

## Longevity 211

Chapter 211: Spirit Elephant Swallows 100000 People, Tao Qian Suddenly Learns Absolute Immortal's Secret

Ascending Immortal Island, Dark Ancient Mountain.

Outside the Beast Slaughter Mansion, Tao Qian was meeting with several Nursing Woman Bird Demons, their chests exposed and their fur smooth.

As daylight departed, Tao Qian didn't speak directly, but about the matter of Daoist Alcohol and Meat, he sent a telepathic inquiry to them.

Initially, he had frightened the birds away, but after bestowing many gifts to placate them, an agreement was reached. The Bird Demons took the edible gifts and agreed to return to Ascending Immortal Island in the dead of night to resolve the doubts in his heart.

It's just that Tao Qian had never expected their solution would be like this.

They stuffed several eyeballs, bloody and looking very fresh, into his hand, then mysteriously each said their piece.

"In this Mountain Gate, many despise us, yet Young Master, being new here, did not get annoyed by our revealing your secrets; we ought to repay, to form a good bond with Young Master."

"The usage of these eyeballs is simple, just swallow them. If you dislike them being bloody, you can summon Immortal Fire to roast them a bit, which will make them look nicer."

"If Young Master can't use them all, don't keep them, just destroy them immediately."

"Congratulations, Young Master, on subduing another mansion. Off I go, off I go, about to spread some fame for Young Master immediately."

"Ah yes, this object is called Nursing Woman's Whistle, Young Master, if you wish to summon us in the future, just blow this whistle."

While speaking, another Bird Demon stepped forward and stuffed a slender, pale bone whistle, tinged with a crimson hue, into Tao Qian's hand.

Afterward, these several Female Demons didn't listen to Tao Qian's entreaties to stay, but flapped their wings and flew into the night sky disappearing into the clouds in an instant.

As Tao Qian watched the eyeballs with a conflicted face, a very unexpected record burst forth in his mind.

[Name: Nursing Woman Demon Eye.]

[Record Type: Alien.]

[Record: Nursing Woman Birds are an Alien Species of the Demon Clan, lacking offensive capabilities. However, in the art of 'intrusion,' this type of demon indeed possesses exceptional talent. Hence, even several Bloodline Divine Powers were derived, one of which is called 'Evil Exorcism.' Since they often spy on the private affairs of other beings, sometimes they see some horrifying, sinister scenes, causing contamination to themselves. At this time, they can cast this Divine Power, sealing all those scenes' aura within the eyeballs, before digging the eyeballs out to rid themselves of all mutated contamination.]

[Note One: Accompanying the Evil Exorcism Divine Power is another Regeneration Divine Power, meaning even if the eyes are dug out multiple times, new eyeballs can be generated instantly.]

[Note Two: Swallowing a Demon Eye allows one to briefly step into the perspective of a Nursing Woman Bird Demon and re-experience the spying process, also subjecting oneself to the mutated contamination within the Demon Eye.]

[Note Three: This Demon Eye also has other wonderful uses; it can be employed in refining and Refining Treasure, although the contamination is hard to remove, and the failure rate is also extremely high.]

[Note Four: All contaminations can be exempted!]

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"No wonder these birds ran away so fast, are they afraid I'd ask about the origin of the eyeballs?"

Tao Qian looked dumbfounded and shook his head.

In his mind, the image of those several Female Demons cruelly digging out eyes involuntarily surfaced.

Then he realized he faced a troubling matter, holding a total of six bloody eyeballs in his hand.

Which one, which pair, relates to the secret intrigue Tao Qian was curious about?

Or perhaps, all of them were related.

Tao Qian frowned, ultimately unable to resist the curiosity in his heart, he summoned a wisp of Spirit Treasure Immortal Fire with a thought. This was the "Summoning Fire Technique," not particularly rare or powerful, only slightly more miraculous than Mortal Fire.

Similar to the previously self-taught Sweet Rain Skill and Auspicious Cloud Skill Tao Qian had learned, it was one of the Divine Power Skills that most Disciples of the Lingbao could learn by themselves.

However, the difference was that due to reasons such as possessing an Innate Dao Seed, Tao Qian learned it exceptionally thoroughly.

The six bloody Nursing Woman Bird eyeballs, roasted by Immortal Fire, underwent a magical transformation immediately.

A dim light flashed, and suddenly, Tao Qian's palm was filled with six translucent, crimson objects resembling pomegranate seeds.

Moreover, they even emitted faint, tempting fragrances.

Smelling them, Tao Qian couldn't help but think of swallowing them.

"Let's see, what secrets make these several Female Demons so mysteriously skittish, like startled birds."

While speaking, Tao Qian had already pinched a large pomegranate seed and tossed it directly into his mouth.

If he were still in his previous life, knowing he was swallowing a bird's eyeball, he might have felt disgusted.

But here, having seen many bizarre occurrences, even having witnessed and overturned the Fragrant Meat Collection, a single eyeball roasted by Immortal Fire wasn't too significant.

Besides, after the Devil Pearl entered his mouth, the aroma, texture, and taste were all quite pleasing.

It was like a draught of cool, sweet water suddenly flowed into his stomach.

The next moment, Tao Qian felt his head spin, his eyes blurred with mist, and when he looked again, the world around him seemed to transform.

In a daze, Tao Qian felt as if he was changing bodies and identities.

Slowly, he was merging with a "Nursing Woman Bird."

And this Bird Demon, currently lingering outside an Immortal Island, after just a few breaths of hesitation, knew the way to avoid some minor prohibitions around the periphery of the island. Soon after, she hid at the edge of the clouds; a pair of Nursing Woman Demon eyes suddenly emitted a crimson, dim light and incredibly penetrated the island's mist, beginning to view the Inner Island's scenes.

Seeing this, Tao Qian couldn't help but laugh wryly, internally retorting:

"Well, either these several Female Demons are truly familiar with me, showing me even their working process, or they have no sense of shame at all... How fortunate they are, having a strong backing, to usually act like this without getting killed?"

Just having finished muttering, Tao Qian shivered with a familiar coldness.

Then, he was exempt from merging entirely with this Nursing Woman Bird Demon.

Merely as an "onlooker," he stood beside the Female Demon, jointly spying on that Inner Island scenery.

Chapter 212: Spirit Elephant Swallows 100,000 People, Tao Qian Suddenly Learns Absolute Immortal's Secret\_2

The Immortal Island was flat and open, and its master was a Great Man with the head of an elephant, draped in a dark cyan Daoist robe.

He was clearly an Elder of the Spirit Treasure Sect, and by his appearance, his true form seemed to be that of a Spirit Elephant. As a mutated being entering the Dao of cultivation, he not only attained the Spirit Treasure Method, but he also possessed at least the cultivation of Cavernous Mystery.

Perhaps because of this, this Immortal Master had bred a large number of his own kind on the island.

There were Ancient Elephants with massive bodies covered in hair, White Elephants with snow-white bodies and eyes aglow with Spirit Light, and Armored Elephants with scales and armor, their horns like sharp spears... They lived in groups, breeding and multiplying on this island, a sight that would take anyone's breath away.

Without any buffering, without any forewarning.

The moment he took in the whole scene, Tao Qian suddenly witnessed a sight of extreme terror and disgust:

The Immortal Master sitting cross-legged on the highest elephant platform, for some mishap in his cultivation, abruptly opened his eyes, and within them was an intense and undissolvable bloodlust and desire to devour.

With a bellowing roar of "Moo," the Immortal Master suddenly revealed his true form.

No, it was his mutated true form.

It was a grotesque giant elephant, half flesh, half bone, and in between the bones and flesh, mounds of maggots writhed crazily. With a shake of his body, a white sea of maggots poured down like a flood.

Hearing that their Ancestor had changed, numerous Elephant Demons with awakened Spiritual Wisdom rushed towards the towering Elephant Mountain.

They suddenly saw a terrifying elephant head emerge from the mountain, with blood-red eyes like twin blood moons hovering over the Immortal Island. Its large ears unfurled like membranous wings, and with tusks thrusting into the sky, the rough and robust elephant trunk extended limitlessly with a hiss, scooping up the approaching herd of elephants and stuffing them into its mouth.

Chewing sounds that would shake one to their core and turn their teeth sour rang out immediately, echoing throughout the Immortal Island known as "Spirit Elephant Dojo."

In a short while, aside from the mutated and fallen Spirit Elephant Elder, no other life remained on the island.



Blood mist lingered all over the island; a stench rose in the air, with corpses of giant elephants everywhere, maggots mounded like hills, and swarms of flies as dense as clouds. Where was the wonder of the Spirit Elephants to be found? This was nothing short of hell on earth.

And more terrifying was that the Immortal Master, having eaten all the Elephant Clan on the island, roared without care, seeking to break out from the Immortal Island in search of more prey.

Only moments later, blocked by forbidden techniques, he stomped his feet in a roar and crushed half of the Immortal Island under his feet.

With a flap of his membranous wings, he actually leapt into the sky, like a demon from purgatory soaring above the clouds, with that monstrous mouth capable of swallowing a hundred thousand from the Human Clan agape, the entire world seemed to roll over because of this...

"Hiss,"

Tao Qian woke up in the midst of drawing a sharp breath.

