

## **My Master 1541**

Chapter 1541:

He slashed down again with his sword!

This sword strike was even more terrifying than the previous one, faster and more powerful.

The sword had already landed on the body of the black figure ahead, while the space behind only now revealed the traces left by Cao Zhen's sword thrust.

The black figure seemed not to have anticipated that this person would be prepared in advance, and even if he noticed, he couldn't dodge this attack.

Feeling the severe pain from his chest, his eyes suddenly widened, emitting a series of strange cries. Meanwhile, the surging mana within Cao Zhen poured down through the longsword into the opponent's body.

The black figure immediately let out a piercing scream that was somewhat human-like and somewhat beast-like!

His chest was completely pierced through, with streams of black liquid flowing out. Yet, due to his injury, he became even more insane, his already hideous face contorted and twisted with fury.

He opened his mouth to roar, where previously his scream was half human and half beast-like.

But now, his roar was entirely that of a fierce beast.

His eyes instantly turned crimson, exuding a wild, vicious, violent, and eerie aura. His entire persona's aura escalated greatly as black spheres appeared in his hands, filled with terrifying power, making one feel that if this black sphere exploded, the whole island would be obliterated.

Before he could release the sphere, Cao Zhen raised his other hand that wasn't holding the sword. In an instant, a giant golden palm phantom coalesced in the void, surrounded by the power of thunderbolt, seemingly ready to shred the space around.

Next moment, the giant palm descended!

Golden Sacred Thunder Palm!

His mastery of thunderbolt technique wasn't limited to the Five-thunder Righteous Method, as he had also received teachings from the Golden Light Sage, who was proficient in thunderbolt techniques.

Though not a Mysterious Rank spell, this palm was indeed a Yellow Level Upper Grade spell!

As the palm descended, the surrounding air seemed to be instantly compressed and exploded, producing a resounding sonic boom.

The giant palm, enveloped with the weight of ten thousand thunderbolts, struck heavily.

Meanwhile, the black figure also raised the black sphere in his hand.

In the next moment, the giant palm smashed onto the black sphere, which hadn't fully gathered its power, causing it to shatter completely under the impact.

Suddenly, an extreme qi wave burst forth, radiating in all directions, imbued with a peculiar aura, akin to demonic qi but without its tricky variations. Yet within this aura, there was a strong wild presence.

After the Golden Sacred Thunder Palm shattered the black sphere, it struck heavily upon the black figure, who had already been pierced by the Sharp Sword, causing his entire body to explode violently with black liquid erupting skyward.

Below, several still-living Man-eating Flowers couldn't withstand the flame's burning, or perhaps it was due to the black figure's death that they burrowed underground.

In just an instant, the island returned to tranquility. The land seemed to have been turned over, with burn marks everywhere.

Not far away, five Earth Immortal Realm cultivators gathered to witness the battle on the island, each gasping in astonishment.

"Did you guys see that just now? There were so many Man-eating Flowers on that island, each reaching Earth Immortal Realm level, and then a black figure appeared!"

"We kept watching the situation there, but we never noticed when that black figure appeared! In such circumstances, if it were us facing the attack by the black figure, we'd likely be severely injured instantly."

"That person is too terrifying; so many Man-eating Flowers were destroyed by him alone, especially the last palm strike, which was a Yellow Level Upper Grade spell!"

"Who is this person? I've never heard of such a person! Also, I've never heard of that spell."

"Eastern Province, truly a place where hidden talents abound!"

"This Fourth Dangerous Terrain is filled with dangers everywhere, at least we must avoid that island!"

"Record this island first, then let's leave. Remember, avoid those island, who knows if the next island will be as dangerous as this one."

Five Earth Immortal Realm cultivators whispered as they flew into the distance, unable to resist glancing at the distant silhouette.

"What force do you think they belong to? How are they alone in this dangerous terrain, could they be a loose cultivator?"

"With such strength, even alone in this dangerous terrain, they're much safer than us. Just now you saw the island, if we landed there, we'd all be doomed. Moreover, the island's true terror wasn't those Man-eating Flowers, but the black figure.

You saw the bodies on the island, right? They were probably intentionally left by the black figure to lure others into collecting those people's treasures and Qiankun Bags. After all, with so many Earth Immortal Realms, there'd be plenty of treasures."

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Just like us, when we see those dead bodies, we also want to take the treasures. Even though we know these people died, and there must be danger on the island, we also thought that flying to the island and using the void to absorb those treasures would suffice.

However, probably no one would have thought that after flying over the island, they would uncontrollably fall down. Fortunately, that person flew over ahead of us; otherwise, we would all be dead!"

"So, entering this new perilous land, we must be cautious, extremely cautious."

Cao Zhen landed on the island, first searching around, quickly flipping over all the dead bodies. Fortunately, there were no people from the Hundred Peaks Sect. Then, he collected all the Qiankun Bags and treasures from these corpses.

Among them was that dead oddball; the oddball didn't have a Qiankun Bag, and was not using treasures, but he did have a very fine third-grade Immortal Mine.

He discovered that there were even more corpses here than he had seen before; the entire island had a total of thirty corpses.

"Thirty corpses, twenty of them have treasures. Even if there aren't great gains from the island itself, just taking these treasures is sufficient."

While searching, Cao Zhen sighed, "However, there are a total of nine passageways here. Besides that oddball Xiang Ziyu, everyone else should've entered through these nine passageways.

This is only one-ninth of the people entering the ruins, and after entering, not everyone would necessarily fly towards this place. If flying, they might also avoid that island.

Yet, thirty people still met their end here, so just how many people entered this island?"

Cao Zhen, deep in thought, searched the entire island but still found nothing special about it.

"That pulling force could forcibly drag me down and cause the immortal energy within me to momentarily stagnate. There's definitely something strange on the island. If not above, then it's underground!"

Cao Zhen soared into the air, a massive Immortal Mountain appearing behind him.

Under his illusions and various spells, his Immortal Mountain looked like it was only about fifty zhang high.

The next moment, streams of immortal power gathered in his hands and he slammed them down onto the ground below.

Immediately, thunderous 'boom' sounds erupted continuously, the ground kept cracking, revealing bunches of Man-eating Flowers beneath.

