to crush it with sheer strength, trying to destroy the link between them with his Divine Skills.

However, these attempts were meaningless.

Tao Qian used the "Great Freedom Nirvana Divine Spell" to command the Buddha Ape Guardian, borrowing mana through the Spirit Treasure Returning Immortal Technique, seemingly endless, utterly oblivious to exhaustion.

On the other hand, Jiushou, despite his extraordinary lineage and supernatural power, found himself in a perilous state of fatigue after Tao Qian used the Mystic Netherworld True Water Meridian Suppression Great Prohibition to cut off his connection to the Dragon Marsh Water Vein.

After half an hour of entangled combat, Jiushou lost his concentration for an instant and was overwhelmed by Tao Qian.

He laughed heartily as the body of the Buddha Ape swayed, then he invoked the "Dharma Manifestation Heaven and Earth" Divine Power, magnifying his body even further, and with transformation magic, he sprouted eight additional arms. With a total of ten arms, he seized every single one of Jiushou's heads, unleashing tremendous strength, pummeling them with barbaric fists glowing with Buddha Light.

"Roar"

"Roar Roar Roar"

Instantly, cries of agony filled the air above Dragon Marsh.

In his struggle, one of his heads was ripped clean off, crashing into the marsh like a segment of a mountain.

One should know this was dragon head, dragon meat, dragon blood; it should have attracted many from the Devil Clan and alien species to fight and consume it.

Yet at this moment, the dragons were bound, and no life forms dared to approach from outside the marsh.

Thus in his cries, Jiushou could only watch as three small figures cheerfully flew over.

Among them, the exquisitely cute Taisui Baby appeared the most ferocious at that moment, letting out a howl as it flew up, its small mouth opening wide and with a snap, it pounced on the bloodied wound and began to ravenously gnaw away at his flesh like a moving demon.

And the green-haired Wild Demon was exceptionally excited, muttering:

"It's mealtime, finally mealtime; this is a delicacy rarely enjoyed even on Wild Man Mountain."

Amidst this horrifying muttering, the Wild Demon stretched out its hands, and dense, tender white tentacles burst forth, instantly penetrating the dragon head and voraciously devouring the flesh.

With the two scrambling competitively, within a few breaths, a whole Alligator Dragon head had been devoured down to the skeleton.

What was more terrifying was the silent mechanical little person, made of bronze, cast iron, ancient wood, and white bone, standing by.

Suddenly at this moment, it slowly walked up, its gem-like eyes emitting red light. Touching the skeleton with its hands, within several breaths, a breeze blew and the dragon bone that should have lasted a thousand years disintegrated to dust and was gone without a trace.

As these scenes unfolded before Jiushou's eyes, an emotion he should not have felt, called "fear," rapidly filled him.

Compounded by the terrible presence of the Sky-Supporting Ancient Ape that rode on him while relentlessly beating him, Jiushou's battered body and the remaining eight heads all trembled, nearly shedding tears, as he couldn't help but cry out in his heart:

"Alas, if this continues, can I, Jiushou, even preserve my life?"

"It's all because of greedy mischief; back then, I should have decisively fled this island, not agreeing to that bet because of greed."

"Now there's no place for regret, if I don't surrender, this boy will break my heads one after another, to feed those three terrifying little things."

At this moment, the supremely regretful Nine-Headed Alligator Dragon that had once paraded power within the great marsh, recalled countless signs, such as the "reminder" from the little girl and this boy's inexplicable confidence.

But at that time, Jiushou only concentrated on the difference in their cultivation levels, completely forgetting the background of this Spirit Treasure Disciple.

One misstep caused heavy calamity.

"Well then, I am willing to admit defeat; it's still better than death."

"This boy being Duobao True Monarch's primary disciple, and favored by Fairy Yunhua, is bound to become a True Monarch in the future, perhaps even inheriting the Duobao Lineage."

"As the saying goes, when one person achieves the Dao, even their chickens and dogs ascend to heaven; I, Jiushou, may not lack chances to achieve the Dao."

Who would have thought?

In the blink of an eye, the Nine-Headed Alligator Dragon had settled his mind.

If his escape had lacked resolve, his surrender now came swiftly.

All eight of his heads stopped resisting, and his body fell into the marsh. While floating on the water surface, he muttered gloomily:

"Daoist, please no more beating, Jiushou surrenders."

"If Daoist does not disdain Jiushou, from now on, I will follow your cultivation and be at your service."

After uttering those words, Tao Qian did not stop his assault but continued beating him.

At first, Jiushou still wondered if this boy was ruthless and intended to take the opportunity to kill him, feeding him to the little ones.

Soon, however, one of his heads caught sight of a Mermaid smiling radiantly at the edge of the battlefield and suddenly he understood.

"So that's how it is!"

"Indeed, one cannot be completely deceived."

With bitter thoughts stirring, they saw the central head of the Alligator Dragon raise up and spew forth a Nine-Colored Dragon Pearl.

Then, changing its address, it respectfully said, "Please, Young Master, imprint your Divine Thought. From today onwards, Jiushou will follow the Young Master's cultivation, at your beck and call."

As expected, as soon as it acted and spoke thus, its pain ceased immediately.

They witnessed a Divine Thought being imprinted inside its Dragon Ball, and the two became master and servant.

The one in the kasaya, who resembled a barbaric giant troll, let out a Buddhist chant, then the Buddha Light retreated, revealing an ordinary Spirit Treasure Cultivator.

Tao Qian smiled broadly, pocketed the Buddha Bird Relics, and looked down from on high at the Nine-Headed Alligator Dragon, its entire body nearly devoid of a single patch of unharmed skin.

His attitude was not as warm as it was with the mermaid; he just smiled faintly and said, "You are called Jiushou, your Bloodline Talent is extraordinary, and for that reason, you harbor many stray thoughts, always looking ahead and back. If you were at peace, you might achieve something but once confronted with something serious, you find it difficult to make the right decisions. Now, forced to submit to me, I presume you are mostly filled with regret in your heart."

"It does not matter much, one reaps what they sow; let's see what the future holds."

Oddly enough, Tao Qian was just a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.



Yet, as he now advised this mountain-sized Nine-Headed Alligator Dragon, nobody felt anything was amiss.

Jiushou, having its thoughts exposed, hung its eight heads low in contemplation.

At the same time, they saw the youngsters, including the Crystal Demon Girl who had brought the mermaid, as if she had stumbled upon some joyful event, gather around.

When Little Age, Lian Jing'er, and Shan Jiu flew in, looking at it with eyes full of pity, the enormous body of Jiushou immediately trembled and shrank back.

Then, they saw a burst of brilliance, and a rude and crude Great Man transformed.

His magic was unrefined, his lower body still that of a dragon, but his upper body sported fully eight identical heads on a horribly mangled neck, scarred as though by a bowl-sized mark.

"Jiushou pays respects to the Master!"

This crude Great Man had just saluted when Tao Qian nodded in acceptance.

But then the Crystal Demon Girl dragged the mermaid forward and spoke words that caused Jiushou immense pain.

"Young Master, Young Master, we've struck it rich this time."

"Dou Dou and Sha Nu'er have inspected the Spiritual Resonance Water Mansion. Although the inner mansion is well-prepared, it's connected to the Forbidden Technique and has nothing rare to use."

"But that outer mansion, wow, all sorts of good stuff piled up like mountains."

"With those things, Young Master can completely afford to provide for us sisters' sustenance."

"If Young Master needs it, Dou Dou can return now to the Star Membrane Secret Realm and invite over half of our sisters to strike down that second Bie Fu for the Young Master."

The girl seemed to be seeking her own master's opinion, but her expression already spelled out "Young Master, please agree."

Her big eyes were blinking, clearly hoping that Tao Qian would nod so that she too could go back and show off.

Oblivious, every sentence of hers was like stabbing knives into Jiushou's heart.

Tao Qian found it amusing and then looked at Jiushou, who promptly squeezed out a smile, feigning generosity despite his heartache:

"The Master can take whatever you need; those externals are what Jiushou has painstakingly accumulated over many years."

"Now that Jiushou is still your servant, Master, what more are these worldly possessions?"

"If they can help the Master strike down the second Bie Fu on the island, then it can be considered as Jiushou atoning for his sins."

After saying this, Jiushou still harbored a glimmer of hope.

But immediately, he could subtly sense what kind of temperament his new master possessed.

"That'd be good!"

"Dou Dou, go ahead and invite more; that second Bie Fu is a bit special, and we truly need the help of the Crystal Demon Clan."

With these words from Tao Qian, Zhong Doudou whooped with joy.

And Jiushou could only force all eight heads to smile, swallowing his bitterness.

At that moment, Tao Qian's conquest of Dragon Marsh Mansion was officially declared a success.

With Tao Qian regaining control over the Mystic Netherworld True Water Meridian Suppression Great Prohibition, a third of Ascending Immortal Island fell into his hands.

To some extent, Tao Qian also officially had an extraordinary place to settle down.

After all, the Spiritual Resonance Water Mansion could indeed be regarded as an Immortal's dwelling.

After a night of commotion, dawn was approaching.