In his mind, a tremulous and lingering voice echoed:

"Let the Young Master know, this happened ten years ago."

"The Spirit Elephant Immortal Master mutated due to a mishap in his magic skill, and in one night he devoured his own hundred thousand descendants, along with his kin of the Elephant Clan."

"A being like the Spirit Elephant Immortal Master is called within our Sect... the Absolute Immortal!"

"The Ancestor once said, all matters of cultivation come with a price."

"If one has fallen to such a state, then the only option is to struggle desperately for a chance to survive."

"Because our clan is quite special within the Mountain Gate, inside the clan there is a list called [Absolute Immortal List], where the Alcohol and Meat Immortal Master, Li Changle, is included."

"Those who have reached the state of Absolute Immortal typically do not show themselves to others. They either get confined by the Sect due to their inability to suppress their mutation, or they hide in their own Daoist Field using various methods to suppress the mutation and decay, waiting for the 'Ten Thousand Immortals Coming' event, and at that grand assembly of the Ten Thousand Immortals, they struggle for a sliver of chance to live."

"As such, normally, the Absolute Immortals would not harm the Mountain Gate or the disciples, but there are always exceptions."

"Hundreds of years ago, there was an Immortal who mutated too quickly, and because the Magic Skill he cultivated was too powerful, after losing control, he directly devoured many disciples and destroyed seven or eight Immortal Islands, eventually being subdued and killed by a Second Generation Ancestor."

"Since then, the rules concerning the Absolute Immortals have become even more strict. Many of our clan members have been devoured for peering into the secrets of the Absolute Immortals, which is why everyone panicked upon hearing that the Alcohol and Meat Immortal Master had come to visit that day."

As these voices fell, Tao Qian's doubts were immediately answered.

At the same time, some of his views were being reshaped.

Tao Qian stood outside the Bie Fu, his brow slightly furrowed as he looked at the remaining five Devil Pearls in his hand.

"In Seeking Immortal County, I began my cultivation, witnessing many oddities and brutalities, completely understanding that first iron law of the Cultivation World: all matters of cultivation come with a price."

"After that, whether it was the Joyful Pavilion, the Iron Buddha Temple, or the Fragrant Meat Collection, all deepened this impression."

"Until I faced the Third Calamity, and Dou Dou led the Heavenly Punishment Three Immortal Treasures to me, guiding me into the Spirit Treasure Sect. After entering the Sect, I saw scenes of the Immortal Family wherever I went. I originally thought that in such a Major Sect of the Daoist way, I might avoid the style of cruel cultivation and step into a truly ethereal and carefree journey of Cultivation."

"Clearly, I was mistaken."

"Even the Spirit Treasure Sect is the same, and perhaps even more terrifying."

"Well then, it's time I completely cast away those fantasies from my previous life."

"This Cultivation World, in essence, might just be what I saw in Southern Yue, the Iron Buddha Temple, the Fragrant Meat Collection."

With thoughts flashing through Tao Qian's mind, and with curiosity and a notion not to waste, he moved his hand.

Suddenly, he tossed the remaining five Devil Pearls into his mouth and swallowed them.

The moment they entered his mouth, they dissolved instantly, and five streams of chillingly cool, sweet breath surged up.

The familiar feeling of lightheadedness followed, and his vision began to fog.

The world shifted in an instant.

Swiftly, Tao Qian found himself standing beside a Nursing Woman Bird Demon, peeking together at a new Immortal Island.

This time the owner of the Immortal Island was an Elder of the Sect called "Willow Immortal."

She first appeared to Tao Qian as a fairy clad in a green dress, lovely in appearance.

Chapter 213: The Spirit Elephant Swallows 100,000 Followers, Tao Qian Suddenly Hears the Secret of the Absolute Immortal\_3

In the Immortal Island known as the Spiritual Willow Dojo, although there were no Spirit Elephants or other Exotic Beasts raised, there was a small kingdom with tens of thousands of people living within. Although it was miniature, the island nation named "Willow Immortal Country" had all the amenities of the Mortal World.

There were peasant villages as well as bustling Capital Cities where the Nobles lived, and there were merchants traveling everywhere. It could be said to have everything one needed for life.

There were some instances of corruption and dirtiness, as seen in the Mortal World, but because a powerful fairy ruled over them, it was much cleaner than the Mortal World.

The common people lived in peace and happiness, truly like living in a Paradise.

Tao Qian learned from the thoughts left in his eyes by the Nursing Woman Bird Demon that, before the catastrophe happened, many people from the Longevity Heavenly Dynasty had been inquiring about the existence of "Willow Immortal Country," all to join and live a carefree life there.

Unfortunately, it all changed that night.

The Willow Immortal, having made a mistake in her Cultivation, mutated and fell into decline, instantly revealing her true form as a gigantic willow tree.

But by then, she was no longer the Willow Immortal; she had become a real Willow Demon.

Overnight, the roots on the island spread wildly, the vines surged chaotically, and before long, hundreds of thousands were drained to skeletons. When the Immortals arrived to suppress her, all they saw were dark as lacquer, tough rough roots, beneath which were mountains of white skeletons and forests of hanging bones.

Following the "Willow Immortal," Tao Qian soon encountered another Immortal of the Cavernous Mystery Realm, called Lady Shi.

She turned herself and the remaining lives on the Island into stone, eventually melding into a Demon Stone that sucked the lifeblood of everything, turning the surrounding sea into a dead zone before the suppressing Immortals could arrive.

Then there was a Sword Cultivator Immortal, whose descent into demonization was even more horrifying. He released a thousand Demon Swords, cutting through heaven and earth, slaughtering all life around to feed his corrupted sword cultivation.

One after another!

Tao Qian, who was completely immune to the mutative contamination, watched without pause the downfall of five Absolute Immortals.

Finally, a familiar scene appeared.

It was the Ultimate Happiness Daoist School of Alcohol and Meat Uncle Li Changle!

His symptoms were clearly much less severe than the others.

However, the scene displayed in Tao Qian's eyes was still incredibly shocking.

There, in the midst of the Wine Pool Meat Forest, filled with pavilions and palaces at the Immortal Island's center, stood a tall mountain.

Atop the mountain grew a very bizarre fruit tree, laden with fruits resembling little people lying back with their bellies exposed and their mouths stretched in laughter—those were the Ultimate Happiness Extending Life Fruits.

Presumably, the tree would be called the Ultimate Happiness Tree.

Beneath the tree lay a Daoist.

If not Li Changle, then who?

But at this moment in Tao Qian's eyes, Li Changle alternated between looking like a person and a large, putrid fish surrounded by a stench-filled cloud, multicolored and rotting.

At the foot of the mountain, in the Wine Pool Meat Forest, were many from the Mortal World who had indulged in pleasure, losing themselves.

Quite a few who were completely muddled climbed in madness toward the Ultimate Happiness Mountain.

Climb the mountain!

Climb the tree!

They wished to pick and eat the fruit, but they never reached the fruit; instead, they died abruptly, drunk upon the tree.

Then, with a flicker of dim light, they turned into new fruits and hung from the tree.



Beneath the tree, the rotting big fish thrashed its tail, and with a "thud," struck the Ultimate Happiness Tree. Then, nearly fifteen fruits fell with a tittering laugh, precisely into the pus and saliva-secreting gaping maws on Li Changle's decaying body.

Whenever a fruit entered his mouth, Li Changle would find some relief and no longer emit painful and mournful screams.

Chapter 214: A Sudden Change in Fire Cave Mansion, Savage Divine Skills Shock Fellow Disciples

In the starry night, beyond the Beast Slaughter Mansion.

Tao Qian's eyes were open wide, his brows furrowing even tighter as he tasted the flavor of Nursing Woman Bird's eyeballs in his mouth, and six horrifying images were still cycling through his mind.

Although he had exempted himself from the mutation contamination, the shock from those images never ceased to affect him.

Despite there being no turmoil or conflict at the moment, Tao Qian was still heavily impacted.

Within his Mustard Seed Talisman Seed, he still had an "Ultimate Happiness Extending Life Fruit" gifted by Li Changle.

Even though his fruit wasn't formed of human transformation, but rather cultivated normally from life span, he still felt an inexplicable nausea.

Digesting the shock from those images, a thought seemed to occur to Tao Qian.

He casually took out his Demon Gourd and shook out the Invisibility Demon, giving it a direct order,

"Go to that Ultimate Happiness Daoist School for me. Don't enter the island, just observe from the outside and report back to me with the results."

"Yes, Master."

The Invisibility Demon responded, then vanished into the Void, leaving no trace behind.

Although the Escape Skills of this demon were inferior to the Star Zha Demons', it was more proficient in various Escape Techniques and operated silently without creating any disturbance.

It wasn't long before the demon returned.

Upon revealing its form, it reported with clasped hands,

"Master, as you commanded, I went to the Ultimate Happiness Immortal Island. The Wine Pool Meat Forest and the towers and palaces are still there, but they were completely deserted."

"A Great Prohibition has been added around the Outer Island, keeping all living beings at bay."

"As for the Alcohol and Meat True Master, I did not see him, nor did I smell his presence."

After stating these results, Tao Qian's face didn't show much surprise.

It seemed he had already had his suspicions.

Indeed, it made sense, according to what the Nursing Woman Bird Demon had said.