These Man-eating Flowers seemed to want to evade, but then, streams of lightning and balls of flame fell from the void, covering the entire island.

The island was really too close to the passage, and people were continuously flying out from the passage. As a result, they had just flown out when they heard the thunderous sounds, and many people looked over out of curiosity.

"Who is this person? What is he doing?"

"Attacking an island?"

"Is there something on the island?"

"What is this person thinking? Attacking an island for no reason?"

"However, his aura is so strong!"

"Don't waste time, we are already late to this place, those from the Eastern Wasteland have surely already entered the dangerous land. Who knows how many treasures they've picked up. There's no need to bother with him, let's go!"

Many people cast only a few glances before leaving hastily, but still, some stood by, analyzing out of curiosity.

"This person's aura is so strong, he's certainly not an ordinary Earth Immortal Realm cultivator. People enter dangerous lands for treasures; this person must have discovered something to attack the island."

"Maybe, there are Unknown Immortal Demon Beads inside!"

"Yes, it's very possible! Keep watching, see if there's anything peculiar!"

Cao Zhen discovered that this island was much more resilient than an ordinary island. If it were ordinary ground, it would have been blasted away by now.

As it is, he has only demolished half of the island.

Suddenly, a ray of light abruptly shot from the blasted, fragmented part of the island.

"There's a Formation!"

Cao Zhen's eyes narrowed, he quickly descended and began studying it.

In the distance, several people who had stayed watching for some time looked at each other helplessly.

"So, there really aren't any treasures, but instead, there's a Formation inside?"

"Others set up a Grand Formation, and while we could study and learn something from it, who knows how long it would take. Researching formations inside here? What Formation could be worth such study?"

"Forget it, let's not stir up trouble. You saw the spells he used to attack the island earlier; they were Yellow Grade spells. Moreover, with his strong aura, if we go over there, it would definitely displease him, and there's no need to create a conflict now."

"I thought there were Unknown Immortal Demon Beads!"

"Let's go!"

Many Earth Immortal Realm cultivators hanging around the surroundings quickly flew away. They originally thought there were treasures on the island, and if so, with so many people there, who knows if anyone would make a move. Once someone took action, the remaining people would too, and the treasures might fall into their hands.

Even if they couldn't seize it, confirming there were treasures on the island would allow them to try attacking it.

As it turns out, it's just a Formation.

Cao Zhen didn't pay attention to those leaving, but instead continued to study the Formation before him. Counting the people he was connected with, there really were quite a few skilled in Formations, such as the Golden Light Sage, Old Zhang, and Liu Zheng.

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But among them, the highest Array Level is only Liu Zheng's 80th level; indeed, he has not connected with a formation reaching the 99th level.

Generally speaking, even if a formation is intact and let others freely observe it, it still requires a lot of time before one can understand the principles of array setting.

Moreover, one needs to be a person exceptionally skilled in formation to do so.

Although Cao Zhen has never connected with a person of 90th Array Level, the issue is he has connected with three people proficient in formations. These three, Zhang Daoling, the Golden Light Sage, and Liu Zheng, each have their own distinct styles of setting formations.

Therefore, he can instead verify his understanding by reflecting on their insights into formations.

As he observed the formation before him, the more he looked, the more astonished he became.

The Immortal Cultivation theoretical knowledge of the three masters Zhang Daoling is already quite abundant. Combining their knowledge, there is no style of formation they haven't seen, yet the style of this formation in front of him is genuinely unprecedented for him.

This seems not to be a formation from the human Immortal Cultivation world.

Cao Zhen thought about the black-winged bizarre person he killed, wondering in his mind whether the formation was indeed laid by the opponent.

What race are they? He had never heard of such a race existing before.

He also learned about the other three dangerous lands, knowing that within them exist some strange races, but there wasn't such a race among them.

Even though he saw this kind of formation for the first time, with the formation knowledge of three grandmasters, upon slow study, he still understood some of its principles.

For a whole day, Cao Zhen did nothing else but study this formation.

"Time is about up; further research would require too much time. After returning, I'll think more about how to adapt the Hundred Peaks Sect's Mountain Protection Array through this formation."

Actually, Zhang Daoling and the others also mastered many great formations. Based on those formations, he could fully transform the Mountain Protection Array of the Hundred Peaks Sect. He wanted to research this formation mainly because he felt it somewhat magical.

It can cause celestial aura to temporarily stagnate instantly.

Just think about it, if he laid such formations all around the Hundred Peaks Sect and then set killing formations, when someone attacks the sect and suddenly their celestial aura stagnant, falling into a killing formation, wouldn't that just be delightful?

Cao Zhen left this place, stood up, and flew towards the distance.

Previously, while he was studying the formation here, many people had flown past, but no one paid any attention to him, as this was a newly emerged dangerous land. This was the time when opportunities were most abundant; everyone was busy searching for their own adventures, who would bother causing trouble?

Dangerous lands differ from relics; besides being more perilous, in dangerous lands, no one knows where treasures might be found. In relics, usually, each relic contains a significant treasure, while in dangerous lands, major treasures could potentially be found everywhere.

Unconsciously, he flew into an endless Gobi desert and even found silhouettes searching around in this place.

Soon he understood why people were searching here.

Two days ago, a trace of aura was discovered here, a fragment of immense righteousness!

Immense righteousness is the highest qi pursued by a scholar cultivator. It is believed by Ru Xiu to be the most grand righteous qi in the world!

Only the most outstanding Confucians, through accumulating over time, cultivate such qi with their justice and moral.

To a scholar cultivator, no qi is more precious than this.

It can even be said that if a scholar cultivator obtains immense righteousness, even just a fragment, as long as they do not get distracted by their promises, they can rely on this fragment of immense righteousness to breakthrough into the Immortality Regainment Realm!

Moreover, this is not the greatest use of immense righteousness. To a scholar cultivator, immense righteousness is their great path. acquiring immense righteousness is like gaining both the opportunity for Observation Enlightenment Path and personally guided great path enlightenment.

For other demonic cultivators or Zen cultivators, immense righteousness may not have significant benefits, yet they can sell it to Ru Xiu.