As the light of the Taiyang Star shone through the clouds, it bathed the vast watery expanse of land, making it shimmer like a mirror on the earth, a grand and resplendent sight.

Before Tao Qian, the new master, could enjoy the moment, suddenly, from a distance, a series of streams of light from all directions shot toward him.

Judging by the look of things, these were clearly more Cloud Token Letters.

As they drew near, they leapt out one by one as images.

In a few short breaths, Tao Qian was once again confronted with many fellow disciples through the air.

Their words were mostly the same.

They either offered a place to stay or proffered help.

Compared with the day before, Tao Qian could clearly see that a few of these fellow disciples seemed a bit sarcastic in their messages.

Zhong Doudou, who was just about to fetch people, saw this scene and stamped her foot, hands on her hips:

"I know those guys; they're from Non-human Clans, and even with the cultivation of the Spirit Treasure Method, they can't change their nasty nature."

"Humph, they didn't expect the Young Master to take the Water Mansion in a single night. Watch me, Zhong Doudou, not reply today and ridicule these blind fools."

Dou Dou spoke, about to catch the letters for Tao Qian to reply.

Suddenly, from afar, came a series of "gugu gugu" sounds that made Tao Qian glance sideways.

Chapter 202: Bird Demon Talks about True Inheritor, Daoist Alcohol and Meat Suddenly Visits

"Hmm? Nursing Woman Bird?"

Because of yesterday's conversation with Zhong Doudou, Tao Qian immediately recognized the somewhat abnormal sound.

Standing on the clouds, he looked toward the exterior of Ascending Immortal Island.

Indeed, in the sky very close to Ascending Immortal Island, five or six very special female demons were sneakily peering over from behind the clouds.

They seemed to be adorned with exotic treasures, seemingly unaffected by the Nine Prisons of Ghosts Wind.

The clouds appeared dense, but under Tao Qian's sharp gaze they might as well have not existed at all.

Soon, Tao Qian saw their true forms, indeed half-human, half-bird, with bare breasts and eyes as red as fresh blood.

Although described by Zhong Doudou as extremely dreadful, they seemed merely curious, not intending anything good.

However, they had little courage, and after seeing the scene above Dragon Marsh, they all quickly retreated their heads, all expressing their concerns.

"Gugu... Did I see wrong? That young master Duobao, did he really subdue that nine-headed turtle dragon from the depths of the marsh overnight? And took back the Spiritual Resonance Water Mansion?"

"No mistake, I saw clearly too; that turtle dragon looked so pitiful, having lost a head."

"Wasn't it said that this young master Duobao only has Foundation Establishment Realm cultivation? How did he accomplish this?"

"Oh no, oh no, he's looking this way, let's run, don't let him catch us."

"Gugu... run quickly, although we have backers, his backers aren't small either. What if he has a nasty temperament and captures us to torment us, it would be unsightly."

"Just by looking, this young master seems fierce, even the Jiushou Dragon King was beaten so miserably, if we're caught, we might even get plucked."

"Gugu... agreed!"

Several Nursing Woman Bird Demons exchanged words.

They quickly established the consensus: Tao Qian was a fierce person; run.

Having decided this, they turned to flee.

But just at that moment, a figure suddenly appeared before them, solidifying from translucent form, it was the handsome and Daoist-charming young master Duobao lineage, Tao Qian.

Just as Tao Qian appeared, the Nursing Woman Birds screamed in unison, intending to scatter and escape.

However, soon, they all heard an extremely pleasant sound that completely calmed them and even made them feel favorably towards Tao Qian.

"Ladies, please look at me. Do I seem like the fierce type?"



"Ascending Immortal Island was actually a gift from Aunt Yunhua. Last night, I negotiated with Mr. Jiushou; he has decided to return the Water Mansion to me and will cultivate together with me, perfectly resolving the situation. It is a good thing."

"Right, I hear you ladies know everything."

"I am new here and urgently need some guidance from you ladies."

"Why not come back to the Spiritual Resonance Water Mansion with me for a drink and meal, how about it?"

After Tao Qian finished speaking,

It was unclear whether it was the effect of his beauty trap, the effect of his subtle release of Spirit Sound Technique, or mentioning the key phrase "know everything" that itched just the right spot for these Nursing Woman Birds.

Initially frightened, after a low murmuring, they happily agreed to follow Tao Qian back to the Water Mansion.

During this process, Tao Qian kept asking questions and the Nursing Woman Birds kept answering.

These female demons indeed knew much about Spirit Treasure Sect Mountain Gate and various secrets in the Penglai Sea, as Zhong Doudou had said.

Although Zhong Doudou also knew quite a lot, his knowledge was not specialized.

Tao Qian impulsively wanted to deepen his understanding of the sect; only with the help of these Nursing Woman Birds was it possible.

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Inside the Spiritual Resonance Water Mansion in the deep marsh, indistinct from a dwelling of immortals, a small banquet was underway.

At the banquet, Little Age, Lian Jing'er, and Shan Jiu were enjoying themselves thoroughly, ignoring everything else.

The newly acquired servant, Jiushou, seeing his many years' hoard of treasures falling into the hands of the Crystal Demon Girl, vented his excessive grief by taking it out on a group of Dragon Species Clan, pretending it was to train a capable water army for Master.

Zhong Doudou was busy chatting with Mermaid Sha Nu'er, the two women whispering together, secretly speaking ill of the Nursing Woman Birds.

These latter were the focus of the banquet.

Guided by Tao Qian, they chatted non-stop, spilling many secrets of the sect.

Their reputation was indeed spotless; any question Tao Qian asked related to the sect was answered in great detail.

At one point, Tao Qian asked about the True Disciples of the Spirit Treasure Sect.

Hearing this, the Bird Demons all puffed their chests; one with a blue tuft of hair spoke up:

"Let young master know, apart from you, there are currently seventeen True Disciples in the sect. Just waiting for the True Disciples Convention to arrive, then their status can be confirmed."

"You mentioned receiving a letter from Master Yang Jie, but young master might not know—though Master Yang Jie is indeed very strong, rumored to be nearing the Perfect Transcend Mortality. Not only has he mastered many Divine Power Skills, but he also possesses an innate divine eye that can see through many illusions of this world, and can emit a terrifying divine light that destroys immortal and Dao bodies—extremely frightening."

"Even so, among all the True Disciples, Master Yang Jie is only ranked fifth."

"Oh? With Brother Yang's ability, only fifth?"

"Quickly tell me about the first four brothers and sisters."

Without a doubt, Tao Qian was a fine act to prop up a joke.

Upon hearing his rhetorical question, several Nursing Woman Bird Demons became even more eager, emitting cooing sounds subconsciously.

They then looked at each other and opened their mouths to speak one after another:

"This ranking actually circulates only in the shadows, and there has never been an actual fight; it is just said that many Elders also acknowledge it."

"Ranked fourth is Master Yu Chen, who is speculated to be slightly stronger than Master Yang Jie. Master Yu Chen is a disciple of the Wulinn Immortal, leading a group of female fairies from the Spirit Treasure Sect, with Fairy Yunhua at the forefront, followed by the Wulinn Immortal, who is proficient in many Divine Power Skills."

"It is said that she cultivates the 'Upper Pure Five Elders Red Book Jade Technique Marvelous Scripture' from the Great Book of Nine Classics. Despite the Wulinn Immortal's usual low profile, her combat power is extremely terrifying; even Aunt Yunhua dares not claim sure victory over her."

"Although Master Yu Chen has not formally started to cultivate the Five Elders Marvelous Scripture, he is already fully prepared. Not only has his cultivation reached Perfect Transcend Mortality, but it is also

said that he has trained in thirteen types of Divine Power Skills, using fearsome Divine Powers to crush his opponents in combat, truly fierce and unmatched."

"Ranked third is the Golden Crow Fairy, whose mentor is Jintong Daoist, who also holds a very high position within the sect. However, the Golden Crow Fairy's fame is mostly due to her own efforts."

"Although she joined the sect very late, just a few years before the Young Master, before he arrived, she was recognized as the most talented. Even after the Young Master arrived, many Disciples of the Lingbao still considered the Golden Crow Fairy's talent greater."

"She was born with a Golden Crow Method Body and can incinerate anything in the world. More terrifying is that if the fairy could refine her pure blood lineage day by day, she might even achieve the ancestral return to obtain the Golden Crow Dao Body... At that time, she could at least reach the Daoist Transformation Realm."

"It is said that Jintong Daoist is currently worried about which cultivation technique to choose for the fairy."

At this point, one of the Nursing Woman Bird Demons said, Tao Qian's eyes sparkled with excitement.

Not only did he urgently want to know who were recognized as the first and the second true inheritors inside the Spirit Treasure Sect Mountain Gate, but he also wanted to know the complete ranking.

He was quite sensible and did not ask these bird demons about their own rankings.

No need to ask, the result was obvious: as many true inheritors there were, that's the rank Master Tao would hold.

The reason was simple!

Out of eighteen true inheritors, all were in Transcend Mortality Realm.

Only he, a mere Foundation Establishment little cultivator, stood alone at the very last.

Of course, Tao Qian's strength was far beyond just Foundation Establishment.

But now, after hearing all this, he wouldn't arrogantly assume he could break into the top few ranks.