A sect's Master who falls into the "Absolute Immortal" condition, if symptoms are not severe, may suppress the mutation within his own Daoist Field.

But if the symptoms are too severe, they would be under house arrest.

"If Uncle Master Li Changle had not shown malicious intent towards me during daylight, with his condition, he should be able to remain in his own Daoist Field."

"But having targeted me and been stopped by my Master, no matter the state of his symptoms, voluntary or not, he likely would be taken to a secret location for confinement."

A thought Flashed through Tao Qian's mind.

Without any unexpected turns, he likely guessed much of the truth.

Those Nursing Woman Bird eyeballs he ate in the dead of night cleared up many doubts in his heart.

Yet things like the Ten Thousand Immortals Conference still eluded him.

However, such matters did not pertain to him at the moment. Having consecutively taken over two mansions, he should seize the opportunity to overtake the third one and completely take control of the Ascending Immortal Island.

With the protection of the ninety-nine levels of Great and small prohibitions on the island, even with his weak Cultivation Realm, he could Cultivate in peace.

Thinking this, Tao Qian stood on a mountain looking far off toward the third mansion.

Deep within the Immortal Island, in front of the towering Immortal Mountains of Flame, Yunhua, and Ice Pot, there was an eerie terrain resembling a basin or perhaps the mouth of a volcano, shunning away all living creatures and covered in fine sand, littered with porous black stones and steaming with fire mists. From within that fiery crater, a fierce, crimson glow surged, threatening to spew forth at any moment with deadly fire capable of annihilating all in its path.

"This is [Fire Cave Mansion], targeting the entire Immortal Island's Water Vein as its core, having stacked countless Forbidden Techniques. Once activated, it could immediately release terrifying things like Absolute Immortal Fierce Fire and Taiyin Green Flame, turning invading enemies into ashes."

"If combined with the Water Vein and Wind Vein prohibitions, it would instantly achieve a unity of water and fire with the wind intensifying the flames, unleashing the vast power of the Water Vein to suppress the enemy."

"Good, truly excellent."

The more Tao Qian looked, the more delighted he became.

Originally, he had planned to venture into the mansion come daylight. Now, caught up in his excitement, although he still hadn't intended to go there personally, it didn't hinder Tao Qian from ordering his subordinates to scout out the mansion.

His gaze then shifted towards the Invisibility Demon who had just returned from the Ultimate Happiness Daoist School. The demon, meeting his master's eyes, immediately understood Tao Qian's meaning.

In his heart, he wanted to vehemently complain but saw Tao Qian unexpectedly showing a rare bit of conscience by tossing him a Heavenly Demon Blood Transformation Pill as compensation, saying,

"Go scout out that Fire Cave Mansion for me, have a look at the reality of the situation."

"This Demon Pill hasn't been cut with anything; consider it your reward."

"Many thanks, Master!"

"It's my fortune to serve you, Master. Speaking of rewards seems too distant."

Though the demon said this, its actions were swift.

It eagerly swallowed the Demon Pill and immediately digested it.

The Cultivation method of the Outer Realm Heaven Demons was quite unique. Although the Invisibility Demon highly coveted it, it still inevitably relied on devouring other demons to advance.

The main ingredient was the Demon Pill of demons, an irresistible bait for most low-level Heaven Demons.

Without such an allure, Tao Qian's "Fishing Magic" wouldn't have been so successful.

Just in terms of enslaving demons, Tao Qian's methods were already as strong, if not stronger, than those Demon Sect Cultivators immersed in the practice for years.

After giving his instructions, Tao Qian saw the Invisibility Demon disappear before him, and he then turned to return to the Beast Slaughter Mansion.

This mansion was no place to stay or Cultivate.

But now, Tao Qian was in no rush to Cultivate.

"I've taken over this Ascending Immortal Island just a day or two ago, and the Cultivation of the Foundation Establishment Realm doesn't have any particular secrets—it's all about diligence, so there's absolutely no need to rush."

"Once I fully control the Immortal Island, it will be time to settle down for Cultivation."

"Speaking of which, I also have one hundred and eighty Longevity Star Peach Seeds tucked away within my Mustard Seed Talisman. If cultivated properly, it could grow into Immortal Plants. It's just that I don't know which area on the Immortal Island is suitable for growing peach trees... My surname is Tao, which indeed seems quite fated with peaches."

Chapter 215: Disaster Strikes the Fire Cave Mansion, Ferocious Divine Skills Shock Fellow Disciples\_2

Tao Qian, while observing the ancient murals in the Bie Fu, was secretly wondering where he would plant peach trees after taking control of the Ascending Immortal Island.

Soon, the sky began to brighten.

The Penglai Sea at the gate of Spirit Treasure Mountain also became increasingly bustling.

It was at this moment that the "Big Fire Cave" deep inside the Ascending Immortal Island, whose red flames had been relatively stable, suddenly thickened and intensified, swelling as if they could erupt at any moment.

Seated atop the altar within the Beast Slaughter Mansion, Tao Qian suddenly felt something at this instant.

A whim!

A long-absent premonition of crisis abruptly seized him.

Tao Qian's expression changed subtly, and he turned his head swiftly toward a certain direction.

"Not good!"

The moment these words were uttered,



the Ascending Immortal Island, which had been quiet for many years and enjoyed significant fame within the sect and was now the focus of many eyes, suddenly exploded with an unimaginable commotion.

With a "boom," the massive Fire Cave that was bulging burst completely.

A sky-piercing column of fire, entwined with thick smoke and poisonous flames, surged toward the heavens in an instant, and a sea of fiery sparks bloomed like a colossal flower of flames over the sky of Ascending Immortal Island.

It was visible from thousands of miles away.

Such a disturbance was naturally impossible to conceal from anyone.

In that instant, Spirit Treasure disciples from dozens of surrounding immortal islands were all startled and soared toward the heavens on auspicious clouds and Evasion Light, turning their gazes toward Ascending Immortal Island.

There wasn't a single member of the Mortal Human Race here; all were cultivation practitioners, and nearly all possessed extraordinary Divine Skills, so the vast distance did not hinder their sight at all.

Therefore, they all saw the terrifying fiery creatures straining to break free from the giant fire column, one after another, fierce and formidable, each of different forms.

These creatures included Fire Crows enveloped in flames, flame giants with neither heads nor eyes, giant crocodiles with red scales and flames in their eyes, fire dragons wrapping around mountains, Fire Ghosts wielding sharp forks, and flame-horned, black sheep-like Fire Beasts... There seemed to be an endless stream, hundreds and thousands bursting forth.

Within moments, the entire Ascending Immortal Island was occupied by these ferociously peculiar fire creatures.

Their roar could be clearly heard even hundreds of miles away.

With such visuals, there was no need to even think; the crowd of onlookers was immense.

Adding to that, everyone knew who the current owner of Ascending Immortal Island was, raising even more topics of discussion.

Originally, there were some kind-hearted Sect disciples wanting to rush over to assist Tao Qian.

But synchronously, they were all stopped by their respective Masters.

Thus, at this moment, the sect became extremely lively, but aside from some discussions, no one went to provide assistance.

Not far from Ascending Immortal Island was another island called Bibo Island.

On this island, many wild and unruly disciples of Spirit Treasure gathered.

Suddenly noticing the changes on Ascending Immortal Island, these diverse disciples, each of different origins, simultaneously flew into the heavens and used various means to gaze from afar.

"What's going on? It's over by Ascending Immortal Island. Where did that sky-piercing column of fire come from? To achieve such might, one would likely have to open an Earth Orifice and draw forth the flames from the earth."

"There are at least eight hundred Fire Spirits roaring inside that fire column. Without the restraint of a Forbidden Technique, Ascending Immortal Island might well be scorched to cinders."

"I heard long ago that when Yunhua Immortal was refining a Forbidden Technique on Ascending Immortal Island, she personally ventured into the Fire Acupoints to capture exactly eight hundred Fire Spirits, sealing them into the technique to augment its power. Now we see that her reputation is well deserved."

"Ascending Immortal Island was gifted by Yunhua Immortal to the first disciple of Duobao True Monarch, rumored to be a true Talent. Although she is only at the Foundation Establishment Realm now, she successfully resisted the Three Calamities in Southern Yue, prompting Duobao True Monarch to specially send the Heavenly Punishment Sword, the Returning Immortal Mirror, and the Ruyi Circle, three Immortal Treasures, to escort her back to the Sect. After her return, it almost sparked competition for her between the Immortal and True Monarch in the sect, an unprecedented event."

"Just last night, I heard that this Talent successively subdued two Bie Fus, even Jiushou Dragon King and Twelve Beast Evil, creatures capable of battling those in the Cavernous Mystery Realm, couldn't get the better of her. How could such an accident suddenly occur?"

"Maybe it was too much of a strain to forcefully subdue the three prohibitions within Ascending Immortal Island at the Foundation Establishment Realm, especially the last prohibition with eight hundred Fire Spirits, which are not to be trifled with."

"I've said before that although this individual's talents are astonishing, they surely aren't on par with Golden Crow Fairy."

"The three prohibitions of Ascending Immortal are certainly extraordinary, but if it were disciples like Yang Jie, coupled with an Ascending Immortal Token, subduing them would be much simpler."