Previously, someone exchanged immense righteousness for ten Yellow Grade treasures!

Someone also once directly exchanged immense righteousness for two Mysterious Rank spells!

The value of immense righteousness is indeed extremely high.

The Earth Immortal Realm seekers in this desert area, after discovering the appearance of immense righteousness, all came, searching for the once seen immense righteousness.

But they have been searching for two days now, and the immense righteousness seemed to have vanished, making it impossible to find again.

His gaze swept around quickly settling on five figures in the distance.

"Big brother, quickly activate your cultivation technique and try, immense righteousness is the qi of your scholar cultivators. Perhaps by activating your cultivation technique, you will find that immense righteousness."

In a corner of the desert, Beichen Ying was urging his elder brother Ru Wenlin while searching. The Five Evils of Hundred Peaks ventured into the Fourth Dangerous Terrain together; previously, they also saw the immense righteousness. Ru Wenlin, being a scholar cultivator, naturally could not miss this chance.

However, even with Ru Wenlin among them, they still have not found that immense righteousness.

Ru Wenlin raised his head and looked around calmly, saying: "Fifth brother, over all these years, you've made no progress; you need quietude for major events. Your impatience won't help to find the immense righteousness."

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Hao Ran Qi has its own consciousness.

If it's unattainable, Hao Ran Qi is the righteousness within my heart, and my cultivation is not yet sufficient. Here, there are also the masters of the Firmament Sect, whose Confucian techniques surpass mine; we must maintain our peaceful mindset."

Previously, Cao Zhen sent him some books of the Confucian School, books he had never seen before. In recent years, he had hardly been cultivating but was constantly studying the Confucian books sent by Cao Zhen. The more he read, the more he realized how much his scholarly cultivation lagged behind. The more he read, the calmer his mindset became.

As his words fell, suddenly, before him, on the land that seemed no different from other deserts, a ray of white light shot up into the sky. It was just a single strand of light, not bright, yet this gentle light instantaneously drew everyone's attention.

A vast aura of righteousness filled the entire space.

Hao Ran Qi!

The next moment, Hao Ran Qi directly descended onto Ru Wenlin.

"Hao Ran Qi! Big Brother, this Hao Ran Qi acknowledges you!"

"Big Brother!"

On the side, Zhong Xinyi, Li Lingwei, and the others were overjoyed, but suddenly their expressions tightened!

Here, seeking Hao Ran Qi were not just the five of them; there were also several Earth Immortal Realm masters, and at this moment, these people were surrounding them.

Among them, six Earth Immortal Realm individuals wearing black robes embroidered with fierce beasts closed in.

Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts members!

Among the six, an elder with a Pixiu embroidered on the front of his garment flew to the five and pointed at Ru Wenlin, commanding, "Hand over Hao Ran Qi, and spare your lives!"

Just as his voice fell, from behind Ru Wenlin, a cold voice sounded, "Members of the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts, you're too arrogant."

Here, you're not the only ones who belong to the Great Teachings."

As the voice ended, six more Earth Immortal Realm individuals appeared, standing beside Ru Wenlin and the others, each exuding a scholarly aura similar to Ru Wenlin's.

"Members of the Firmament Sect!"

"In Eastern Province, one of the strongest two Confucianism sects!"

"Are they protecting the Hundred Peaks Sect?"

"Strange, never heard of any relation with the Hundred Peaks Sect."

"The one leading them is the Qianjun Immortal, who is at the peak of the Longevity Period, and among the peak of the Longevity Period, he is a formidable presence."

"Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts may be a Great Teaching, but facing Qianjun Immortal, they're unlikely to fare well."

Around them, the rest, seeing members of the two Great Teachings facing off, stepped aside.

The two strongest forces present were the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts and the Firmament Sect.

Beichen Ying, seeing the Firmament Sect stepping in to help, immediately displayed a hint of joy and cupped his hands towards the apparent leader, an elderly figure holding a paper fan with an immortal demeanor, saying, "Thank you, Dao Companion, for your assistance."

Qianjun Immortal apparently did not take the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts seriously; he even turned his back completely toward them, nodding slightly at Beichen Ying, then looked at Ru Wenlin, speaking slowly, "Dao Companion, you are also a Scholar Cultivator, aren't you."

His voice was gentle, leaving a feeling of being bathed in the spring breeze.

Ru Wenlin also cupped his hands and said, "Incompetent, junior Ru Wenlin, indeed cultivating the Scholar Path."

Qianjun Immortal nodded again, pointing at the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts members, saying, "Dao Companion, you can see for yourself that someone is now trying to steal your Hao Ran Qi."

In your current strength, you surely can't protect Hao Ran Qi. Hao Ran Qi is the energy of righteousness, and if it falls into the hands of these Demonic Path people, it would be its greatest insult.

Why not entrust Hao Ran Qi to us? Our Firmament Sect is the strongest Confucianism sect in Eastern Province, and we will not disgrace Hao Ran Qi."

Beichen Ying, listening to Qianjun Immortal, though the voice was the same, now felt it made him sick!

Opposite, the members of the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts chuckled upon hearing this, "I was wondering why your Firmament Sect wanted to protect the Hundred Peaks Sect, and it turns out you're just like us, wanting to snatch someone else's Hao Ran Qi.

You preach benevolence and righteousness all the time, but in the end... Tsk tsk, I think you're more suited to be called the Demonic Sect, the Firmament Demonic Sect, that name sounds just right!"

"Silence, Pixiu Demon, if you want to die, just say so." Qianjun Immortal suddenly burst with a sharp aura, glanced at the Pixiu Demon, and then looked at Ru Wenlin, "Dao Companion, we're not trying to take Hao Ran Qi from you; we're just helping you safeguard Hao Ran Qi.

Our intention is simply not to let Hao Ran Qi fall into the hands of these demonic sect people. After we leave here, Dao Companion, you can come to our Firmament Sect, and we will return it to you then."

The hot-tempered Li Lingwei looked at Qianjun Immortal's detestable face, suppressing her internal anger, "Thank you for your kind intention, but our Hundred Peaks Sect's matters, we'd rather not trouble you."

To go to the Firmament Sect and retrieve it, do they really think we are three-year-olds who would believe them?