Other than anything else, there was Brother Yang, born with the Innate Divine Eye, over whom Tao Qian had no confidence in winning.

As for Master Yu Chen and the Golden Crow Fairy?

"If all techniques are deployed, even using the Buddha Bird Relics, perhaps he could last quite a while."

"But as for the actual result, it needs to be fought over to be known."

Such thoughts flitted through Tao Qian's mind.

Finally, it was the turn of one Nursing Woman Bird Demon, who excitedly continued cooing, then loudly exclaimed:

"It's my turn now, Young Master, look at me."

"The second-ranked true disciple is Master Yan Demon, whose mentor is Shifang Immortal Master, whose position within the sect is unique, being one of the attendants to the Sect Master, and even higher and more mysterious than Duobao Lord and Fairy Yunhua. Even we dare not pry into Shifang Immortal Master's secrets."

"As for Master Yan Demon himself, he is indeed special as one of the true disciples who has had the most troubled path. It is said that he started in the Mortal World as a general, but due to problems with his life chart, causing all his relatives and friends to die out, driven by grief, he entered the Demon Path."

"Later, even more unexpectedly, he gained some inheritance from the Evil Sect, a major Demon Sect quickly making a name for himself, able to fight with major sect disciples as a Loose Cultivator and not fall behind."

"It is said that later when the Evil Sect took notice of him, to snatch him back, Shifang Immortal Master even invited the Sect Master to grant a Immortal Sword, slashing an Elder of the Evil Sect from tens of thousands of miles away."

"After entering the Mountain Gate, Master Yan Demon's Evil Sect technique was not abolished, indeed he was even allowed to freely choose Demon Dao Skills from the Scripture Hall, driving them with the Spirit Treasure Root Skill, following the Dual Cultivation of Dao and Demon, unmatched in combat power."

"Master Yang Jie had once battled with Master Yan Demon, Master Yang Jie created a blood hole in Master Yan Demon's body with the Divine Eye Light, but was then dragged by Master Yan Demon directly to Sea Eye Town for several hours, eventually Master Yang Jie conceded."

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As this Nursing Woman Bird Demon chirped on,

Not only did Tao Qian gulp down his joy, but the attention of others at the gathering was also drawn.

Zhong Doudou, who had been continuously irked by these shameless bird demons, at some point found herself propping up her chin, listening avidly.

After listening, she even exclaimed directly:



"Wow, you stinky bird demons, you really know a lot."

"Come on, I'll tell who is the first-ranked,

you fill in the rest of the secret tale."

Having interjected, Zhong Doudou was just about to reveal who was privately acknowledged by the Lingbao disciples as the first true heir.

But at that moment, a voice filled with terrifying mana, suddenly piercing through the Dragon Marsh Forbidden Technique, directly sounded inside this Water Mansion:

"Is my nephew Tao Qian here?"

"Daoist Alcohol and Meat, Li Changle, has come to visit, please, nephew, come out to meet."

When this voice arrived, Tao Qian immediately raised his eyebrows, a look of confusion appearing in his eyes.

Of course, he knew who Daoist Alcohol and Meat was.

Just yesterday, they had met.

What Tao Qian wondered was; why would this former Emperor of the Longevity Heavenly Dynasty, his Alcohol and Meat Uncle, suddenly come to find him?

Chapter 203: Changle Daoist Hides the Ghost, Tao Qian Hears the Immortal Fish Technique Again

Hearing that Li Changle, the Daoist Alcohol and Meat, was visiting, Tao Qian subconsciously harbored some doubts.

But at the gathering, the reaction of the Nursing Woman Bird Demons was significant.

They only heard several sharp and distorted "coo coo coo" sounds. The Bird Demons all showed a look of panic; at the same time, they knocked over many wine cups and Jade Plates. Wine and fruits scattered everywhere. One of them, with the most exaggerated reaction, even flapped its wings, wanting to fly away directly.

Tao Qian immediately furrowed his brows at this scene and locked his gaze onto the Bird Demons, asking softly,

"What happened?"

"I've confirmed with a Forbidden Technique that the visitor is indeed my Alcohol and Meat Uncle. You seem rather frightened of him? Have you had interactions before?"

Tao Qian had just asked when he saw the Bird Demons frantically shaking their heads.

They clamored to deny it,

"No, no, absolutely not."

"Coo coo coo... We dare not, dare not, that is..."

"Young Master, don't overthink it; we were just startled to suddenly hear of an Immortal Master visiting."

"The hour is almost up; we will take our leave first, so as not to bother Young Master from entertaining the Immortal Master."

The Nursing Woman Bird Demons, who had been quite intense in their talk, now planned to leave the gathering.

Had they not shown such expressions and abnormally reacted, Tao Qian might have let them go.

At that moment, Tao Qian suddenly interrupted,

"Ladies, please wait a moment. I have yet to hear about the first True Disciple's Daoist name and deeds. This mystery cannot be kept; otherwise, I won't be able to sleep tonight."

"Dou Dou, please entertain the ladies. I will go and receive the Alcohol and Meat Uncle."

After uttering these few sentences, Tao Qian did not give the Bird Demons any chance to reply.

With a swift movement, he disappeared from the gathering, reappearing above the Dragon Marsh.

Steam rose, and mist fluttered between.

Tao Qian soon encountered Li Changle, the Daoist Alcohol and Meat once more. He still had that greasy face, still wore the crown that only the Emperor could wear, and still looked overly indulgent, as if he could die from excess at any moment. However, this time, there were no extravagant processions or luxurious Dragon Chariots.

This peculiar Daoist was now riding a clump of Fragrant Cloud, watching with interest the lively scene of Jiushou Training inside the Dragon Marsh.

Upon seeing Tao Qian appear, the Daoist immediately smiled brilliantly and praised,

"Tao Qian, my nephew-disciple, you truly deserve the attention of the eldest brother. Your Divine Skills are indeed extraordinary, having tamed that Nine-Headed Beast in just one night."

"Though it's just a Snake from the Transcend Mortality Realm, its talented bloodline is also remarkable. It has many advantages from occupying this great swamp for many years and can fight against most Cavernous Mystery Realm cultivators. Even if I personally took action, I might not be able to subdue it in a short time."

"I just knew it, my eldest brother is always lazy. How sudden it was for him to think of taking a disciple. He truly has a visionary eye. Duobao, Duobao, he has found another treasure indeed."

One would expect Tao Qian to be thrilled to be praised so by a senior from his sect.

However, at this moment, he felt an indescribable abnormality.

During their last meeting, the Daoist Alcohol and Meat was also friendly, but it seemed to be out of respect for Duobao True Monarch's sake, not this warm.

Tao Qian thought to himself while still modestly saying, "Uncle, your praise is too generous. To subdue this Jiushou, I relied on external help, not my own Cultivation."

Tao Qian thought that after this exchange of pleasantries, they should get to the main topic.

Unexpectedly, the Daoist Alcohol and Meat continued along Tao Qian's words by saying,

"Nephew, no need to be so modest. After you left yesterday, a Heterodox Practitioner from Within Southern Yue arrived at our island with an Ultimate Happiness Token to enjoy himself. He happened to mention you. Your various deeds in Southern Yue indeed opened my eyes. Had I known earlier, perhaps I would have competed with the eldest brother for you as a disciple."

"The external help you mentioned must be the Buddha Bird Relics, refined by the Human Dao Destiny."

"That relic is indeed rare, and its power is extraordinary, but to fully utilize it, one must master the Superior Buddhism from the Great Freedom Temple."

"I just remembered that many years ago, those monks from the Great Freedom Temple sent some Magic Skills to the Scripture Hall, one of which was the 'Great Freedom Nirvana Divine Spell,' perfect for controlling that relic."

"However, that Divine Spell relies entirely on sudden insight into Karma; if not a Buddha's son, one cannot master it."

"Nephew, did you master it in one day?"

During the conversation, Tao Qian could distinctly feel that this seemingly always sleepy Alcohol and Meat Uncle had opened his cloudy eyes, a look of intense eagerness shining on him.

At this moment, Tao Qian's doubts deepened.

Nevertheless, he could only steel himself, nodding his head to indicate he had indeed mastered the Divine Spell.

Unexpectedly, as soon as he nodded, he saw Li Changle appear in front of him in an instant, a greasy, meat- and alcohol-scented hand grabbing Tao Qian's arm forcefully.

All the earlier elaborate, verbose talk seemed just to lead to this moment.

Tao Qian immediately saw the crown trembling in front of him, the bead curtain below Li Changle's face trembling, and heard him laughing heartily,

"Nephew, you truly are a genius. Come, come, come, follow your uncle to enjoy ourselves."

"Although many disciples under my name are quite useless, as your Master, I must plan ahead for them. It's essential to flatter you, the major disciple of the Duobao lineage. You left too hurriedly last time; this time you must agree no matter what."

"Speaking of which, your Uncle Daoist Alcohol and Meat also once stayed in Southern Yue for a period of time, and once, taken by a whim, he left behind a fascinating Cultivation Method there."

"That spell, it's called..."

As he spoke, Tao Qian suddenly sensed a fluctuation of Divine Thought sweeping through his body, and immediately a Record emerged in his mind.