"It's not fair to make such comparisons; the True Monarch's first disciple has only joined the sect for a few days. Having established her Dao Foundation not long ago, successfully subduing two prohibitions already sets her apart from the rest of us; she definitely won't fall behind compared to Sister Golden Crow or Brother Yang Jie."

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Within the Mountain Gate, Tao Qian was unaware of the various disturbances caused by the disaster on Ascending Immortal Island.

At that moment, he moved out of Beast Slaughter Mansion and happened to witness a terrifyingly immense column of fire piercing through the sky.

A total of eight hundred ferocious Fire Spirits surged out from within the column.

In an instant, the entire Ascending Immortal Island began to experience a drastic rise in temperature.

Looking up, one couldn't see the Sun Star at all, only fire creatures one after another, roaring and dancing in flight.

If this continued for a while, Tao Qian did not doubt that the Immortal Island would be scorched into barren land.

Tao Qian's brows furrowed, completely at a loss for the cause of this disaster.

Subconsciously, Tao Qian wanted to summon back the Invisibility Demon to ask for clarity, while also trying to take out the Ascending Immortal Token to activate the Mystic Netherworld True Water Great Prohibition, to subdue the eight hundred Fire Spirits with the island's Water Veins.

But as he made this move, an unexpected event left him stunned.

The Ascending Immortal Token, which had his Divine Soul imprint on it!

Upon taking it out, it began to buzz and transform into a stream of light, attempting to leave his hand.

This change immediately caused a cold light to flash in Tao Qian's eyes, his palm violently tightening grip, a colossal amount of Immortal Spiritual Qi immediately suppressed it, accompanied by a "sizzling" sound, the Ascending Immortal Token returned to calm.

But at the same time, Tao Qian also realized there was a defect in the Water Vein Restriction he could mobilize.

With a thought, instead of calling upon the entire Immortal Island's Water Veins, it was only the water vapor from Dragon Marsh.

The vitally important and more powerful Ice Pot Immortal Mountain water vapor seemed to have been severed in the middle, completely disregarding Tao Qian's commands.

Although the might of the rolling Dragon Marsh was extremely astonishing.

Very quickly, a hundred of the eight hundred Fire Spirits split off, roaring as they collided with it.

Water and fire collided!

In an instant, the sound of explosions was unceasing, and one could see the terrifying steam, capable of cooking a giant beast alive, surging and spreading in all directions.

Within that steamy fog, the remaining seven hundred Fire Spirits simultaneously surged toward Tao Qian.

Roars echoed through the sky.

"Roar!"

Accompanied by this beast-suppressing roar, the Sky-Supporting Ancient Ape once again appeared outside the Beast Slaughter Mansion, clad in a Kasaya and forming a Buddha Seal.

Its posture resembled that of a Buddha, but as the Ape's arm extended, it directly grabbed a Fire Elephant and a Fire Human, pounding each once before the two giant Fire Spirits were shattered into a sky of ember flakes.

Tao Qian still wasn't satisfied, his Ape eyes filled with fierce Buddha Nature swept around, quickly locking onto a towering stone peak. With a leap, he embraced the peak with both hands and then let out a roar that shook hundreds of miles, breaking the peak clean off.

Then, Tao Qian directly used it as a "gigantic stone stick" like a weapon.

First, he let out a roar that dispersed the steam, and then, gripping the stone stick, he began to sweep and pound.

In the next moment, "bang bang bang" sounds were incessant over the island.

From one stick one head, it quickly progressed to one stick a swathe.

The disciples of the Lingbao watched this ferocious scene, their faces froze in astonishment, mouths gaping open.

They couldn't understand why this was happening at all.

In addition to being amazed at the fighting power Tao Qian displayed, they were even more surprised by his unexpected battle style.

"This... this can't be!"

"The aura seems to be a Buddhist Sect technique, but have we ever heard which great temple has such protectors? Could it be a treasure from Vajra Temple?"

"Isn't this child the first disciple of Duobao True Monarch? Although the Monarch appears rough and uncouth, he is known for his cunning and treasures."



"Yes, I've heard that when Duobao True Monarch faces an enemy, he usually brandishes the Heavenly Punishment Sword to strike others, and while he is not a Sword Cultivator, his demeanor and grace are even more unrestrained... If the Heavenly Punishment Sword doesn't resolve the problem, then the opponent is in even worse trouble, because that means the True Monarch is going to smash someone with the Magical Treasure."

"Such a violent method, this child should have been a disciple of Jintong Daoist."

"Stop talking nonsense, even Jintong Daoist isn't so ferocious."

Chapter 216: Lingji Fairy Leaves Karma, Fengshui Furnace Refines Fire Elixir

Tao Qian, through the power of the Buddha Bird Relics, soon displayed extremely fierce combat techniques.

Even though the eight hundred Fire Spirits each possessed Divine Skills, there was a saying that brute strength could subdue skill, and more so for a protector who had transformed from an Ape Demon to a Buddha, possessing a Vajra Unbreakable body.

In water or fire, his terrifying combat capabilities were unhindered.

However, even so, aside from some lower-level Spirit Treasure Disciples who cried out in surprise, the higher-level ones, or those more informed disciples, after marveling, all showed skepticism.

"This senior brother, having only Foundation Establishment Cultivation, yet valued by both Duobao True Monarch and Yunhua Immortal, is undoubtedly a talent among men. However, he has entered the path so recently and hasn't mastered many Divine Powers; he probably really can't cope with those eight hundred Fire Spirits."

"Indeed, you must know those eight hundred Fire Spirits are the core of the Fire Cave Mansion. These years, they haven't much depleted but only nourished, probably each one is extremely robust."

"Not just that, after they were sealed into the Forbidden Technique, although they lost some growth potential, they gained the benefit of 'unlimited resurrection.' Let Tao Junior kill them, how many times can he? Their bodies disperse, the Fire Attribute True Spirits immediately return to the mansion core, and can resurrect in a moment."

"Hisss... this can't even be considered a war of attrition anymore, right? Should we say it's a sea of fire tactic?"

"Look, Junior Tao has realized this himself."

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Tao Qian need not hear the numerous discussions on Bibo Island; he had indeed noticed the undying characteristic of the eight hundred Fire Spirits early on.

In this regard, it seemed somewhat similar to the "Twelve Beast Evils" within the Beast Slaughter Mansion.

But in reality, it wasn't the same. The Beast Evils could resurrect indefinitely, but they weren't truly living beings, just special creations spurred by a Forbidden Technique.

These eight hundred Fire Spirits, however, were genuine living beings.

Originally, they were alien species born and nurtured within the earth orifices of the underground, perhaps never able to enter cultivation, but they didn't know any of this from the beginning and survived on instinct, which was also a form of Dao. Only later were they captured by Fairy Yunhua and sealed into the Forbidden Technique, forced onto another path.

Tao Qian transformed into a Buddha Ape, wielding a stone stick and fought a full round.

But at this moment, he still saw those eight hundred Fire Spirits before him; they had surrounded the entire Beast Slaughter Mansion, completely turning the area into a sea of fire.

The body of the Sky-Supporting Ancient Ape was indeed impressive, but among those eight hundred Fire Spirits, many were not inferior to him.

Some were even larger.

For example, at this moment, an external fiery giant resembling an evil ghost with red hair, red skin, faceless, but with six eyes on its forehead.

Its body was even bigger than Tao Qian's, with six eyes filled with fierce flames, staring fixedly at Tao Qian, using arms and legs, embracing and pounding, its roars filled with inexplicable hatred for Tao Qian.

Not just it, but the other Fire Spirits as well.

Though they had all resurrected once, even multiple times, the "hostility" in their eyes had not diminished in the slightest.

On the contrary, it grew even more violent.

They stared fixedly at Tao Qian, treating him as an eternal unforgivable enemy, determined to overwhelm and kill him at all costs.

"Hmph."

This feeling greatly annoyed Tao Qian.

With a swing of his stick, he sent dozens of Fire Spirits, including the fiery giant, back to the Fire Cave.

Suddenly, Tao Qian's ape arm reached upward, immediately grasping a strange bird with two heads and three legs, its body filled with flames.

This time, he didn't immediately crush it, but deliberately paused for a moment.

His true body merged with the Buddha Ape Guardian, so his soul sense was unhindered.

Before long, a Record burst into Tao Qian's mind.

[Record Name: Earth Orifice Fire Vulture.]

[Record Type: Alien Species.]

[Record: This is a Fire Spirit born inside a Fire Acupoint deep within the Earth Orifice, nurtured by the essence of the earth fire, innately able to spit poison smoke and fierce flames, possessing spiritual wisdom. This Fire Acupoint gave birth to eight hundred Fire Spirits; although they differ in form, if judged by the rules of the Mortal Human Race, the eight hundred Fire Spirits are siblings, thus incredibly unified and never separating. Fairy Yunhua never expected to capture so many initially; she only captured a few dozen, but the eight hundred Fire Spirits followed en masse to be sealed into the 'Three Yangs One Qi Earth Barrier Immortal Prohibition.']