Chapter 1545:

This Hao Ran Qi, once in their hands, how could it possibly be returned?

Even sending eldest brother to find them is dangerous, I'm afraid he might be killed by them on the way.

By the time someone goes to find them, they can naturally deny it, claiming they would return it only if elder brother went himself.

"Indeed, thanks for the kind intentions, but I think it's best if we keep this Hao Ran Qi ourselves." Ru Wenlin gently nodded, moving aside. However, just after taking one step, a man from the Firmament Sect blocked him, whispering, "For this Hao Ran Qi, it's best to hand it over to us. If you don't, we're prepared to take it by force."

Cao Zhen listened from afar to the words of the Firmament Sect members, a cold breath appearing on his face. Preservation aside, these people clearly had their eyes on the treasure, intending to directly seize the Hao Ran Qi, though concerned about their sect's reputation.

This is a typical case of having it both ways.

Glancing around, he quickly flew toward the distance. He appeared here under a different identity, hence did not acknowledge Ru Wenlin and others.

Now, someone wants to openly rob the Hundred Peaks Sect people's fortune, how could he possibly ignore it?

He could use his current identity and concoct any reason to make a move, such as disliking them or having a grudge against them.

But how many can he fight?

If he eliminated the Firmament Sect members, what about the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts, or the others around who haven't left, clearly still coveting the Hao Ran Qi?

If he acts now, then attacks others, they will naturally become suspicious, he can't simply attack everyone he deems unpleasant, right?

They would certainly suspect he's in league with the Hundred Peaks Sect.

It's impossible for the Hundred Peaks Sect to suddenly have an extraordinary expert appear, thus it would be easy for others to deduce his identity.

In that case, he might as well appear as Cao Zhen directly.

After all, Cao Zhen hasn't appeared for a long time, and showing up as Cao Zhen, displaying some strength, could remind them of his terrifying nature, potentially causing them to consider the consequences when confronting the Hundred Peaks Sect members.

As for leaving and then returning.

There are quite a few people here, if he leaves, no one would pay attention.

In a flash, Cao Zhen flew out of view, quickly retrieved a set of clothes from the Qiankun Bag, changed, restored his appearance, and deliberately altered his direction, flying toward the spot where everyone was gathered.

In the desert, Immortal Qianjun looked at Ru Wenlin who still refused to hand over the Hao Ran Qi, his impatience visible. Despite his strength, who knows how many experts have entered this Fourth Dangerous Terrain.

The longer they stay, the more unexpected events might occur. What if another expert shows up?

It's impossible to wait any longer.

His refined face suddenly contorted into a vicious expression, coldly stating, "Since Dao Companion Ru refuses to hand over the Hao Ran Qi for the sake of our Scholar Path, then I have no choice but to offend!"

As instant as the words fell, behind him, a sixty-zhang tall Immortal Mountain appeared, looking like a school palace from afar, faint continuous chanting sounds emanating.

His aura surged to the extreme, reaching out towards Ru Wenlin.

But before his hand touched Ru Wenlin, suddenly, a longsword swung downward, attacking Immortal Qianjun, while Old Third Wu Jinhuan's voice rang out: "Elder Brother, we'll cover, you go!"

The longsword in his hand gleamed, silver brilliance radiating from the blade, like a river washing through the void.

In an instant, the space around went wild with tremors, fierce winds rose all around.

The silver brilliance in the air instantly gathered into a Divine Dragon form, unleashing a high-pitched dragon roar, crashing toward Immortal Qianjun.

This was the Yellow Level Mid Grade spell taught by Cao Zhen!

A spell designed to be used alongside swordsmanship, many assumed he favored using fans, few knew his best skill was swordsmanship!

At the moment the sword light fell, in front of Immortal Qianjun, a thick book appeared. With the influx of immortal power, golden characters flew out from the book, each carrying ancient sounds, seemingly alive, encircling him. From afar, he appeared to be bathed in golden light, wearing a golden war garb!

As Wu Jinhuan's longsword met these golden characters, a cascade of brilliant sparks erupted, shattering the space around!

Yet at this moment, these golden characters changed again, transforming into a massive "仁" character, just one word, yet like an unyielding gate, separating the Nine Heavens from this realm!

Every sword light falling on this character instantly dissipated.

And in the next moment, another character appeared behind the "仁" character — "义"!

Only one word, yet seemingly a divine shear capable of effortlessly cutting through rivers, severing heaven and earth, aiming at Wu Jinhuan. Under its shear, it seemed like the world was being split in half, threatening to cut Wu Jinhuan into two!

Suddenly, a bundle of bamboo scrolls expanded, like endless mountains, appearing to shield Wu Jinhuan.

As the "义" character came down, the mountain-like bamboo scrolls broke in half, transforming into regular scroll sizes, then a mighty scholastic force heavily struck Wu Jinhuan and the swiftly acting Ru Wenlin.

Instantly, the two flew back, retreating.

The surrounding crowd watching was filled with awe, Immortal Qianjun was even more terrifying than rumored, the two from Hundred Peaks Sect weren't weak, both deploying Yellow Grade spells, yet they were defeated so casually by Immortal Qianjun, severely injured in just one move.

Immortal Qianjun pursued the flying Ru Wenlin, a greedy look in his eyes. With Ru Wenlin already heavily injured, within the time of one breath, the Hao Ran Qi would belong to him!

With Hao Ran Qi, not to mention surpassing the Indestructible Period, even achieving the Immortality Regainment Realm is possible!

He reached out his hands, about to seize the Hao Ran Qi, when suddenly he felt a chill on his back.

From the void, a thunderous sound like the heavens shattering came forth!

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Cao Zhen realized he underestimated the shamelessness of the Virtuous Immortal from the Firmament Sect. He had just taken a slight detour, and the Virtuous Immortal had already acted, even injuring Ru Wenlin and Wu Jinhuan.

"Die!"

A chilling murderous intent immediately surfaced on his face, and behind him, an Immortal Mountain appeared. With a raise of his hand, he unleashed the Five-thunder Righteous Method!

Instantly, a purple lightning bolt appeared in the void, as if descending from the edge of the sky, crashing towards the Virtuous Immortal with terrifying power, seemingly collapsing the entire world in an instant.