[Undergoing the Spirit Treasure Soul View Technique... Partial Immunity!]

Tao Qian had just seen this Record when annoyance surged in his heart, and his expression changed accordingly.

Daoist Alcohol and Meat, Li Changle, underwent an even greater change. It seemed as if he sensed something; his corpulent body suddenly froze, and then his eyes widened as if a certain speculation in the depths of his heart had finally been confirmed. Expressions of astonishment, ecstasy, and consolation flashed one by one through his eyes.

He couldn't even bother to cover up such an obvious abnormality, and even went so far as to say, half to himself,

"Having the fortune of Human Dao and also practicing cultivation... That's enough, enough to create perfect chaos."

"Could this be my opportunity, a chance of survival from despair? If I could start over, I wouldn't have to drag this broken body into absolute conflict."

As the second sentence came out, Tao Qian witnessed Li Changle come to life, as if revived. Initially somewhat lifeless and decrepit, his aura suddenly erupted violently.



However, at the same time, Tao Qian also perceived something familiar within these auras.

Mutation!

Loss of control!

Incredible as it was,

Tao Qian indeed sensed such auras that should not exist, emanating from an Elder of the Spirit Treasure Sect of the Cavernous Mystery Realm.

This instantly made him wary. He not only communicated with the Buddha Bird Relics in his heart but was also ready to use the newly-mastered Mystic Netherworld True Water Prohibition Skill through Divine Thought at any moment. Although he didn't yet know what means Uncle Li Changle had, Tao Qian thought that these two combined were enough for him to stand a fight in the Cavernous Mystery Realm.

But before Tao Qian could actually do anything, Daoist Alcohol and Meat suddenly turned his head, his gaze staring intensely at him.

Then, with a voice full of longing, he said to Tao Qian,

"I felt an instant connection with my nephew, although it might be presumptuous of me to say this, I believe it might be fated."

"Your uncle has an opportunity to offer you, and indeed, I'm asking for your help. Not to hide from my nephew, my Dao Foundation was damaged early on, and due to my origins, some stubborn causalities have anchored themselves onto me. After wasting so many years, I am now at the point of complete exhaustion, with nowhere left to turn."

"However, if my nephew is willing to help me take on..."

Before Daoist Alcohol and Meat could finish his third sentence, he suddenly experienced some unforeseen change.

Tao Qian watched as his mouth abruptly shut, his face turning beet red, his body trembling violently, but no matter what, he couldn't utter another word.

Despite an extremely powerful aura bursting from inside him trying to counter some sort of formidable pressure descending upon him, the result was only him staggering a step, releasing Tao Qian and allowing his crown to fall, after which he opened his mouth and vomited a large mouthful of foul-smelling blood.

Tao Qian's brows furrowed tighter, as he forcefully suppressed his anger and, seemingly out of concern, quickly stepped forward to support him.

He perceived, just in those brief moments of change, the aura of this Alcohol and Meat Uncle weakening at a terrifying speed.

If he wanted to probe more details about this Daoist, now was the best opportunity.

As he drew near, Tao Qian could even smell a rank odor hidden beneath the aroma of meat and alcohol.

"Uncle Li, what is happening to you?"

As soon as Tao Qian touched him, he seemed extremely ashamed, as if he could no longer face anyone.

He covered his face with his loose black hair, struggled out of Tao Qian's arm, and then respectfully bowed toward a certain spot in the void. When he finished his bow, his large, fatty body visibly withered and stooped in an instant.

From beneath his hair, a voice now hoarse spoke,

"My nephew need not worry about me. Please do not take what I said earlier to heart."

"Today your uncle had too much to drink and spoke nonsense here."

"Shame, shame, let us leave it be."

As he spoke, still covering his face with his hair, he clumsily mounted the Fragrant Clouds and departed.

But in that instant, a complex Record burst forth in Tao Qian's mind, being sorted by his Mutated Soul.

Tao Qian momentarily dazed, then saw an image that shook him deeply.

The Daoist Alcohol and Meat who was clearly standing on the Fragrant Clouds, had in Tao Qian's eyes, suddenly transformed.

It was shockingly a fish, a giant, colorful fish, supported by fetid clouds, its body rotting all over, its flesh regenerating within the wounds and producing continuously gaping, foul-smelling maws, swimming forward while constantly emitting sounds of pain and resentment...

Despite the horrifying image vanishing in a flash,

At that moment, a memory long buried in Tao Qian's mind vividly resurfaced.

Recalling the conversation they had just had, a Cultivation Method that Tao Qian had almost forgotten came to mind.

"Immortal Fish Technique!"

"Daoist Alcohol and Meat, Li Changle, he also cultivated the Immortal Fish Technique?"

As this thought emerged, Tao Qian's mind roared to life.

Chapter 204: Ancestor Master's Teachings Hold Profound Mystery, Crystal Demon Gathers a Hundred Maidens into the Two Mansions (Major Chapter!)

In the mists above the Dragon Marsh Water Mansion, Tao Qian almost lost his composure.

Even racking his brains, he could never have imagined such a turn of events unfolding, and that moment of haziness was truly horrifying to him.

After leaving Southern Yue, no, in fact, after starting the cultivation of the Spirit Treasure Method, Tao Qian had almost completely forgotten about the "Immortal Fish Technique." This magic skill, in a way, allowed gains without the pains, but after receiving warnings from both Elder Bamboo Scroll and Xiao Hua Daoist, Tao Qian ceased to cultivate it.

Unexpectedly, after so long, Tao Qian encountered a cultivator who had practiced the Immortal Fish Technique.

Moreover, he was a fellow sect disciple and his senior uncle.

Just as Tao Qian was shocked, watching Daoist Alcohol and Meat cover his face in shame and flee,

the Record slowly sorted itself out in his mind.

His previous judgment was not mistaken; taking advantage of Li Changle's weakened state from a heavy blow, a simple touch allowed him to glimpse even more foundational information.

[Name: Li Changle.]

[Record Type: Cultivator.]

[Record: Once the former Emperor Yongchang of the Longevity Heavenly Dynasty, reigning for twenty-three years. During his reign, he diligently attended to state affairs, shunned the company of women, and lived thriftily like a common man, but he was born in unfavorable times. Further, due to a lack of governance skills, the nation suffered with wars throughout, rebellions surged like tides, and the common people endured great suffering, gradually branding him a dim-witted monarch. Thereafter he began to decay, indulging in pleasures, eventually being usurped by his own younger brother.]

[Note 1: Although Li Changle lost the throne, he managed to survive and wandered among the common people. He then began to seek the path of cultivation and, given his talent and opportunistic fortune, quickly stood out and eventually was accepted into the Spirit Treasure Mountain Gate.]

[Note 2: Because he harmed his Dao Foundation in his early years, even though he cultivated the "Spirit Treasure Great Desire Ultimate Happiness Sutra," his life would cease at the Cavernous Mystery Realm, with no possibility of breaking into the next realm... He should have reincarnated to cultivate anew, but

due to his own bloodline and the "Immortal Fish Technique," he had already become entangled in karma with a vastly powerful existence, making reincarnation impossible.]

[Note 3: He is unable to pay the numerous cultivation prices and is on the brink of mutating and falling. In search of a glimmer of survival, he is ready to participate in the Ten Thousand Immortals Conference, fighting for that chance.]

[Note 4: He initially wanted to find someone to take on his karma to reincarnate and cultivate anew, but at the critical moment, he was thwarted by Duobao Daoist. Unable to make a deal, he suffered a backlash, and his timeline for falling into mutation drew even nearer.]

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A virtually complete Record surfaced in Tao Qian's mind.

Not even Tao Qian himself thought he could glimpse so many secrets from his senior uncle Daoist Alcohol and Meat.

One can imagine how intense the fluctuations in his qi were just now.

Normally, Li Changle is a genuine Cavernous Mystery Realm cultivator. Even if Tao Qian had also entered the Foundation Establishment Realm, he couldn't have perceived details to such an extent.

Tao Qian didn't much care for Li Changle's life as an emperor. What truly caught his attention was Li Changle's predicament and the new term mentioned in the third note.

"Didn't expect that an elder within the Spirit Treasure Sect would face mutation and fall?"

"How many others are there like Li Changle?"

"And what exactly is this so-called Ten Thousand Immortals Conference? Something that can frighten a Cavernous Mystery Realm cultivator to that extent, to prefer reincarnating and cultivating anew rather than competing?"

While he glimpsed many secrets, Tao Qian also harbored many doubts in his heart.

"Thinking back, the first and second cultivation methods I received after my rebirth turned out to be huge pitfalls."

"That senior uncle Li Changle met me yesterday but didn't perceive anything until he encountered another cultivator from Southern Yue. Hearing that I had received the Human Dao Fortune, he came to investigate and found out I had also cultivated the 'Immortal Fish Technique,' saying that's enough to create confusion, to take on his karma?"

"Is the Human Dao Fortune because Li Changle was once an emperor of the Longevity Heavenly Dynasty?"



"With his cultivation, background, and status, he must be asking for a terribly dangerous favor in his desperation."

"And just now he was not able to explain fully because my master intervened from afar."