[Note 1: The arrival of the eight hundred Fire Spirits could enhance the power of the prohibition. It also served as an opportunity left by Yunhua Immortal for her beloved disciple Xie Lingji. Born from underground toxic fire, the Fire Spirits are naturally hostile; if the hostility could be eradicated, the eight hundred Fire Spirits might develop into a Fire Attribute group, serving as a strong aid.]

[Note 2: To subdue the Fire Spirits, Xie Lingji used her Innate Divine Ability to split a Spiritual Resonance Avatar, reciting the 'Spirit Treasure Dao Song' day and night, attempting to erase the hostility of the Fire Spirits... However, after the original body perished, the avatar turned into rootless duckweed. While

protected by the prohibition, it continued to weaken and finally could not appease the eight hundred Fire Spirits, leading to sealing the Fire Cave Mansion.]

[Note 3: Because an Outer Realm Demon intruded, it triggered the prohibition, causing the eight hundred Fire Spirits to break the prohibition, venting their accumulated years of hostility at the owner of the Ascending Immortal Token.]

...

These unexpected Records emerged in Tao Qian's mind.

Though this information didn't clarify the cause and effect, a rough guess made it mostly clear.

"So, it seems, this was indeed my mistake."

"Unlike the first two mansions, within the third Fire Cave Mansion, there has always been a Spiritual Resonance Avatar left by Senior Sister Xie Lingji suppressing the eight hundred Fire Spirits."

"Since the original body has perished, the avatar's power has been insufficient, only able to seal both inside and outside the mansion."

"Who would have thought that I had sent an Invisibility Demon there, accidentally breaking the prohibition, leading to the Fire Spirits breaking free... and the recent anomaly of the Ascending Immortal Token is clearly sensing the presence of the Spiritual Resonance Avatar, seeking the old master."

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"This token has been cultivated by my Senior Sister Lingji for many years. Now that I have branded it with my Divine Soul, it still retains some aura."

"However, this has caused a problem. I also know about the 'Spirit Treasure Dao Song,' which is only a few thousand characters long and embodies the essence of the Spirit Treasure, able to purify hostility and suppress mutations."

"Unfortunately, I do not know it."

Realizing the cause and effect, Tao Qian's expression changed.

He considered himself astute in handling matters, yet he had still made an error.

Nevertheless, upon further reflection, even if he had gone personally, there was no guarantee that he would not have triggered the Forbidden Technique, releasing the Fire Spirits.

Before taking action, sending a Demon to scout had long been a good habit of his as Master Tao.

Therefore, this mistake was likely destined to occur.

What he needed to consider now was how to resolve this major problem.

As ideas flashed in Tao Qian's mind, he continued swinging the stone stick, purely made from mountain peaks, and smashed the approaching eight hundred Fire Spirits one by one into a sky full of sparks. If one only observed this scene, Tao Qian looked exactly like an ironworker diligently at work.

The only solace in this dire situation was that the eight hundred Fire Spirits hated the master of Ascending Immortal Island, so they only targeted Tao Qian.

Other places remained relatively intact.

Originally, individuals like Lian Jing'er of Little Age wanted to come to help but were stopped by Tao Qian's intent.

Although the eight hundred Fire Spirits were fierce and violent, they were temporarily unable to trouble Tao Qian, who had merged with the Buddha Ape.

"Buddhist methods are best at purifying hostility and subduing alien species."

"Unfortunately, the Nirvana Divine Spell is not a Method of Enlightenment; it can control the Buddha Bird Relics but cannot calm these fierce beings."



"This fire-sea tactic does not injure me, but it's extremely annoying. You must understand that the mana I've borrowed using the Spirit Treasure Returning Immortal Technique has to be returned."

"If this continues for a few more hours, I will find myself laden with a great debt."

"I, Tao Qian, hate owing debts most in my life."

"Bang!"

Disgusted by the thought, Tao Qian could not help but leap up as a whole ape and thunderously crash to the ground.

Immediately, the sea of fire churned.

As far as the eye could see, there were fragmented bodies of Fire Spirits.

"Hmm?"

At this sight, something occurred to Tao Qian, and his eyes suddenly brightened.

Since entering the Mountain Gate, aside from longing for the Great Book, Tao Qian had temporarily no need to worry about other Divine Power Skills.

Such convenience had made him forget the numerous techniques he possessed.

Even the Secret Demon magic had temporarily not been refined.

Seeing the sky lit with fire now, an Elixir Scroll and an Elixir recipe emerged in his mind.

"Exotic Fire Elixir Scroll!"

"This scroll was created by an Ancient Tribe combining the full power of its people, specifically to refine disobedient, terrifying, and bizarre creatures into Elixirs."

"Only the Shifang remains now; other than the Breakthrough, Life Extension, and Demon Pill, there is also a pill called [Soul-splitting Pill]."

"This recipe specifically uses the hostility of life as material, which can be obtained after refining with the Outer Heaven Flame Essence."

"Once the pill is obtained, merely crushing one can instantly spread the poison over an area of ten miles, causing all life within to suffer the agony of Soul Splitting, and their Divine Souls and minds to be occupied by fierce hostility, mutating into neither human nor ghostly existences."

Recalling this, Tao Qian silently criticized the Ancient Tribe that created the Exotic Fire Elixir Scroll, likely no kind beings either.

On the other hand, he directly focused on the eight hundred Fire Spirits.

It was unknown how long these Evil Spirits had accumulated their hostility and rage, having been killed so many times by him.

Far from weakening, they had grown even more turbulent.

According to the rule that more materials yield more pills, if he were to refine all the hostility inside these eight hundred Fire Spirits, he might obtain a whole furnace of Soul-splitting Pills.

Tao Qian thought this, then immediately began.

"Roar!"

"Amitabha Buddha!"

With a Buddhist chant, under the puzzled gazes of other Spirit Treasure Disciples, Tao Qian stuck the stone stick aside, clenched his pair of ape hands in a Nirvana Seal, closed his eyes, and sat down in meditation.

Despite their ferocity, these Fire Spirits were not low on wisdom.

Seeing this, they immediately showed no mercy and swarmed to attack.

Before long, the previously smashed Fire Spirits were also successively revived, joining the fray.

Then, the area completely turned into a sea of fire, and Tao Qian was entirely submerged.

This sudden change stunned the onlookers.

"Is Junior Tao trying to perform some other Divine Skill?"

"I don't think so, it looks more like he's not resisting anymore and letting the Fire Spirits attack him."

"If this continues, it's not going to be good. As the saying goes, small amounts accumulate. Although Junior Tao's Dharma-protecting Power is very strong, if it continues like this, he will eventually be

breached by the Fire Spirits. Even if not, Junior Tao is only at the Foundation Establishment Realm, and his mana must be borrowed from the Spirit Treasure Returning Immortal Technique. It's fine for a short while, but over time, when he advances to Transcend Mortality, there will be serious problems."

"We should go and help him. It's not good to just watch Junior Tao being harmed by these fierce beasts."

"Don't hurry, let's watch Junior Tao's abilities."

On Bibo Island, a middle-aged Daoist wearing a dark-colored Daoist robe and holding a Money Sword was rallying his fellow disciples, calling out an auspicious cloud to go and support Tao Qian.

He was, of course, the first to show goodwill to Tao Qian, Daoist Wu Xinguan.

Whether it was due to the fellowship of the sect or the status of Tao Qian, he couldn't remain indifferent at this juncture.

Just as they were about to move, they saw a young man in armor, very mighty and robust, with a third eye on his forehead, emerge from Void Teleportation, blocking their path.

That third eye was a clear indicator of his identity.

True Inheritor Fifth, Master Yang Jie.

Master Yang Jie stopped everyone, but not because he bore any malice towards Tao Qian.

On the contrary, perhaps because of the aggressive style Tao Qian had shown a little earlier, this young Daoist looked at Tao Qian with a gaze full of admiration.

He stopped others from interfering because with the third eye on his forehead, he saw Tao Qian's expression from a distance.

There was no panic, no sense of giving up in despair.

What he saw was confidence.

Almost at the moment Master Yang Jie prevented everyone from acting, another incredible change immediately occurred on Ascending Immortal Island.

First, the Cloud Mist Marsh suddenly raised tremendous waves, obscuring all vision.

Then, within the Nameless Ancient Mountain, thick black fog rose, enveloping the sky too.

The water and wind veins were activated, not to suppress the eight hundred Fire Spirits, as it was previously impossible and still so, but now it could trap them within, temporarily using it as a Fengshui Furnace.

Meanwhile, it also hid the prying eyes, concealing their own methods.

With the Fire Spirits gathered, Tao Qian also instantly opened his eyes.

Looking at the various forms of Fire Spirits rushing towards him, aiming to tear him apart, he shook his head but also understood them, saying:

"Trapped in the Bie Fu Forbidden Technique for so many years, if it were me, I would also be this irritable."

"Although you are related to Senior Sister Lingji's karma, now that I am the master of Ascending Immortal Island, I suppose it's also okay to take over."

"You cannot hear the Dao Song, but each of you coming for a bath of fire, as the new island master, I can still afford it."

While speaking, Tao Qian activated a Secret Technique.

Summoning the Outer Heaven Flame Essence!

Then within that Fengshui Furnace, the Void opened.

From all directions, there suddenly came various chirping and rustling sounds, followed by tiny, autonomously alive fire-red orbs leaping out.