The Virtuous Immortal suddenly heard a loud noise, followed by a terrifying and horrifying pressure attacking him.

He looked up towards the void, only to see a purple thunderbolt crashing down. The speed of the thunderbolt was faster than any spell he had seen since waking up, and it was not only fast but also filled with an extremely terrifying power.

Since waking up, he had never felt such a frightening force.

Mysterious Rank Spell!

Dodge?

This was a Mysterious Rank spell; how could he possibly dodge it?

He felt an unprecedented crisis; at this moment, he felt incredibly close to death.

He frantically pushed the immortal power within him, and on the book in front of him, myriad golden lights emerged again, opening the book to its third page.

As these lights gathered in front of him, they formed a giant "Guard" character, like a mythical giant spirit from ancient tales, guarding a part of the world.

But as the purple lightning fell, it smashed into this "Guard" character, collapsing the seemingly eternal giant.

After shattering the great character, the lightning's power did not diminish much and continued to crash towards him at an astonishing speed.

"Boom!"

The Virtuous Immortal's body had just begun to move slightly, but the lightning had already struck him heavily, producing a sound like the earth shattering, and he fell straight from the air.

A being in the Earth Immortal Realm, he was struck by the thunderbolt and slammed straight into the desert below. For a moment, this area of the desert shook violently, with countless grains of sand being blasted high by the impact, then falling down to bury him deep below.

Everything happened so quickly.

For a moment, everyone around was completely stunned.

Only then did they notice from afar a figure, with purple lightning still swirling around his hand, and behind him, a pair each of silver and orange wings.

"Silver Light Wings and Orange Light Wings!"

"That's a Mysterious Rank thunderbolt technique!"

"It's Cao Zhen of the Hundred Peaks Sect, Cao Zhen is here!"

"Is this the power of a Mysterious Rank spell? It's terrifying!"

Everyone's hearts were filled with shock. They had just witnessed the prowess of the Virtuous Immortal, a peak existence in the Longevity Period, who in a fight using a Yellow Grade spell had already been heavily injured, yet facing Cao Zhen, the Virtuous Immortal was directly severely wounded in one strike!

"The Virtuous Immortal is a pinnacle existence in the Longevity Period, and within even that realm, he's considered powerful!"

"Yet, against Cao Zhen's attack, he seemed to have no room to retaliate!"

"Cao Zhen has become so strong!"

"The Immortal Mountain, look at Cao Zhen's Immortal Mountain, it's...over ninety feet tall!"

With a cry of surprise, everyone turned to look at Cao Zhen's Immortal Mountain, towering behind him, and were utterly shocked.

"It should be ninety-five feet tall!"

"A ninety-foot Immortal Mountain, in this era, except for that mysterious Bleeding Tears Assassin, no one's Immortal Mountain is so tall!"

"Cao Zhen is still in the mid-Longevity Period, how can his immortal energy reach such a terrifying level!"

"With his Mysterious Rank spell, his silver and orange wings, perhaps even that terrifying Bleeding Tears Assassin might not defeat him!"

"How did he cultivate, the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth just passed, how could he cultivate so quickly!"

"Even if he's a reincarnated Great Ability, this is too frightening!"

"Wasn't it said he stayed in the Hundred Peaks Sect? Didn't he not enter this third perilous place? How did Cao Zhen suddenly appear here!"

All around, the Earth Immortal Realm onlookers stared at the void, which was still trembling after Cao Zhen's lightning strike, then looked down at the Virtuous Immortal buried in the sand, full of amazement.

Many of them had awoken after the Reversal Mini Epoch Period in the Earth Immortal Realm, and they had heard many legends about Cao Zhen from the Reversal Mini Epoch Period.

It was said that Cao Zhen and his disciple Xiang Ziyu were the two strongest people of the Reversal Mini Epoch Period.

They hadn't witnessed it themselves, but simply by relying on Cao Zhen and Xiang Ziyu's ability to reach the Golden Core Period Limit in both body and mana, they agreed Cao Zhen was the strongest of the Reversal Mini Epoch Period.

But the Reversal Mini Epoch Period had already passed, and now was the realm of the Earth Immortals.

Yet so soon, Cao Zhen became so strong again.

Judging by the power Cao Zhen just revealed, he is definitely one of the strongest in this era in the Eastern Province.

The reason for "one of" is because of the existence of that Bleeding Tears Assassin.

They couldn't understand what was going on with this Cao Zhen?

Chapter 1547:

How could he cultivate to such a level so quickly? Does he not encounter any bottlenecks in his cultivation? Moreover, everyone is in the Longevity Period, so why is his immortal power so strong?

Suddenly, in the distance, the Earth Immortal Realm cultivators from the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts, who initially wanted to seize the Haoran Qi, abruptly turned around and flew rapidly away.

Among them, even the strongest Pixiu Demon is no match for the Xianren Qianjun, let alone Cao Zhen, who seriously injured the Xianren Qianjun with just one strike.

If they don't run now, should they wait for Cao Zhen to kill them?

They had some distance from Cao Zhen, but just as they started to flee, the next moment, a figure suddenly flew over with such speed that they doubted whether he truly existed in the Longevity Period.

"You think you can just run after robbing someone from the Hundred Peaks Sect?"

Pixiu Demon, looking at Cao Zhen in front of him with his wings gently fluttering, was instantly drenched in sweat. Cao Zhen's cultivation base was astounding, not to mention possessing treasures like the Silver Wing, making it impossible to escape from him.

"I... What does Sect Leader Cao intend to do?" Pixiu Demon never imagined there would be a day he would voluntarily admit defeat to someone from a sect.

But he knew that even mentioning the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts behind him would be of no use.

Has the Hundred Peaks Sect offended any fewer Great Teachings?

The Soul Breaking Demonic Sect and the Weeping Blood Demon Sect are both top-notch Great Teachings.

When Cao Zhen had just arrived in the Eastern Province, he dared to kill people from those two Great Teachings, and now, adding one more like himself was no different.

To survive, surrender was the only way.