"Ever since my Foundation Establishment started, my master, aside from some standard instructions, never told me all the particulars and secrets. He just let me encounter them, guess at them, deal with them... The three demons of Miraculous Tree were like that, and now so is the Ten Thousand Immortals Conference."

"If I hadn't seen through it, wouldn't he have kept me in the dark until the end?"

"Is he too lazy? Or does he naturally have a bad temper, forcing me, his disciple, to go through each ordeal before explaining?"

Tao Qian silently complained inside, but outwardly, after pondering, he made a respectful bow towards the void and said, "Disciple thanks Master for your help!"

He had just finished speaking, not expecting any response,

But the next moment, he was proved wrong as a rough voice rang in his ear: "You sly disciple, your eyes lack sincerity when you give thanks, your manner is perfunctory, and right now, you must be badmouthing me in your heart, wrong yet also right."

Hearing this, Tao Qian was about to defend himself,

When immediately, Duobao Lord's voice transmitted again:

"Don't panic, don't panic, your talent is passable, your cultivation is weak. Although you are somewhat clever, you cannot yet see through the changing principles of the Heavenly Mechanism."

"I am clear about your thoughts, but if I were to meticulously explain everything to you, while it could spare you a lot of trouble, it would also cause you to miss many opportunities. Once you learn the Spirit Treasure Divination Technique, you might even blame me later."

"If you want it that way, you may go and bow to your Aunt Yunhua."

"I see you are quite good at winning the hearts of your aunts. If Xie Lingji was still around, perhaps Yunhua would even match you up with her."

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These few sentences infiltrated his ears, and Tao Qian's expression became strained, nearly unable to restrain himself from revealing a bizarre look.

If he hadn't misheard, it seemed that his master had a bit of a proud and coy nature.

Fairy Yunhua would sound extremely cute and alluring when speaking with such a tone.

If Duobao True Monarch were to say this instead, Tao Qian only had to think of the burly Great Man with a full beard and wild, curly hair, rubbing his sweaty, dirty body and expressing disdain with these words, and he would almost lose his composure again.

To avoid being noticed, Tao Qian quickly lowered his head and once again earnestly and sincerely said,

"Disciple wouldn't dare!"

"Disciple was just thinking, if Uncle Li Changle disregards his face and strikes at me, whether I could fend him off with all my powers. After all, Uncle has reached the Cavernous Mystery Realm, and although I could borrow the might of the Buddha Bird, I might not necessarily be a match for Uncle Li Changle. My life or death matters not, but I fear losing face for Master..."

"You slick rascal, spout none of your nonsense. Although Brother Li Changle has reached desperation and can't control himself, you are nevertheless Duobao's first disciple. Even if he would consume more, where would he dare to strike at you?"

"It's a pity indeed. This brother of mine who was once an Emperor in the Mortal World actually has quite decent Talent. It's just that he lacks determination and his Dao Heart is weak, and furthermore, he has been fattened up by that damn thing for years, becoming plump and strong; he's just shy of being put on the table..."

The voice that came from the distant Void suddenly paused.

Then Tao Qian's ears immediately rang with the somewhat annoyed words of Duobao True Monarch.

"You even dare spin your words around to your Master, truly asking for a beating."

"Bang!"

No sooner had the voice fallen than Tao Qian felt a thump on his forehead.

After a muffled sound, he was seen tumbling head over heels into the great marsh.

Just before he was about to fall back into the Water Mansion, Duobao Daoist's voice, rare with a word of explanation, reached his ears.

"Among all the female fairies of the Lingbao, your Aunt Yunhua is the wealthiest."

"Quickly take control of Ascending Immortal Island. If your Master hasn't guessed wrong, by then she will surely have rewards for you."

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Tao Qian did not expect that a simple trip to receive guests would not bring any guests back to the Water Mansion, but instead, he had glimpsed many secrets.

However, Tao Qian still harbored many doubts at heart, so he did not intend to let those few Nursing Woman Bird Demons off easily.

Upon hearing of Li Changle's visit, they were all eager to leave in a hurry.

But they were stopped by Zhong Doudou on Tao Qian's orders, whether it was because the Crystal Demon Girl was inherently nosy or she had understood Tao Qian's hint— that was unimportant.

When Tao Qian returned to the mansion, he saw the girl busily questioning the female demons with questions here and there.

Usually, the Nursing Woman Bird Demons would not miss such an opportunity to show off.

But now each of them was restless, all wanting to leave quickly.

It wasn't until Tao Qian returned to the mansion that he reassured them, "My Alcohol and Meat Uncle has left; there's no need for my sisters to panic."

Although Tao Qian had said this, the startled Bird Demons were still restless, murmuring incessantly, their actions frantic, no longer willing to talk about those gossip-laden secrets.

Left with no alternative, Tao Qian had to resort to using his powers.

He generously brought out food and treasures that the Bird Demons liked from within Jiushou's Treasure Mountain, and subtly dispersed their anxiety with Spirit Sound. Continuing his role as a lively sidekick, he asked the previously unfinished question.

It was widely recognized among the Lingbao Disciples that the foremost True Inheritor of this generation was who?

After quite a while, the few Bird Demons finally regained their composure, scrambling to answer Tao Qian's question, only to be preempted by Zhong Doudou.

"I know, I know."

"My sisters have said that on Qingping Island and Bibo Island, those wild disciples who are used to the wilderness, some even fear not Master Yan Demon, but are solely afraid of Master Taixuan, Xu Xun."

"He's the sole disciple of Aunt Ma Yi, but Aunt Ma Yi has always been in the Outer Realm, truly hard to see."

Having their limelight stolen, the few Bird Demons tacitly turned their heads and glared at Zhong Doudou in unison, starting to criticize her.

"The stupid Dou Dou is not wrong, but she only knows a name, unlike us."

"Exactly, she really doesn't know anything; apart from fighting, eating well, and looking good, how can the Crystal Demon Clan compare with us, the Nursing Woman Bird Clan?"

"Indeed, Young Master, you raising this dumb Dou Dou is not as good as raising us; we are much more behaved."

"That's not all; we can sing, chat with you, and stripe naked to warm your bed."

"All of you shut your mouths; I, Zhong Doudou, am here by the command of True Monarch to serve the Young Master. You few bare-feathered Bird Demons, who run around shamelessly unclothed all day, other than possessing some catty skills, what else do you know?"

"Keep talking, and watch how I, Zhong Doudou, flatten you."

As she spoke, Zhong Doudou, with cheeks crimson with anger, stomped her feet on the spot, waving her delicate little fists at them.

If Mermaid Sha Nu'er hadn't been holding her back, perhaps the girl would have already pounced to start a physical brawl with the several Bird Demons who were bare-breasted and exposed.

Seeing this scene, Tao Qian couldn't help but laugh and cry and had to speak up to break up the fight.

After finally calming things down, the few Bird Demons appeared to fear the Crystal Demon Girl's fists, and the battle ceased on this side.

On the other hand, they also began to speak out, you speaking and I chiming in, providing what could be described as a lengthy elaboration on the title of "The Number One True Disciple."

"Nowadays within the Mountain Gate, it is secretly debated whether you, from Duobao's Lineage, or the Golden Crow Fairy, possess stronger Talent and innate endowment."

"But prior to this, the one recognized as having the highest Talent was actually Master Taixuan who possessed the Qingwei Dao Body, and even when breaking into the Qi Refining Realm, he obtained a pair of Yin Yang Dharma Eyes, which could reveal the true form of any demons, ghosts, devil, and mountain spirits with his gaze."

"His Master is another Attendant Immortal Master of the Sect Master [Ma Yi Immortal], with extremely high Cultivation and status. Even Shifang Immortal Master, Duobao True Monarch, and Fairy Yunhua when meeting her, must also call her 'Senior Sister'."

Chapter 206: The Ancestor Master's Teachings Have Profound Mystery, The Crystal Demon Gathers A Hundred Women in the Two Mansions (Major Chapter!)\_3

"Master Taixuan was a native of Imperial City, born into a distinguished and noble family with ancestral ties. After revealing his extraordinary talent, he triggered a fierce competition among six great Daoist



sects, nearly causing some chaos within the boundaries of Imperial City... It happened that Ma Yi Immortal passed by and, upon seeing Master Taixuan, appeared and said that there was a destined master-disciple connection between them, asking if he wished to follow her in cultivation."

"At that moment, Master Taixuan, feeling self-important due to the rivalry, and observing the Immortal was dressed in simple clothes resembling a common village girl without a trace of Immortal Qi, he demanded that she prove her divine skills, saying she had to defeat at least one elder from those six sects."

"Hearing this, Ma Yi Immortal only gave a silent smile, then displayed her 'Universe in the Sleeve' divine skill, scooping up all the Immortal Masters from the six sects as well as the citizens of Imperial City. She set them down again but spoke no further of taking a disciple and swiftly departed."

"After seeing this, Master Taixuan was filled with regret, knowing he had missed a true Immortal Fate."

Hearing this, Tao Qian's expression turned somewhat peculiar.

He did not doubt the truth of the Bird Demons' words; rather, it was the "embarrassing history" of the number one true disciple of the Spirit Treasure sect being narrated by a group of Bird Demons in the manner of storytelling that felt rather abnormal.