When Tao Qian summoned the Flame Essence, a strange scene immediately occurred.

The originally extremely fierce eight hundred Fire Spirits, facing those tiny Flame Essences, unexpectedly all became peaceful. They even joyfully roared, willingly lying down, allowing the Flame Essences to penetrate their massive bodies and refine the "hostility" deep within their True Spirits.

This change was even unexpected to Tao Qian himself.

A few breaths later, the Flame Essences returned to the Outer Realm.

In front of Tao Qian floated hundreds of chicken egg-sized, pitch-black, and ominously auraed eerie Elixirs.

Besides that, there were eight hundred very obedient Fire Spirits squatting on the ground.



Some that were slightly more naive even seemed to be asleep, emitting snoring sounds.

"Is this big trouble resolved just like that?"

Not only was Tao Qian caught in this self-doubt.

When he collected that batch of Soul-splitting Pills and lifted the Fengshui Great Prohibition, revealing the scene of the docile Fire Spirits squatting.

Around him, on the various Immortal Islands peering this way, sounds of sharp intakes of breath arose one after another.

Especially the ready-to-assist Bibo Island, where all the Disciples of the Lingbao stared wide-eyed, utterly disbelief at the abrupt scene appearing on Ascending Immortal Island.

Chapter 218: All Three Meridians Open, Spiritual Resonance Avatar

On Bibo Island, although the disciples heard Wu Xinguan's call and planned to support Junior Tao, the main disciple of the Duobao Lineage,

they only intended to rescue Junior Tao from the sea of flames and provide some relief.

As for subduing eight hundred fire spirits, none of the disciples had ever considered that.

"Junior Brother Tao... How did he manage it? Just now, the geomancy surged and blocked our vision for a dozen breaths, yet he subdued these eight hundred fire spirits so easily?"

"Could it be that Duobao True Monarch or Yunhua Immortal had intervened? Those were eight hundred fierce fire spirits, and being of a type that naturally carries hostility, even if we were to chant the Great Dao Song and perform the Washing God Technique day and night, it would still take a long time and effort to subdue just one or two. How on earth did Junior Brother Tao do it?"

"Perhaps it was a Buddhist method? I heard that during the time Junior Brother Tao was alleviating disasters in Southern Yue, even the high monks who came out of the Great Freedom Temple were impressed by his way. It seems he learned quite a bit of the Great Freedom Dharma. Subduing eight hundred fire spirits might seem unbelievable, but as they say, a prodigy can do what others cannot."

"Eight hundred fire spirits, and he subdued them so easily. In future when he contends with others, just by releasing these ferocious fire spirits, he could scorch thousands of miles. How could his enemies survive?"

"It's not that simple; these eight hundred fire spirits can only resurrect indefinitely within the Forbidden Technique. If taken out of the Forbidden Technique, each would be greatly weakened. Although they would still be powerful in combat, it might be somewhat counterproductive."

"That's right, these fire spirits have many wonderful uses, but using them in combat is actually the least of their abilities."

"Let's not speculate too much. Junior Brother Tao has now taken over three mansions and completely controls Ascending Immortal Island. We should go and offer our congratulations."

"Exactly, exactly. Look, those Nursing Woman Bird Demons are stirring too. They're probably heading to places like Qingping Island to spread the word."

Many disciples from Bibo Island, which is relatively close to Ascending Immortal Island, planned to go and congratulate Tao Qian.

Although none of them knew how he managed to subdue the eight hundred fire spirits, the spectacle was undoubtedly genuine.

At the Spirit Treasure Mountain Gate, although the atmosphere generally leaned towards harmony without any underworld-like dirty rules of the sects,

respect drawn from strength was indeed a present factor.

Whether it was the combat power displayed by Tao Qian, his brutally fierce style of fighting, or his mysterious methods... anyone who wasn't blind could see that this Junior Brother, who had recently entered the sect, was extraordinarily talented and powerful.

The many rumors previously spread about him greatly enhanced his reputation.

And just now, that series of events had solidified his fame.

It could be imagined that once the Nursing Woman Bird Demons spread the news that Tao Qian had completely subdued Ascending Immortal Island in just a couple of days and demonstrated such battle prowess throughout the entire sect,

there would absolutely be no one who would challenge his position as a True Inheritor.

The other True Inheritors would probably also start taking this junior seriously.

Take Yang Jie at this moment, his third eye remotely watching over Ascending Immortal Island, where the figure resembling a True Buddha or Supreme Being, still holding the Nirvana Seal and making eight hundred fierce fire spirits bow, appeared.

He couldn't help but think to himself,

"Master was right, this Junior Brother Tao Qian is peerless in both his talents and his capacity for slaughter."

"Master said that the True Disciples of Spirit Treasure in this generation are all exceptional talents destined to be involved in great conflicts."

"I, Yang Jie, disdain forming alliances with others, only forming good connections with those who catch my eye. Sister Golden Crow is one, Brother Wei is another, and Senior Brother Xu yet another. As for this Junior Brother Tao, let's see in a few days..."

After these thoughts, Master Yang Jie turned his head.

With that third eye on his forehead, he looked at the many disciples on Bibo Island and advised,

"Brothers, slow down. Ascending Immortal Island has been abandoned for many years; Junior Brother Tao has just subdued eight hundred fire spirits and will need quite some time to manage the island. If you all go to disturb him, he will have to trouble himself to find fruits and drinks to entertain you, which is quite bothersome."

"Let's wait for some time. In the meantime, whether it's you from Bibo Island or Qingping Island, plan some banquets and celebrations, and send Junior Brother Tao one or two invitations."

As he spoke, he immediately received affirmation from Wu Xinguan.

This middle-aged Daoist, with a treasure gourd at his waist and a money sword in his hand, directly followed up, "Junior Brother Yang is right; there's plenty of time in the future. Junior Brother Tao has only just joined; there's no need to rush, there are plenty of opportunities to get close."

When Wu Xinguan finished speaking, suddenly there was a disturbance from the direction of Ascending Immortal Island.

All at once, tremendous booms were heard.

Everyone looked over and saw Tao Qian leading those eight hundred subjugated fire spirits, rushing into the Fire Cave Mansion like a tide of fire.

Moments later, everyone saw what had been covered by the "Nine Prisons of Ghosts Wind" on Ascending Immortal Island.

It was then that the true Forbidden Techniques were finally activated. Suddenly, three beams of light, one green, one gray, and one red, shot into the sky. Following that, a vast blanket of white mist enveloped the land, mixed with a gloomy, sinister wind that seemed to blow from across the human world and towering pillars of fire that seemed to surge from the deepest depths of the earth.

Against these visual scenes, things like the Absolute Immortal Fierce Flame, Taiyin Green Flame, and Silent Divine Thunder that were spawned from the interplay of water, fire, and wind seemed less impressive.

"All lines are fully activated; Junior Brother Tao has completely taken control of the major prohibitions on Ascending Immortal Island."

"It's undoubtedly the handiwork of Yunhua Immortal, truly astounding."

"My master also once mentioned that back in the day, Yunhua Immortal was so fond of Senior Sister Xie Lingji that she personally laid out the 'Mystic Netherworld True Water Meridian Suppression Great Prohibition,' 'Twelve Ancient Nuoshen Sha Great Prohibition,' and the 'Three Yangs One Qi Earth Barrier Immortal Prohibition.' These three prohibitions complement each other and, along with the foundation of those three Immortal Mountains, form a naturally perfect and infinitely powerful arrangement."

"It's truly enviable, even the Daoist fields of many Elders are not this luxurious."

"Alas, all this should have belonged to Senior Sister Xie Lingji, but now it has all gone to Junior Brother Tao. I understand why Duobao True Monarch would concede, but it's puzzling why Yunhua Immortal also valued this one so highly."

"I've heard that Junior Brother Tao and Yunhua Immortal originally had a master-disciple karmic connection, but it was True Monarch who intercepted him halfway."

"Speaking of which, if Senior Sister Xie Lingji had not passed away, the first among the True Disciples might not necessarily have been Brother Taixuan."

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Many movements outside Ascending Immortal Island had been perceived by Tao Qian, yet he chose to ignore them.

At that time, leading eight hundred Fire Spirits, he directly entered Fire Cave Mansion.

His urgency was not due to a desperate rush to immediately regain control of the Three Yangs One Qi Earth Barrier Immortal Prohibition.

Rather, it was just then, as the Fire Spirits submitted.

Tao Qian suddenly heard a voice in his ear, weak but still carrying a cool, indifferent tone.

"Junior Tao, as the Fire Spirits have just rid themselves of their hostility and their innate defects have been rectified, swiftly seal them back into the Forbidden Technique. Let them be nourished by the Three Yangs One Qi to foster their True Spirits, and then they will be able to reproduce and thrive, serving as a great aid for you."

"You, having obtained the Ascending Immortal Token, must have guessed my identity."

"There's no need to panic, I'm not my actual self, merely an avatar left by Senior Sister Xie Lingji."

"As the Forbidden Technique completely changes masters, I am also about to dissipate."

"If you wish to talk to me, you may come to see me in the Fire Cave Jade Room inside Mansion."

Upon hearing this, Tao Qian naturally did not hesitate at all.

Leading the eight hundred Fire Spirits into Mansion, he, holding the Ascending Immortal Token, experienced no obstructions along the way.