"Leave your Qiankun Bag, and you all, leave your Qiankun Bags and treasures!" Cao Zhen glanced at the Pixiu Demon and then swept his gaze over the others around.

Weren't you trying to rob someone from our Hundred Peaks Sect?

Then I shall rob you!

The five others from the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts saw Pixiu Demon being stopped but didn't fly away immediately and stayed behind. They were from the same sect and had great relations with each other; otherwise, they wouldn't have ventured into this dangerous place together.

"What! Our treasures!" Another Earth Immortal from the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts exclaimed with a dissatisfied expression upon hearing.

"I'm not here to negotiate with you. If you don't want to give them, then die!" Suddenly, a terrifying aura appeared in Cao Zhen's eyes, and thunderous light flashed in his palm again, as if the dreadful Purple Thunder could strike at any moment.

"I'll give it, we'll give it!" Pixiu Demon, seeing Cao Zhen about to take action, hastily threw down his treasures and Qiankun Bag in fright. Naturally, he didn't want to throw his treasures away in vain, but the issue was if he didn't do as Cao Zhen said, Cao Zhen would certainly take action.

At that moment, if he were dead, the treasures and Qiankun Bag would still belong to Cao Zhen.

Better to give the items to Cao Zhen first and secure his life; after all, they were in this dangerous place now.

The Hundred Peaks Sect person just now was clearly weaker than them, yet managed to obtain Haoran Qi, and perhaps they could also have such a great fortune here!

In any case, survival comes first.

The other five saw that Pixiu Demon had given his things, and though they were reluctant, they had no choice but to grit their teeth and drop all their treasures and Qiankun Bags.

Of course, they could have fled, but being from the same sect, if their senior brother learned that they abandoned Pixiu Demon and fled when they returned to the Great Teaching, they would surely be punished.

Moreover, even fleeing doesn't guarantee escape, as Cao Zhen possesses the Silver Wing.

Even if they disperse in five different directions, with Cao Zhen's cultivation base and his Silver Wing, he could easily catch up to two of them; what if the one caught is themselves?

Xianren Qianjun was seriously injured in just one Thunder Strike, if it were them, a single Mysterious Rank Thunder strike could wipe them out.

They looked at one another, each dropping their Qiankun Bags and any treasures.

From a distance, the people of the Hundred Peaks Sect watched as the people from the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts threw down all their treasures and Qiankun Bags under Cao Zhen's intimidation, their hearts filled with endless emotion.

This time, they finally witnessed Cao Zhen's dominance in front of outsiders.

However, hadn't the sixth elder always been in the sect? They hadn't seen Cao Zhen for a long time, and after asking the disciples of the Four Treasures Peak, they learned that the sixth elder had been in closed-door cultivation.

When did the sixth elder leave the Hundred Peaks Sect?

Moreover, reaching such a level in cultivation!

That Thunder Strike was truly terrifying!

Cao Zhen casually collected the Qiankun Bags and treasures of the six from the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts and coldly said, "Scram. If it weren't for your inaction, this Sect Leader wouldn't have forgiven you so easily."

Then, without looking at the six, he turned and flew over to Ru Wenlin and Wu Jinhuan, taking out two pills and giving them to the two. Meanwhile, on the other side, people from the Firmament Sect had already rescued Xianren Qianjun from under the desert and quickly gave him a pill.

They hadn't expected to encounter Cao Zhen, let alone that Cao Zhen had become so terrifying.

"Not good, Cao Zhen is here!"

In their line of sight, Cao Zhen's Silver Wing behind him gave a slight tremor, and in the next moment, he appeared right before them.

With icy eyes glaring at them, the air filled with killing intent as his voice came, "Did you see how the Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts acted? Follow their example!"

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Several people immediately raised their eyebrows. Among them, a middle-aged man heard this and said discontentedly, "Sect Leader Cao, your Hundred Peaks Sect is also a prestigious sect in Immortal Cultivation, and our Firmament Sect is equally a great teaching of Immortal Cultivation. If you forcibly try to snatch from us, won't that be bad if word gets out."

Cao Zhen hadn't yet spoken when, from afar, the irritable Li Lingwei heard this and instantly cursed angrily: "You actually know that your Firmament Sect and our Hundred Peaks Sect are cultivation forces? When you tried to snatch our Haoran Qi before, why didn't you say so then?"

Why? Is it bad if we ask you for things and word gets out? But when you snatch our Haoran Qi, it's no problem!"

The other party immediately started defending: "We didn't mean to seize your Haoran Qi. Brother Qianjun also said we just wanted to help you keep it safe."

Beichen Ying heard this and sneered immediately: "Do us Hundred Peaks Sect people need you to keep our things safe?"

Another person from Firmament Sect immediately spoke up: "We're also looking out for you, we..."

His words hung mid-air, unable to continue, as a pungent killing aura, as if sealing the entire sky, surged from Cao Zhen: "I, the Sect Leader, don't have time to hear your arguments here. Leave the Qiankun Bag and treasures, five of you who haven't taken any action can leave."

"What!"

"The five of us leave? What about Brother Qianjun?"

Instantly, the few men noticed that the number mentioned by Cao Zhen was five, not six!

"Him?" Cao Zhen pointed at Qianjun, who was lying on the ground, with a cold, killing aura said, "To attack our Hundred Peaks Sect disciples means death!"

This time, he wanted everyone to know the consequences of provoking the disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect.

So that in the future, before anyone thought of provoking the disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect, they would first consider the repercussions.

Although killing Immortal Qianjun would certainly offend Firmament Sect, so what? Haven't they offended many great teachings?

If he let Qianjun go this time, next time when someone saw a disciple of Hundred Peaks Sect get a miraculous encounter, they would unhesitatingly snatch, knowing the people of Hundred Peaks Sect won't kill them anyway.

In that case, how could the disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect venture out afterwards, would they only stay within Hundred Peaks all day?

So, this time, he's going to make it known to everyone that the Hundred Peaks Sect is also extreme in protecting their own. If anyone dares to make a move against a member of their sect, then they must bear the risk of being killed!

"You want to kill Brother Qianjun!"

"Cao Zhen, have you thought it through!"