Tao Qian wondered if that Senior Brother Taixuan were here, these Bird Demons might actually be getting plucked clean of their feathers.

He couldn't help but look back on himself, confirming he had no such embarrassing history that might be spread by these Bird Demons, and only then did he feel at ease.

Then, he continued to listen with great enthusiasm.

"The Young Master earned his place as a true disciple by surviving the Resist the Three Calamities in Southern Yue, especially because the third calamity merged with a major Human Dao calamity, creating a difficulty that was unimaginably high, yet the Young Master still managed to break through, a truly rare sight in hundreds of years."

"However, you may not know, Young Master, that the way Master Taixuan entered the sect was very similar to yours."

"Knowing that he missed the Immortal Fate, Master Taixuan, in order to compensate, taught himself the Spirit Treasure skills and then used these skills to search for the Penglai Sea. Throughout the journey, he went through many trials and tribulations, teetering on the brink of death, ultimately surviving two major calamities, and outside the sect's Mountain Gate, he dissolved the third calamity, successfully moving Ma Yi Immortal and was taken into the sect."

"After that, Master Taixuan's cultivation advanced unstoppably. No matter what Divine Power Skill he practiced, it never failed in his hands."

"Master Yu Chen, who cultivated thirteen sorts, was considered defying the heavens. According to him, Senior Brother Taixuan cultivated even more divine skills, all of which were more powerful."

"Even Master Yan Demon privately admitted that he was no match for Master Taixuan, suggesting that the two had clashed."

"By the way, Master Taixuan has already reached the Great Perfection of the Perfect Transcend Mortality Realm."

At this point, the Nursing Woman Bird Demons suddenly looked at Tao Qian with an odd expression.

Their eyes were full of sympathy and pity.

Tao Qian instantly understood the implication: out of the eighteen true disciples up to now, except for him, all were in the Transcend Mortality Realm.

Moreover, he, Master Tao, had just achieved Foundation Establishment not long ago.

In comparison, it was indeed somewhat embarrassing.

"As for the cultivation realms of the true disciples, it's not really the Young Master's fault."

"The list of each generation's true disciples has to be reported to the Spirit Treasure Ancestor outside the realm to be recognized, but the Ancestor does not always listen to the reports from the Immortal Elders."

"One must wait for the heavenly stars to reach a specific position for the sect to communicate with the Ancestor, hence ceremonies like the True Inheritance Ceremony and the Ten Thousand Immortals Ceremony are not held at fixed times, often brought forward or delayed, usually delayed."

"Like this time, the other seventeen true disciples, in fact, all suppressed their cultivation levels, especially Master Taixuan. If he could cultivate normally, he would have become a Cavernous Mystery Realm existence long ago."

"It's just a pity that without the True Inheritance Ceremony, including for the Young Master himself, no true disciple can receive the Ancestor Master's Teachings and cultivate the Spirit Treasure Great Volume."

"In this respect, ordinary Spirit Treasure Disciples do have some advantage; as long as they enter Transcend Mortality and accumulate sufficient merit, they can choose from the 'Nine Classics and Thirteen Skills' to practice."

"Fortunately, it won't be postponed for too long, the True Inheritance Ceremony is coming soon."

"Although the Young Master is temporary at the end, obtaining 'Ancestor Master's Teachings,' and being the chief disciples of Duobao Lord, your Dao Path will inevitably be smooth and immeasurable."

Tao Qian did not expect these Bird Demons to actually give him some nice words.

At the same time, Tao Qian was surprised to hear another secret he was not aware of.

Ancestor Master's Teachings!

Tao Qian pondered these four characters in his mind for a few breaths.

Then shaking his head, he also remembered the strange reaction of the Nursing Woman Bird Demons when they heard about the visit from Li Changle.

However, this time, Tao Qian did not directly ask.

Instead, as he sent the Bird Demons away, he suddenly presented them with a pile of gifts while transmitting a Divine Thought their way.

Hearing the transmission, the Bird Demons immediately trembled and showed panic.

They even dared not accept the gifts, only "coo-coo-cooing," ready to flee.

But perhaps it was Tao Qian's Beauty Trap that took effect, or the gifts were too many and too tempting. After flying a short distance, the Bird Demons flew back to take the gifts, then swiftly soared into the clouds, vanishing without a trace.

Seeing this scene, Tao Qian immediately revealed a smile.

Then, he remembered the reminder given by his Master.

Looking up at the sky and then turning back to gaze deeply at the increasingly splendid, unbelievable scenery of the Immortal Cave Mansion within the island, he thought.

"This island is mine, and indeed, it should be subdued sooner rather than later."

"I think today is a good day; why not claim everything now?"

As these two sentences left his mouth, a surge of boldness rose in Tao Qian's heart.

He turned his head and instructed Zhong Doudou, saying:

"Dou Dou, go now to the Star Membrane Secret Realm and invite your sisters here."

Chapter 207: Ancestor Master's Teachings Hide Profound Mystery, Crystal Demon Collects a Hundred Women in Two Mansions (Major Chapter!)\_4

"All the treasures in the Water Mansion, you may take them all."

Having just returned from training, Jiushou was surprised to find that his Dragon Nest on Treasure Mountain was still there, thinking that there might be some turn of luck.

He barely had time to be happy before he suddenly heard these two sentences, and so Jiushou could only watch helplessly as the Crystal Demon Girl took the treasure bag. With flushed cheeks and a flick of her delicate hand, she emptied his Dragon Nest.

In that instant, Jiushou felt as if his gallbladder had burst.

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Ascending Immortal Island, broad daylight.

Adjacent to Cloud Mist Marsh, in the central area, there was a dark ancient mountain.

This mountain was unnamed, situated precisely at the heart of Ascending Immortal Island, only slightly shorter than the Immortal Mountains of Flame, Yunhua, and Ice Pot but far broader and more massive. The land enshrouded by its shadow, no matter the time of day, seemed eternally gloomy and eerie. Indeed, as the Invisibility Demon had said, ghostly shadows thrived and Alien Species lurked everywhere within those shadows.

Hidden deep within this ancient mountain was an extremely old, primitive mansion.

It resembled a barbaric palace or a shrine for sacrificial worship.

If Tao Qian were to consider only this mansion, he would feel it did not fit with the character of Ascending Immortal Island at all, rather out of place.

Yet when viewed as a whole, it was strangely harmonious, even adding a layer of mystery to the Immortal Island.

Having the Ascending Immortal Token in hand, Tao Qian knew a bit more about the details of this second mansion.

"Integrating the Ancient Divine Forbidden Skill into the Immortal Ban, thoroughly compensating for the flawed veins in the island's Big Array, causing its power to surge."

"I couldn't be certain before, but now that I've regained control over the Mystic Netherworld True Water Meridian Suppression Great Prohibition, I can confirm that once I subjugate the whole island, with the Ascending Immortal Token controlling the prohibition, even a cultivator of the Perfect Cavernous Mystery Realm wouldn't be able to touch me. A single misstep, and they might even be killed by me."

"As for the common Cavernous Mystery cultivators, ha, I don't even need the whole island. Once I reclaim the [Twelve Ancient Nuoshen Sha Great Prohibition] representing the wind veins, I can trap and kill such adversaries."

As these two thoughts flashed through his mind, Tao Qian was already leading a group directly into the domain of this ancient mountain.



At that moment, a terrifying change occurred in the region.

All the shadows seemed to come to life, simultaneously surging towards Tao Qian and the others.

In an instant, everyone, including Little Age, Lian Jing'er, Shan Jiu, and the newly joined Jiushou, as well as a large group of Dragon Species followers, all showed signs of discomfort.

Numerous inexplicable "symptoms" appeared on them.

Such as various diseases, plagues, or experiencing headaches and fevers, even directly falling into nightmares, and suddenly howling in pain from the invisible Gu Worms' poison.

Even Tao Qian himself began to feel his mind thundering at this moment.

More horrifying, however, was the sudden appearance of a total of twelve beastly shadows that sprang from the depths of the ancient mountain's Cave Mansion.

Each beastly shadow was mountainously huge and bizarrely shaped, as if each one had traveled through from an ancient Barbaric World.

The "evil beast" described by the Invisibility Demon, with a tiger's head and human body and long elbows on all four limbs, was among them.

As these twelve beastly shadows, each ferociously vicious, made their appearance.

Jiushou and the rest of the Dragon Species Clan, at this moment, became useless.

Their noble Dragon Clan bloodline could not help them; they still felt instinctively sick and afraid.

Some of the more fragile ones began to Mutate and rot right on the spot.

Seeing this scene, Tao Qian showed no change in expression but even revealed a hint of a smile, saying,

"This prohibition has been left unattended for so long, yet not only has it not lost effectiveness, but it has also bred plenty of Evil Spirits and Ghost Plagues, enhancing the prohibition's power."

"Very good, very good. Taking control of it might even be smoother than taking over the Dragon Marsh Water Mansion."

As soon as he finished speaking, Tao Qian turned his head to nod at someone behind him.

Then he spoke softly,

"Now, you may take action, these Evil Spirits and Ghost Plagues are for you to disperse."