Beast Slaughter Mansion, was rather crude and primitive.

Yet compared to this Fire Cave Mansion, it could be considered refined.

Inside, the setup consisted merely of stone chambers and caves, yet the core was the fire cave leading deep underground, surrounded by many arrangements that connected the ley lines of the entire Immortal Island, precisely the Three Yangs One Qi Earth Barrier Immortal Prohibition.

Tao Qian returned the eight hundred Fire Spirits back into the Forbidden Technique to be nourished and also completed the Ascending Immortal Token, formally taking control of the Three Prohibitions.

The moment all three veins were opened and the resultant shock, Tao Qian naturally sensed it.

However, at this time, he could not afford to admire it.

He was now in the main room of the Mansion, a quiet room purely built of Warm Jade Fire Stone.

The arrangement inside the quiet room was fresh and elegant, quite similar to Cliff Sea Pavilion, perfectly matching the tastes of the never-before-met Senior Sister Xie Lingji,

In front of the quiet room, there was a block of radiant warm jade.

Within the jade, a woman was seated cross-legged.

This woman was clearly extraordinarily beautiful, yet she dressed as a man, wearing a long-sleeved robe, her hair only tied with a wooden hairpin, anyone including Tao Qian, looking into her eyes for a moment, would find it impossible to turn away at that instant to look at someone else. It wasn't any charm or technique, but merely her inherent allure.

Since starting his cultivation journey from Seeking Immortal County, Tao Qian had seen countless women.

There were those of peerless grace and beauty, and those cute and exquisite, as well as enchanting demonesses and witches who charmed all living beings.

To move Tao Qian anew was an added difficulty.

Yet the woman before him was unlike any he had seen in past or present lives.

Especially since she was alive.

The warm jade also seemed alive, dreamy and illusive, allowing the woman to slowly lift her head and look towards Tao Qian.

At that moment, Tao Qian fully understood why Yunhua Immortal cherished this disciple so dearly.

Although merely an avatar, this Senior Sister Xie Lingji indeed presented a stunning impression as if the spiritual essence of heaven and earth were concentrated within her.

Just as this thought flashed through Tao Qian's mind, he suddenly realized, did Yunhua Immortal know that there was still an avatar of Senior Sister Xie Lingji remaining in this Fire Cave Mansion?

If she did not know, he should call the Immortal here now.

Thinking this, Tao Qian was about to take action.

However, at this moment, the avatar of Senior Sister Xie Lingji within the warm jade immediately perceived Tao Qian's intent and then shook her head, transmitting her voice to him:

"Junior Tao, I appreciate your kind intention."

"I am merely an avatar of Spiritual Resonance, and my Master has already met me. My existence, however, is also a form of suffering for her."

"Since Master has given this island to you, she must have decided to let go. For me, it represents a form of relief, after all, I suffer daily and nightly from the torment of the Fire Spirits."

"When I dissipate, there will be some remnants left in this jade, and at that time, I would trouble Junior Tao to bring the Warm Jade to my Master as a memento."

"Although this is our first meeting, fate decrees it not shallow. To dissipate in your company is a fortune of Spiritual Resonance."

"May I know your name?"

Receiving the transmission, Tao Qian did not know what expression to show for a moment.

The words spoken lightly by this Spiritual Resonance Avatar, yet Tao Qian could inexplicably feel the master-disciple affection between her and Yunhua Immortal.

Hearing the last question, he did not hesitate.

Tao Qian performed a suitable salute, according to the customs of the era in which Senior Sister Xie lived, and then replied formally:

"I am Tao Qian. It is an honor to meet you, Senior Sister Xie."

## Chapter 219: Innate Taoist Body Conceals the Vitality, Seven of the Nine Spiritual Resonance Bodies Perish

Fire Cave Mansion, inside a warm chamber.

Tao Qian was sitting cross-legged in front of a piece of glowing Warm Jade, within which sat a lady who was favored for her spiritual elegance and whose temperament was cool and detached.

The two looked at each other, yet Tao Qian failed to see even a trace of fear in the eyes of Senior Sister Xie, not even a hint of hesitation or struggle.

All there was, was tranquility.

It seemed as if nothing in the world could shake Senior Sister Xie's composure, even though this was merely a Spiritual Resonance Avatar.

This piqued Tao Qian's curiosity—what kind of woman was this Senior Sister, exactly?

After giving Tao Qian a soft look, the avatar nodded satisfactorily and then said,

"Tao Junior Brother, our meeting is fated. If you have any questions for me, feel free to ask. I will try my best to clarify your doubts before I dissipate."

"Xie Lingji is nothing extraordinary, just a woman who desired to practice the Longevity Technique but perished halfway."

For the second time, Tao Qian's mind seemed to be fully perceived by this Spiritual Resonance Avatar.

This was somewhat similar to "Telepathy," but the odd thing was, Tao Qian didn't feel any aversion to it.

As he pondered, Xie Lingji gave him a faint smile and said,

"Don't be alarmed, Tao Junior Brother. This is one of my innate talents. I can only vaguely sense some of your thoughts regarding me."

"It is not Telepathy per se, that which one cultivates to spy on the thoughts of others intentionally."

"If you don't look at me and don't entertain thoughts related to me, I naturally won't be able to hear anything."

With that explanation, Tao Qian couldn't help expressing surprise on his face.

Was there actually such a talent?

Although it couldn't compare to Tao Qian's own abnormal Soul that could sense the hidden details of the Record, it was quite extraordinary already.

Tao Qian thought for a moment, realizing this talent could be of many uses. For instance, in battle, it could always put one step ahead of the opponent.

But upon further reflection, given Senior Sister Xie's stunning beauty combined with this talent, she probably had seen the evil in people's hearts from a young age.

At this thought, Tao Qian felt sympathy and almost involuntarily sighed.

The avatar inside the Warm Jade, however, showed a hint of surprise, then looked at Tao Qian with appreciation. She spoke even more softly,

"When I first sensed the Ascending Immortal Token changing hands, I was puzzled why Master would accept a male disciple."

"Now that I've seen your temperament, Tao Junior Brother, I understand a bit."

"Talent and qualifications are secondary; your character, Tao Junior Brother, is rare and precious in the Cultivation World."

Tao Qian had heard this comment before.

No matter how many times he heard it, he wanted to retort: Just how fearsome is the Cultivation World that even I, Tao Qian, am considered a rare good person?

However, when Tao Qian recalled his experiences in Southern Yue, he had to admit that there was some truth to these words.

Remember, right after he joined and was about to establish his Foundation, he was inexplicably targeted by the Three Demon Immortals of Miraculous Tree.

"An entire world of evil Cultivators?"

Tao Qian wondered before shaking his head.

Although there were indeed many wrongdoers, there were also good individuals.

Like Xiao Hua Daoist, like Master Xiao.

By Tao Qian's standards, they definitely counted as good Cultivators.



As these complex thoughts flashed through his mind, Tao Qian quickly clarified the misunderstanding after listening to Xie Lingji,

"Senior Sister is mistaken, I am not a disciple of Aunt Yunhua. My Master is Duobao True Monarch."

"Not long ago, when I just became a disciple of Master, Aunt Yunhua came to congratulate, and she handed over Ascending Immortal Island to me."

"Hmm?"

After Tao Qian finished speaking, Xie Lingji inside the Warm Jade paused for a moment.

Her exquisite brows slowly furrowed, and anyone seeing this would likely be compelled to reach out, smooth her brows, and do whatever possible to relieve her worries.

Tao Qian thought for a bit and then spoke of the complications between Yunhua Immortal and his Master.

Incidentally, he also mentioned his encounters in Southern Yue—notably with Infant Sect Master Xiao and Queen of Daughter Country Xue Baobao.

Without Duobao True Monarch's intervention, Tao Qian really might have become a disciple of Yunhua Immortal.

It was this Karma that left him puzzled about Yunhua Immortal's intention by gifting him Ascending Immortal Island.

Was it an indirect continuation of a Master-disciple Karma?

Or was there another purpose?

It likely wasn't anything bad, given his Master, who was skilled in calculations and predictions, did not object.

As Tao Qian was contemplating, he saw the avatar of Xie Lingji inside the Warm Jade, whose body already as ethereal as a dream, become even more translucent. It seemed only a few breaths' time remained before she would dissipate like smoke.

It seemed she sensed Tao Qian's thoughts again and did not hide her admiration for him, then spoke somewhat seriously,

"After all, my Master is the leader of the Spirit Treasure Female Immortals, and her thoughts are difficult to guess. Had it been my true body, maybe I could have figured something out, but I am merely an avatar about to scatter, and I can't deduce much."

"However, it is mostly related to my true body that perished abroad."

"To avoid it is simple, remember, Junior Brother, when you leave the Mountain Gate in the future to experience the world, do not get involved with the Xie Family, and do not provoke the people of Evil Sect, this should allow you to avoid the Karmic disaster related to me."

After uttering these three sentences, Xie Lingji's already faint form grew fainter.

Clearly, her time was near.

Tao Qian's brow furrowed slightly, as several thoughts tumbled in his mind.

Strictly speaking, this avatar of Senior Sister Xie Lingji was the first fellow sect member Tao Qian had interacted with since his initiation, as he had yet to meet anyone else.