"Our Firmament Sect is a renowned great teaching. Cao Zhen, you're sparing the people of Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts, but killing ours. Aren't you afraid your Hundred Peaks Sect will be ostracized by all renowned great teachings!"

"Cao Zhen, do you intend to make an enemy of our Firmament Sect!"

Cao Zhen looked at the clamoring few beside him, a trace of impatience flashed across his face.

"Noisy!"

Cao Zhen raised his hand and suddenly swung it down in front, slapping it down.

This slap didn't use any spell, simply concentrating his mana into his palm. Despite this, when the slap fell, the surrounding space shook wildly, whipping up a fierce wind from thin air.

The people of Firmament Sect facing him never imagined that Cao Zhen would strike again. Seeing the slap falling, it was too late to dodge.

"Smack!"

A crisp sound clearly echoed into everyone's ears present.

The Earth Immortal realm hit was sent flying backward, directly over a dozen miles away, before heavily crashing onto the ground. His one cheek was entirely swollen.

"Cough cough..."

He opened his mouth to unleash a coughing sound, only to cough out three blood-stained teeth.

He gazed sharply at Cao Zhen from a distance, eyes filled with hatred. He, a dignified Earth Immortal of a great teaching, was slapped in the face in front of so many people, a humiliated!

This is a tremendous humiliation, a thousand, ten thousand times worse than a heavy blow!

Yet he couldn't do anything about it!

Brother Qianjun was heavily injured by one strike from Cao Zhen, let alone them. Even if they added up, they wouldn't be opponents for Cao Zhen.

As the slap fell, the surroundings instantly became quiet.

Then, Cao Zhen's voice resounded again.

"You have the time of three breaths, leave your treasures and Qiankun Bags and scam, or die!"

With his words recorded down, the Earth Immortal realms of Firmament Sect, who were clamoring earlier, instantly put down their Qiankun Bags and treasures and flew off towards the distance, including the one who had just been slapped and sent flying without exception.

The only exception was Immortal Qianjun.

He had just heard clearly that Cao Zhen wanted to keep him because he acted, so Cao Zhen wanted to kill him directly!

Die?

He had just woken up, only to die?

He frantically struggled to get up, continuously yelling at Cao Zhen: "You can't kill me, don't kill me, I will never attack your Hundred Peaks Sect people again.

My master, he's our Firmament Sect's Law Enforcement Elder, truly the Law Enforcement Elder. If you kill me, once my master wakes, he'll surely investigate this moment. But if you spare me, I can speak well of you to my master. We can turn enemies into friends, we..."

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Cao Zhen interrupted the Immortal Qianjun with disdain before he could finish, "Become friends with you? You are not worthy! I'm afraid you'll stab us in the back of our Hundred Peaks Sect someday!"

As soon as he finished speaking, he suddenly struck a palm down, and in the void, purple lightning fell again.

The Immortal Qianjun had already been severely injured before, and now, facing the attack of the Five-thunder Righteous Method again, he couldn't even defend against it. He watched helplessly as the purple lightning fell and struck his body.

With a loud bang, his entire being was blasted into powder.

All around, those who had been searching for the majestic energy here looked at the dead Immortal Qianjun and gasped one after another, feeling immensely grateful. Fortunately, they hadn't acted before; otherwise, since Cao Zhen killed even the Immortal Qianjun of the Firmament Sect, there's no need to mention what he'd do to them!

They had also heard before that Cao Zhen was extremely domineering, and now they finally knew to what extent Cao Zhen's dominance was.

No matter who it was, even from a Great Teaching, if they wanted to seize people from the Hundred Peaks Sect, Cao Zhen would directly seize them completely.

And those who acted, he would directly kill!

He seemed not to fear offending these Great Teachings at all!

"Senior Brother!"

The five Earth Immortal level cultivators from the Firmament Sect, who had already taken to the skies, looked on as those who were blasted to powder, even gathering the remains being difficult, and their eyes were bloodshot with rage.

Cao Zhen didn't even glance at these people but instead turned his head to look at Ru Wenlin and the others.

Before he could speak, Ru Wenlin controlled the majestic energy with immortal energy and let it fall in front of him, saying, "Sect Leader, you should keep this majestic energy."

"Oh?" Cao Zhen was slightly surprised, looking at Ru Wenlin as he asked, "Why let me keep it? Are you not planning to continue with me?"

"Yes, it is better for us to walk our path alone." Ru Wenlin gently nodded, saying, "We also want to train ourselves outside; we can't always rely on you, the Sect Leader."

Before entering the Fourth Dangerous Terrain, they had all agreed on this, not just themselves, but all the Earth Immortal level cultivators of the Hundred Peaks Sect felt the same way.

They couldn't always rely on the Four Treasures Peak and Cao Zhen.

Just like now, although following Cao Zhen made them much safer, what kind of training could they actually gain?

Moreover, with Cao Zhen by their side, he had to be distracted to protect them, and sometimes, because of concern for their safety, Cao Zhen didn't dare to venture or fight for treasures. Then how could Cao Zhen seek his own fortuitous encounters?

So even after meeting Cao Zhen, they planned to part ways with him.

"Alright, since you wish to go on your own, I won't stop you. But I'll wait until all your injuries are healed before you leave." Cao Zhen nodded slightly and then looked at the distant crowd, loudly proclaiming, "Now, the majestic energy is with me. You can spread the word; anyone who wants to snatch the majestic energy can come find me."

The majestic energy could be absorbed and cultivated by Earth Immortal level Scholar Cultivators.

But after absorption, one would need to retreat for an unknown duration, and this perilous place was not suitable for retreating to cultivate majestic energy. Who knew if they would be discovered while cultivating? If interrupted during cultivation, it was very easy to go astray.

That is why Ru Wenlin handed the majestic energy to Cao Zhen, knowing that if he needed to cultivate, he would also have to wait until returning to the Hundred Peaks Sect to do so.

Hearing Cao Zhen's words, no one around dared to speak a word.

Given Cao Zhen's strength, even if they spread the word that Cao Zhen had the majestic energy, there likely wouldn't be anyone who would risk bothering him.

Unless the Bleeding Tears Assassin was also in this Fourth Dangerous Terrain and happened to enter the same passage as them!