"These Twelve Ancient Nuoshen Beasts are for me."

The moment Tao Qian finished his words, a series of delicate shouts suddenly rang out from behind him.

Then, over a hundred dazzling, brilliant figures leaped up fiercely.

Bathed in the sun's glory, one saw about a hundred girls similar to Zhong Doudou appear mid-air. Their bodies were slender, their faces pretty, and their hair came in various colors. Each had four delicate Crystal Corners, their skin pale as crystal, looking just like Spirit Crystal Immortals born of heaven and earth.

The originally dark and terrifying ancient mountain, at this moment, with the arrival of these hundred Crystal Demon Clan girls, immediately became bright and radiant.

Chapter 208: Tao Qian Takes Command of the Divine Evil Ban, A Nursing Mother Gives a Devil Pearl at Midnight

Tao Qian gave the command, and suddenly the dark and terrifying Nameless Ancient Mountain transformed into Treasure Mountain, with a hundred Zhong Doudou-like Crystal Demon Girls descending amidst a shower of star dust.

Each of them also transformed their clothing, although it was a haphazard imitation of the dresses worn by the female fairies of their sect; they seemed to have various temperaments and conjured some

unique flairs, gathering together, chirping and chattering, bustling with excitement. After receiving the command, their delicate shouts thoroughly dispelled the devilish qi in the area.

"Yes, Young Master."

"Silly Doudou actually didn't lie this time. Young Master really is quite handsome."

"It's just not fragrant enough, can't eat."

"Fool, that's because Young Master has just completed his Foundation Establishment. The No-leak Body has been sealed, of course you can't get a trace of the Immortal Spiritual Qi."

"Don't rush, don't rush, once the Young Master Transcends Mortality, he will definitely become extremely fragrant."

"It's more fun here than in the Secret Realm. After this ends, I must find a way to linger here, hehe."

"Dummy, you spoke your mind again. If Silly Doudou hears that, she'll definitely make things difficult for you."

It was as if many larks had come to the mountain, chirping and chattering, when suddenly they transformed into bright flashes of Crystal Light, quickly forming a circular array that encircled the entire mountain.

From a distance, it seemed as if Tao Qian had released a Magical Treasure, covering the entire Ancient Mountain.

The mountain, which had erupted like a tidal wave and a volcano due to intruders, saw its countless Evil Spirits and Ghost Plagues suddenly restrained at that moment.

Simultaneously, Tao Qian's mind stirred.

The Buddha Bird Relics leapt out on their own, bathing the mountain in a Ten Thousand Feet of Buddha Light, rendering it as if it were the Spiritual Mountain.

"This time, I still request the Buddha Ape Guardian to take action."

Tao Qian chanted a Buddhist invocation, and from within the relic, the Sky-Supporting Ancient Ape clad in Kasaya and forming a Dharma Seal leaped out once again, merging instantly with Tao Qian.

As this scene unfolded, the Twelve Ancient Nuo Divine Beasts had yet to make any move.

Behind them, Jiushou shuddered.

Before his surrender, he was the fearsome Jiushou Dragon King, ruler of the Great Marsh on Ascending Immortal Island.

Unfortunately, his years of glory had vanished in an encounter with that ancient ape.

It had happened just yesterday, so Jiushou's recollection was incredibly convenient, with the details vivid in his mind.

"Talking about Buddha this and Buddha that. I've seen those bald monks a few times from afar, none were as fierce; which Buddhist Sect's protector could twist off someone's head so savagely."

"It's common for our Master to deceive people."

"Thankfully, it wasn't my turn to suffer this time, but those twelve plague beasts."

"How wonderful, those twelve plague beasts have bullied me, Jiushou, several times before. Now it's shared aloud, hehe."

At this moment, Jiushou retained the appearance of a burly Great Man, laughing heartily like a simple-minded buffoon.

In the next instant, Tao Qian, merged with the Buddha Ape, took action against the twelve ancient beasts.

Had one not known the specifics, Tao Qian might have had some reservations.

But he had foreseen the origins of the twelve ancient beasts, so upon this contact, he directly adopted the most ferocious combat strategy.

With a single step forward, the Barbaric Ancient Mountain shook violently.

Those piercing Ape Eyes Buddha Eyes instantly locked onto a tiger-headed humanoid called "Qiangliang" among the old beasts, without sparing a glance at the other eleven.

"Roar!"

It was as if a roar had traveled through the Barbaric World, stunning the twelve beasts in place momentarily.

Tao Qian seized this opportunity to close the distance.

His furry ape arms suddenly grabbed Qiangliang, exerted immense strength, and forcibly slammed it into the mountain.

The remaining eleven beasts took the chance to attack.

But Tao Qian ignored them completely, stepping on them and swinging his arms like pendulums, followed by a scene so vivid that it made anyone who saw it feel phantom pains all over.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The continuous loud impacts were relentless.

In a mere moment or two, no one could count how many times that beast called Qiangliang had been struck by the Buddha Ape's hammer.

It was fortunate that the mountain was protected by Forbidden Techniques; otherwise, it would likely have been smashed through.

During this period, the attacks of the other eleven beasts on Tao Qian were like tickling, completely ineffective against his Protective Buddha Light.

Tao Qian utilized the "Great Freedom Nirvana Divine Spell" to command the Buddha Bird Relics, although it did not release the true Great Freedom Body Protection Divine Power.

But comparatively, it was not much different.



If someone had been controlling these twelve ancient beasts under the Forbidden Techniques, the situation would have been entirely different.

Unfortunately, the Ascending Immortal Token was in Tao Qian's hands.

These twelve Ancient Nuo Divine Beasts, and those Ghost Plagues, were nothing but hollow shells.

Finally, after a particular hammering, accompanied by a "crack" sound.

That majestic-bodied divine beast, Qiangliang, shattered.

Like a giant statue violently smashed apart, it burst open and transformed into a faint glow, swiftly soaring back into the depths of Ancient Mountain, into a place extremely primitive and veritable, echoing a Divine Temple or a Cave Mansion within Bie Fu.

"Good, that's the first one."

Tao Qian shouted loudly, turning around with a Dharma Seal in hand.

His gaze immediately locked onto the second Ancient Nuo Divine Beast.

This beast, called "Qiong Qi," resembled a tiger with wings, its body covered in stiff needle-like hair.

It was much fiercer than the first beast, but unfortunately, it also couldn't unleash any Divine Powers.

Relying solely on its body, it was no match for a Sky-Supporting Ancient Ape.

Quickly, just like the man-headed tiger Qiangliang, it was forcefully pressed into the mountain by Tao Qian, the ape arms hammering it, causing it to continuously emit pained howls like a wild dog in pain.

In just another few moments, this beast too broke apart into a dim glow, rolling back into Bie Fu.

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Tao Qian no longer spoke, focusing instead on the third head.

Having touched upon it, Tao Qian had already verified the information given by the Ascending Immortal Token. These twelve Ancient Nuo Divine Beasts were not actually alive, they were creatures borne from a shred of "Beast Evil" incubated by Fairy Yunhua using the twelve ancient divine beasts.

It was normal, after all, the origins of these twelve divine beasts were truly immense.

Had they been captured to serve as Guardian Mountain Beasts, they wouldn't have ended up on his Ascending Immortal Island.

At the very least, it would have been the Golden Radiance Arena of his Master, Duobao True Monarch, that would have the qualifications.

Knowing this, Tao Qian had no reservations. His methods could be even more violent. He just needed to scatter these Beast Evils and let them return to the mansion to incubate, naturally allowing Tao Qian to reclaim the Great Prohibition.

While Tao Qian was battering the Beast Evils, he still had time to glance through the corner of his eye towards other parts of the mountain.

Apart from the twelve Ancient Nuo Divine Beasts, many evil spirits and ghosts in the mountain were also reflected in Tao Qian's eyes.

It was indeed strange. Tao Qian had experienced chaotic times in Southern Yue, even witnessing massive slaughters of the Human Clan by demons intending to establish the Earth Devil Country. He had seen all sorts of demonic dances.

Even so, the many scenes in this mountain broadened Tao Qian's horizons immensely.

Ordinary demons in this place could be said to be the least unusual.

Tao Qian also saw some "Charms" that existed between nothingness and reality, or signs of ominous omens, or actual manifestations of "Plagues" in the form of black gas or twisted light. Invisible to the naked eye, their shapes were terrifying, or worms that could drag one into nightmares...

The world's evil seemed to have gathered in this mountain.

"Legends say that in the Ancient Era, when the Human Clan struggled to survive, they faced not only endless Demon and Monster Alien Species but also had to confront plagues, charms, omens, curses, nightmares, crucifixions, parasites, giants, Gu worms, and other evil spirits and ghosts."

"These threats were usually hidden and intangible, hard to guard against."

"Therefore, the 'Ancient Nuo Ceremony' ceremony was born to dispel the ghost plague."

"The Twelve Ancient Nuoshen Sha Great Prohibition derives from this. If an external enemy invades, these hidden and intangible ghost plagues could not only kill but also induce the enemy to mutate into fallen demons... Its ingenious uses, on many occasions, are even better than the vast and overpowering Water Vein Restriction, which could suppress thousands of troops."