It was just that he hadn't expected to bid farewell so soon, having barely exchanged a few words, and now his Senior Sister was about to return to the great unknown.

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He indeed had many questions he wanted to ask, such as the cause of her true body's death? Could she reincarnate?

No sooner had these two thoughts arisen than they were sensed by his Senior Sister.

She became increasingly dim and ethereal, her demeanor even more elusive and cold. She shook her head and said to Tao Qian with a smile:

"Junior brother, it's not that your Senior Sister is unwilling to resolve your doubts."

"But I'm merely a Spiritual Resonance Avatar created specifically to chant the Dao Song and purify those eight hundred Fire Spirits. If the true body was willing, then indeed, I could know the cause of her death. Regrettably, at the time of her demise, for some unknown reason, she severed the connection with my perception."

"As for the possibility of reincarnation?"

"I'm afraid it is also not possible. If there were any True Spirit remaining from the true body, even separated by tens of thousands of miles, I would be able to sense it."

"Not to mention that our Master still exists. With her supernatural power, as long as there is a sliver of True Spirit from the true body, she could immediately send it to reincarnate and, in not too much time, be reborn into our sect and cultivate another lifetime."

These words from the Spiritual Resonance Avatar were tantamount to declaring the complete death of the true body.

At this moment, her figure within the Warm Jade had become like faint smoke, about to dissipate at any time.

In her last breath, she looked at Tao Qian very seriously, a rare trace of regret appearing on her face, then she said:

"Because of my abnormal talent, I've been unable to make many friends since childhood; with a barrier like that around one's heart, it's easier to harbor ghosts and devils. After joining the Spirit Treasure Mountain Gate, things have only gotten slightly better."

"Although this is my first meeting with Junior Brother, I feel inexplicably close to you, probably because both you and I are bound by karma to Master."

"It's a pity, our first meeting is also our farewell, such is the decree of fate."

"But it doesn't matter, as Xie Lingji who cultivated the Longevity Technique and battled against talents of All Heavens, and struggled against fated calamities, to die is just to die."

Although Senior Sister Lingji spoke these words with her usual cool detachment,

Tao Qian inexplicably felt a soaring spirit from within them.

A feeling of regret rose in his heart, and he thought to himself:

"Even a single avatar is like this; what would Senior Sister Xie's true body be like?"

"To cultivate the Sublime Dharma of the Spiritual Treasure with such a talented Senior Sister, the Dao Path must have been even more splendid. Truly regrettable."

While Tao Qian was thinking this, the avatar inside the Warm Jade had almost turned into a phantom.

However, that cool voice was still clear in Tao Qian's ears.

"Master gifted you the Ascending Immortal Island as a meeting present, and as your Senior Sister, I should also offer a token of goodwill."

"It's a pity that as an avatar, I don't possess anything of value, and except for the well-versed Dao Song, most of the Divine Power Skills in my mind are incomplete. You, as the first disciple of Master Duobao, lack nothing of the sort."

"Well, it seems the only thing I can offer with my dying body is this inspiration."

"I hope that this insight will help you at least once in the future."

"Senior Sister wishes you a smooth journey on the Dao, and longevity."

As the last word fell, inside the Warm Jade, the Spiritual Resonance Avatar completely disintegrated into wisps of smoke, fluttering about until it gradually vanished into nothingness.

At that moment, Tao Qian felt as if something had been added to his being.

As he wondered what it could be, a Record suddenly arose in his mind.

[Name: Innate Spiritual Sensing.]

[Record Type: Alien.]

[Record: Gifted by Spirit Treasure Disciple Xie Lingji, this extraordinary alien contains mysterious and profound truths, originating from her "Innate Taoist Body", a cultivation talent that stands above top-tier talents such as Immortal Flesh and Bone, True Yang Body, Qingwei Dao Body, and is also a curse, as the Taoist Body includes Innate Spiritual Sensing, which allowed Xie Lingji to see things other cultivators could not, and this was the cause of her death.]

[Note One: Innate Spiritual Sensing allows the host to glimpse the true essence of the world and the utmost truths of the Great Dao.]

[Note Two: A single use of this inspiration will lead to its dissipation; it cannot be retained for long.]

[Note Three: Utilizing this inspiration carries a certain risk of attracting the attention of many strange and Divine Spirits from the Outer Realm.]

[Note Four: Exemption Cost is available!]

"Hmm?"

Tao Qian had not expected to suddenly be gifted such a significant present.

Despite some vagueness in the Record in his mind, with his uncommon insights, how could he not realize that this Innate Spiritual Sensing was an alien, a Divine Treasure that innumerable cultivators in the Cultivation World dream of?

To glimpse the utmost truths of the Great Dao!

With such benefits, any cultivator would be willing to bear some cost.

At this moment, Tao Qian suddenly remembered how his Master had assessed him and Senior Sister Xie Lingji, saying her talent was no less than his.

Now, it seems that without his abnormal soul, Xie Lingji was indeed much stronger.



And yet, despite that, she had died.

At this thought, Tao Qian squelched the slight arrogance that had arisen in his heart due to his recent successes.

At the same time, Tao Qian seemed to remember something, and suddenly raised his head, making an inexplicable gesture.

He looked at the wisps of smoke drifting out from the Warm Jade, then suddenly reached out and touched it.

This action was, of course, incapable of stopping the dispersal of the Spiritual Resonance Avatar.

But the next moment, a Record burst forth in Tao Qian's mind.

Though it was scattered and disordered, it still allowed him to catch a glimpse of some secrets.

"Name: Spiritual Resonance Avatar... Xie Lingji once borrowed Innate inspiration from an alien god from the Outer Realm and glimpsed a Secret Technique, creating nine Spiritual Resonance Avatars, each Avatar inheriting a part of the body's talents or the True Spirit of the soul... Including this one, seven have perished; the whereabouts of the remaining two are unknown."

In an instant, Tao Qian's eyes widened.

A touch of joy involuntarily appeared in his eyes.

Although Tao Qian and Xie Lingji could only be considered to have just met, there was an inexplicable sense of closeness between them.

To some extent, it could be said to be an instant bond.

Tao Qian had originally been quite regretful that this sister, who was clearly a cultivation prodigy, had died so abruptly.

Now, catching a glimpse of a ray of life within himself, it was normal for Tao Qian to feel some joy.

"That is to say, my Senior Sister Xie Lingji's body is indeed gone."

"But she left herself a way out, nine Spiritual Resonance Avatars, each possessing its own wonders."

"Seven have perished already, so if one of the two remaining Avatars contains a soul or True Spirit, does that mean there's a day when this sister could be resurrected?"

Tao Qian had just contemplated this when suddenly, at that moment, he felt something, turned his ear to listen, and soon a very charming voice entered his ears.

"Junior Tao, are you there?"

"Master has heard that you have conquered Ascending Immortal Island and has sent me to congratulate you and present a congratulatory gift."

"Please come out to meet me, Bai Yao has brought respect."

Having heard these few sentences, Tao Qian immediately stood up, his gaze turning toward the Warm Jade that still held the remnant image of Xie Lingji.

With a thought, he had an epiphany.

"So that's how it is!"

"Aunt Yunhua truly dotes on my Senior Sister, entrusting even something as elusive and uncertain as Human Dao Destiny."

"Well then, having received so many favors from Aunt Yunhua, it is only right to present some good news in return."

With that thought, Tao Qian raised his hand and collected the Warm Jade.

With a single leap, he immediately left the Fire Cave Mansion and arrived outside Ascending Immortal Island.

Sure enough, there was an additional visitor outside the island at that time.

It was a woman, or perhaps a Female Demon, who was very tall with luxurious clothing, and six fluffy white tails behind her that were quite eye-catching; her face seemed capable of bewitching all living beings, and if she went to the Mortal World, she would be no less than a nation-toppling beauty.

Tao Qian was not unfamiliar with her; this female fairy had previously sent a Cloud Token Letter inviting him to stay at the Nine-tailed Cave Mansion on Qingqiu Immortal Island, claiming that the Fox Clan would take good care of him.

Bai Yao!

Her other identity was as registered disciple of Yunhua Immortal.

It was normal for the Immortal to send her on this errand.

It was strange, although this Fox Girl had an extremely enchanting face, her nature was not like that.

Seeing Tao Qian appear so abruptly, she was startled, retreating repeatedly like a startled Rabbit Demon.

Only after seeing Tao Qian's face clearly did this Fox Clan Sister quickly straighten up and called out, "Junior Tao..."

Bai Yao was about to say the words she had rehearsed many times; although she looked like a nation-destructing Fox Girl, her true nature was indeed like a rabbit—obedient and home-loving, silly yet endearing.

She had sent the Cloud Token the other day under the coercion of other Fox Girls, and today's meeting with Tao Qian was due to her own Master's coercion.

Fortunately, from the appearance of this Junior Tao, he didn't seem like Evil People and should be easy to get along with.

While Bai Yao thought this, she quickly realized that Junior Tao in front of her had a strange look in his eyes.

Frowning, he was staring at her with a curious gaze.

"Oh no!"

"Could it be that I was in such a hurry that I forgot to dress?"

Bai Yao instinctively thought of the most embarrassing scenario and quickly looked down to check.