Following Cao Zhen's actions, killing the Immortal Qianjun, news quickly spread about Cao Zhen appearing in the Fourth Dangerous Terrain and his terrifying power.

Cao Zhen stayed with Ru Wenlin and others for three days.

During these three days, he also studied a few of the people he recently connected with.

Especially, the Daoist Lu Ya.

He was someone Cao Zhen had specifically connected with. In theory, he should have been able to directly use Lu Ya's experience; whatever level Lu Ya's spells reached, Cao Zhen's should have reached too.

But he found this was not the case.

The Daoist Lu Ya he chose to connect with behaved just like a randomly connected supporter.

Thinking about it for a long time, he felt it was likely because the Daoist Lu Ya was not in this world. For those in this world, he could directly use the other's cultivation experiences, winning by virtue of their experiences. But because Lu Ya was not in this world, he couldn't win by virtue of Lu Ya.

Anyway, this designated user and a random user had no difference.

As for his other randomly connected user, that Immortal Ruo Yun, she most likely was from within their world because this Immortal Ruo Yun and designated supporters shared many similarities. He discovered he could actually communicate with Immortal Ruo Yun, although he hadn't connected to communicate through the China Cloud yet.

Moreover, Immortal Ruo Yun provided him with extra experiences, and the spells she cultivated allowed him to benefit without effort as well.

The only difference was that Immortal Ruo Yun's Talisman Levels and Alchemy Levels did not allow him to benefit without effort.

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But does he need these?

Totally unnecessary!

In short, the Daoist Lu Ya he specifically designated to connect with seemed more like a random connection, whereas the random connection with Immortal Ruo Yun felt more like a designated ally.

So, this Immortal Ruo Yun, if she's not that kind of villain, not that kind of backstabber, it's best to recruit her as a disciple.

As for whether the other party is a reincarnated great ability?

How can you even find a reincarnated great ability?

Can't even deceive myself!

Although Ru Wenlin and Wu Jinhuan appeared to be heavily injured, they only took a single blow from the Immortal Chianjun, and in three days' time, their injuries had recovered quite a bit.

Primarily, Ru Wenlin was worried that Cao Zhen staying with them would delay him from searching for treasures.

After all, the Fourth Dangerous Terrain had just opened, which is the best time for treasure hunting. Under their constant urging, Cao Zhen finally left.

Soon, he was surprised to find that the talisman about assassinating him had disappeared from the assassin guild's talisman on his clone.

On the assassin guild's talisman, once a task appears, unless someone completes it, it generally takes half a year for the task to be replaced.

Of course, an assassin has several talismans on them, each with different tasks. Even if it updates every half year, they don't need to worry about not having tasks to accept.

But now, for his task talisman, it is far less than half a year since the appearance of a task to assassinate him, yet the task to assassinate him has disappeared.

Now, he is still alive and well, so it cannot be that the task is completed. The task's cancellation has only one reason, which is that his power has changed again. Thus, the assassin guild needs to reassess what price is needed to assassinate him and then negotiate with the task issuer to increase the payment.

"In the dangerous terrain, it's impossible to contact the outside. How did the assassin guild know about his power change so quickly? They're the double-hand organization, not the Wanxiao Sect known for gathering information. Could it be through those talismans to learn the news from others? Can those talismans work in the dangerous terrain, for locating, even eavesdropping?

Or did someone from the Wanxiao Sect get the news and sell it to the assassin guild?

Or..."

Cao Zhen thought of another possibility, could it be that the assassin guild and Wanxiao Sect have connections?

Wanxiao Sect claims there is no news they can't gather, so how do they gather information?

And the assassin guild's talisman, or mask, should have functions like positioning. If it also has eavesdropping functions, then the assassin guild members can not only kill people, by carrying that talisman or mask, they are actually also gathering intelligence.

This time, after leaving the Fourth Dangerous Terrain, I can explore the inside of the Wanxiao Sect.

After parting with Ru Wenlin and others, Cao Zhen reverted to his previous appearance; the more mysterious he was, the greater pressure he could exert on people here.

Others clearly knowing he's in this dangerous terrain but unable to find his traces would make them more apprehensive when facing people from the Hundred Peaks Sect.

After all, no one knows where I am and will wonder if I will suddenly appear.

Moreover, doing many things as Cao Zhen does bring some trouble. Better to act with a strange face, without any scruples.

Cao Zhen doesn't know how big this dangerous terrain is, but the previous three were incredibly vast, each larger than the entire Eastern Wasteland.

Presumably, this Fourth Dangerous Terrain is no exception.

Flying all the way, here in the dangerous terrain, he even saw several fierce beasts never seen outside, encountered some dangers, but found no lethal dangers. Similarly, he hasn't discovered any fortuitous encounters.

"No way, is my luck really that bad? I've been here so long and haven't had any encounters, I don't even know what the legendary Unknown Immortal Demon Bead looks like, let alone casually picking treasures."

The Unknown Immortal Demon Bead, a treasure that only appears in dangerous terrains.

Actually, it can't be called a treasure because nobody knows what will appear inside the Unknown Immortal Demon Bead, hence the name!

To Cao Zhen, this Unknown Immortal Demon Bead is like a blind box from his past life.

Possibly after opening an Unknown Immortal Demon Bead, you might find you've struck rich, inside might be a Mysterious Rank treasure, or a Mysterious Rank spell, or some precious materials.

But it's also possible that after opening it, there's just a piece of first-grade Immortal Mine!

Moreover, compared to blind boxes, the Unknown Immortal Demon Bead is also filled with danger.

At most, opening a blind box results in mostly losses.

Or perhaps it's generally a loss.

Opening an Unknown Immortal Demon Bead has a fair chance of a big gain.

But it's also possible, opening an Unknown Immortal Demon Bead could directly get you killed!

Opening a blind box, at most you get some junk, not any big bomb.

But when you open an Unknown Immortal Demon Bead, you could indeed instantly get blown to bits.

Some Unknown Immortal Demon Beads don't contain any treasure; instead they hold a terrifying spell or violent power, and once opened, they explode immediately!

There have also been many cases before where masters of Earth Immortal Realm, Immortality Regainment Realm, and even True Immortal Realm were instantly killed.