"Of course, there are also destroyer entities."

The idea flashed through Tao Qian's mind as he saw the countless, extremely eerie evil spirits and ghosts simultaneously encountering their destroyer.

No matter how they tried to erode, the hundred girls, seemingly purely made of gemstones or crystal stones, remained utterly indifferent.

Their bodies were uncorroded, uninfected, and their minds and divine souls neither mutated nor fallen.

These girls seemed forever crystal clear.

Under the radiance of the sun, their bodies even scattered "Star Shard" like speckles of light, extraordinarily mystical.

The filthiest, most bizarre things in the world came flooding in like a tide.

Yet they found no entry point to erode; instead, they were toyed with and crushed by these girls.

In this terrifying mountain, all one could hear was that crisp, pleasant laughter.

It was indeed a case of one thing subduing another!

The Crystal Demon Clan was flawless and unblemished, impervious to fire and water, immune to weirdness, and Tao Qian using them here was simply perfect.

The crystal lights they emitted connected with each other, circling the Ancient Mountain, and solidified into a tremendously large "Star Ring."

It blocked the inside from the outside, driving away evil.

Seeing this scene, Tao Qian was completely reassured.

A double-pronged strategy!

He and the hundred Crystal Clan girls.

One side was violently brutal, the other fresh and natural.

But both were quickly advancing step by step towards the deep parts of the Ancient Mountain, towards the [Ancient Nuo Mansion].

Compared to when he subjugated the Dragon Marsh Water Mansion, this time was outright upright, without any tricks or schemes, entirely relying on his own strength.

For this reason, this scene made Jiushou, the former master of the Water Mansion, feel quite fortunate.

"Fortunately, yesterday the Master used his methods and took away the Water Mansion, cutting off my many inclinations, preventing a desperate struggle."

"These twelve Plague Beasts, merely transformed from Beast Evils, even if they die, it's in vain as they can resurrect indefinitely."

"If I had faced such a spectacle, wouldn't I have been scared shitless? If riled up, this ruthless Master might just twist off my nine heads, to feed those three weird little things."

"Ferocious, truly ferocious."

"Though the Master is currently only in the Foundation Establishment Realm, he possesses such unbelievable divine powers and is also the first disciple of Duobao True Monarch, valued by Yunhua Immortal, and even given this Ascending Immortal Island... My goodness, the path of Dao is limitless."

"I, Jiushou, although I didn't become a disciple of any Spirit Treasure Immortal Master, it seems impossible to enter the Cavernous Mystery Realm."

"But that was before, now I just need to closely follow the Master's steps, perhaps there really will be a day for my Chicken and Dog Ascension."

This thought flickered through his mind as the robust Great Man, bearing eight fierce heads along with one huge scarred neck, chuckled to himself.

Yet, no one could have expected.

This Nine-headed Worm didn't need Tao Qian to harshly discipline it; it had already psychologically conditioned itself.

At this moment, a final muffled sound resonated through the Ancient Mountain.

Accompanied by a familiar snapping noise, Tao Qian smashed the last Beast Evil, "Teng Jian."

The dim light returned to the mansion!

A clear path immediately appeared before Tao Qian.

He couldn't be bothered with those trying to invade his Buddha Ape body; with a stretch of his ape arms, he swatted away all the black gaseous ghosts and Gu worms.

He took out the Ascending Immortal Token and gave it a shake.

The obstructive primitive divine light standing in his way immediately dispersed.

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Tao Qian returned to his human form, riding auspicious clouds directly into the ancient Cave Mansion.

Having previously encountered the opulence of Dragon Marsh Mansion, an abode truly befitting an Immortal, Tao Qian's expectations were inevitably raised.

However, it didn't take long for this unique Bie Fu to surprise Tao Qian expressively.

Compared to the Water Mansion, which could be truly called a "Dragon Palace," this mansion in the mountain was quite simply modest.

Tao Qian strode in, and although the path grew increasingly wider, it was wholly primitive. There were no buildings or pavilions, not even a candle for light—the deeper he went, the darker and more secluded it became, filled with rugged, strange rocks.

Upon reaching the deepest part of the Bie Fu, the first thing to catch his eye were twelve immensely gigantic beast-shaped sculptures.

They were situated around an ancient altar at the core, with flags fluttering and fire swirling.

As Tao Qian ascended the altar, the Ascending Immortal Token leapt up on its own, and from those twelve beast-shaped sculptures, a shadow of Divine Beasts surged out simultaneously. Enveloped with a ferocious evil aura, they collided into the token.

At the same moment, many Evil Spirits and Ghost Plagues, repelled by the Star Ring from the mountains, surged in like an incessant "Black Tide" from outside the mansion. They then morphed into wisps of black vapor, seamlessly merging with the entire mansion, the altar, and the rugged mansion walls.

"It's done!"

Tao Qian's face beamed with joy as he now repossessed the second Forbidden Mansion, one with distinctive traits of Ascending Immortal Island.

The moment he reassumed control of the "Twelve Ancient Nuoshen Sha Great Prohibition," Tao Qian had understood the Power of this prohibition.

Scenes on how to confront enemies naturally emerged in his mind.

"If foes come another day, whether single or in groups, those who might break through the Water Vein Great Prohibition might not necessarily pass this obstacle."

"The moment those Evil Spirits and Ghost Plagues swarm forward, neither body nor mind nor Divine Soul can escape corruption and defilement. Even experts with resilient Dao Heart, as time passes, will also be caught in the Dao."

"Not to mention the Twelve Ancient Nuoshen Beasts. Should I control the Forbidden Technique, each one of them could unleash the Bloodline Divine Power characteristic of the Divine Beasts."

"Aunt Yunhua truly possesses extraordinary skills in Forbidden Techniques and Arrays, ingeniously integrating ancient Nuoshen tricks into the Big Array. With Mystic Netherworld True Water as the Water Vein and the Ancient Nuoshen Sha as the Wind Vein, all I need is to also seize the Earth Vein Great Prohibition, then this Immortal Island will completely belong to me."

As these thoughts flashed through Tao Qian's mind, his gaze suddenly fell upon the extremely tall and vast walls surrounding the altar.

Under the illumination of the firelight, a series of extremely bizarre and ancient murals emerged.

These murals depicted the ancestors of the Human Clan using powers derived from Demons and Abnormalities during their savage battles in the primitive era.

Some were bearable to look at, but others caused goosebumps, chilling to the bone.

Especially those with the theme of "borrowing power," the most disgusting and terrifying, including dissection, Parasitism, crossbreeding... and even some more indescribable scenes.

As Tao Qian and the others who entered with him gazed onward, most were fine.

Mermaid Sha Nu'er, who was not combatant and only engaged in production, after watching a bit longer, suddenly let out a wail and, right before everyone, nearly underwent Mutation.

Seeing this, Tao Qian resolved the danger for Sha Nu'er and simply waved his hand to have them leave this place.

Compared to Dragon Marsh Water Mansion, this mansion indeed was not fit for habitation.

However, Tao Qian felt some interest and after observing a while, speculated:

"Most things within this mansion, including these murals, are likely moved here by Yunhua Immortal from elsewhere."

"Perhaps they originally came from some ancient relic?"

While Tao Qian speculated, he continued observing the murals.

Having entered the path of Cultivation for no short period, his insights also grew daily.

However, in comparison to the vast Cultivation World and its long history, Tao Qian considered himself "limited in knowledge," which was quite an accurate self-assessment.

Subduing the various Abnormalities and Beast Evils during the day had taken some time, and Tao Qian hadn't observed long before Ascending Immortal Island quickly turned to night again.

As he was engrossed in the murals, suddenly, a few "cooing" sounds came from outside the Cave Mansion.

Tao Qian snapped out of his reverie and quickly guessed the visitors from the cooing sounds.

"It seems those generous gifts weren't given in vain."

Muttering to himself, Tao Qian instantly shifted outside the mansion.

Indeed, the Nursing Woman Bird Demons who had bid farewell during the day had returned in the deep of night.

However, in this terrifying Ancient Mountain, although Tao Qian met a couple of scantily clad Female Demons, the atmosphere wasn't amorous at all.

These Female Demons lacked their day-time enthusiasm and didn't cling to him, demanding to share his bed for sleep.

Seeing Tao Qian's appearance, the Female Demons first showed surprise, evidently astonished that Tao Qian had subdued another Forbidden Mansion in such a short time.

Unexpectedly, they didn't act as overly zealous as they had during the day.

Instead, after a moment's hesitation, they really rushed up like birds, stuffing some bloody, slimy, cold, and bizarre objects into his hands while simultaneously whispering in his ear:

"Young Master, having seen these secrets, remember to destroy the evidence and don't reveal our plight, those of us poor birds."

"In truth, these aren't too secretive; many True Masters in the sect are aware, but they mostly hear about them and haven't witnessed them personally."

"Young Master, do not panic after seeing this. Since Duobao True Monarch hasn't warned, these matters might mean nothing to you."

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After hearing these somewhat incomprehensible words, Tao Qian felt an eeriness.

As he opened his palm, looking at the flesh-and-blood muddled eyeballs still connected by sinews, his expression froze momentarily.